

OBITUARY

Local Youth Dead In Holiday Crash

22-Year-Old Driver Killed
As His Car Overturns
Near Blairstown

Funeral services were held Tuesday for James J. Welsh, 22, of 197 Mountain Avenue, Hackettstown, victim of a July 5 traffic accident in Blairstown Township.

Welsh was injured fatally when his convertible struck a utility pole and overturned on Warren County Route 521, near Blairstown, at about 12:05 a. m. Saturday. The accident occurred a few hundred feet south of the intersection of Route 521 with Route 94.

Trooper Lester Pagano of the Blairstown State Police station reported that Welsh was driving north on a straight section of the county road when the accident happened.

Pinned In Wreck

The car veered off to the right and traveled 69 feet along the shoulder of the road before hitting the utility service pole, the trooper reported. It then overturned, pinning Welsh in the wreckage. The youth was alone at the time.

Welsh was pronounced dead at the scene by Dr. Charles L. Ringe of Blairstown. Removal of the body was authorized by Dr. N. C. Marlett of Belvidere, Warren County physician. Cause of death was attributed to a skull fracture.

A lifetime resident of Hackettstown, Welsh was born April 15, 1936, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Welsh. His mother is the former Alice Washer. He resided with his parents at the Mountain Avenue address.

Worked In Dover

Welsh attended Hackettstown High School and was employed by the Reliance Picture Frame Company at Dover. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, William and Thomas M., both at home, and

a sister, Mrs. Mary Sheldon of Hackettstown.

Services were held Tuesday from the Cochran Funeral Home, Hackettstown, with the Rev. Frank T. Reed, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Hackettstown Union Cemetery.

Welsh's death brought Warren County's 1958 highway toll to five. Eleven died in highway accidents in the county during the same period last year.

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