



(Photo By Jim Celuch)

SCENE OF MOTORCYCLE CRASH ON SUNDAY NEAR WINFIELD

Dover teacher dies in cycle crash



Harmon

Steven L. Harmon, 32, of RD. 2, Dover, a Dover High teacher, was killed Sunday when his motorcycle, reportedly traveling at a high rate of speed, crashed on County Rd. 78, just south of Rt. 516 near Winfield.

State troopers said that shortly before the accident occurred at 1:48 p.m., Harmon was being pursued by a Sugar Creek police cruiser driven by Ptl. Bruce A. King.

Troopers said King, after giving up the chase, was negotiating a curve when his cruiser hit the motorcycle, which apparently crashed just seconds before, throwing its rider into a ditch.

Harmon's northbound cycle had failed to make the right curve, struck an embankment bank and flipped over, according to troopers. Harmon was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash.

SUGARCREEK POLICE Chief Thomas Agler said King had attempted to stop Harmon because there was no license on the vehicle. King gave chase as Harmon at-

tempted to elude him.

King, according to Agler, slowed down his cruiser about seven miles from the village limits, calling for assistance from the highway patrol and sheriff's department. A moment later, King, who planned to meet other officers at Winfield, came upon the accident scene.

An eyewitness to the accident told troopers the cruiser was about 10 seconds behind the motorcycle at the time of its crash. Troopers said they are continuing investigation.

HARMON, THE county's fifth traffic fatality in 1983, taught industrial arts classes at Dover the past nine years. "He was a good industrial arts teacher," said Superintendent Ed Hamsher.

"He loved his work and was really conscientious. We'll miss him."

High School Principal Larry Baker added that Harmon had been growing in his profession and that he would be missed by the

students and faculty. "Dover High was in a state of shock this morning," he said.

Born at Dover, he was a son of Raymond C. and Frances Gooding Harmon of Dover. He was a member of the First Moravian Church at Dover, a trustee of Dover Historical Society and a member of Schoenbrunn Racquet Club and Dover YMCA. He was a graduate of Kent State University.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a brother, Joel of Cortland, O. A brother preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1:30 in Toland-Hetzig Funera Home at Dover with Rev. Jerry Witbro officiating. Interment will be in Dover Burial Park. Friends may call Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 at the funeral home.

The family requests memorials be made to the building fund of First Moravian Church at Dover.