

## TRUCK DRIVER GIVEN 2 YEARS, FINED \$1000

Vehicle Had Struck Car,  
Killing Richard Hallman,  
Former Baseball Player

Wilmer W. Sauder, 27, of Columbia RD 2, Lancaster county, whose truck smashed into a sedan and killed the driver the past April 12, was sentenced to two years in prison and a \$1000 fine in Chester county court, West Chester, yesterday, on a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

Sentence was imposed by Judge Ernest Harvey. Sauder will serve his term in the county prison.

Richard F. Hallman, 26, of 251 South Main street, Spring City, a former star athlete at Spring City High school, died almost instantly of internal injuries.

At the inquest shortly after the accident, Sauder told a coroner's jury he had been traveling about 40 miles an hour on Route 83, in Parkerford.

HE BLEW his horn to signal Hallman, driving in front of him, to pick up speed. Sauder wanted to gain speed to make a long hill.

Suddenly, Hallman stopped. Sauder could not swerve around his sedan because of an oncoming car. When the heavy truck crashed into Hallman's car, the lighter vehicle was spun around and virtually cut in half.

A passenger in Hallman's car, Carmella Alexander, 20, of 107 North Third avenue, Royersford, who was injured, testified before the coroner's jury that the truck driver's noise and motions were not intelligible to Hallman.

She said Hallman was about to pull off the road to the right when the accident happened.

THE CASE was tried before Judge Harvey the past Oct. 4. It ended in a conviction. Sauder did not take the stand in his own defense, but later asked for a new trial. The request was refused.

In court yesterday morning, Assistant District Attorney John I. Watson asked that Sauder be sentenced.

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