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Three County Residents Die In Auto Crash

Three well-known Southern Lancaster County residents were killed instantly in an automobile-truck collision near Morehead, Ky Saturday. Those killed were:

Thomas W. Matthews, 52, Quarryville, concrete block manufacturer;

His wife, Katie Eshleman Matthews, 53, and

Mrs. Clayton M. Woerth, 53, Nickel Mines

Returning from a vacation-business trip in Florida and Louisiana, the three were riding with Mr. Woerth when the car skidded, colliding with a truck on an ice-coated bridge eight miles west of Morehead, Ky, at Farmers

Well-Known Here

Mr. Matthews was well-known among many Lancaster County farmers, especially among mushroom growers, who were extensive users of concrete blocks produced by the Quarryville Concrete Products Co., of which he was a partner with A. H. Burkholder. Mrs. Matthews was the daughter of the late Ezra M. and Adeline Warfel Eshelman, born and raised in the Chestnut Level community.

All three were active in community work and church work. Mrs. Matthews, a member of Farm Women's Society 16, helped design the kitchen at Middle Octorara Presbyterian Church. Her husband was recently named a church elder, and headed the building committee of the chapel at Middle Octorara.

Woerth Funeral Sunday

Funeral services for the Matthews were Thursday afternoon from the Brown Funeral Home, Christiana, with burial in the Georgetown Methodist Church Cemetery. Services for Mrs. Woerth will be at 2:30 P. M. Sunday from Browns, Christiana. Mr. Woerth operates the store at Nickel Mines.

Ernest J. Neill, editor of Lancaster Farming, made his home with the Matthews in Quarryville.

Hess Again on Tobacco Co-Op Board 3 Years

Mark S. Hess is starting his second three-year term as a director of the Lancaster County Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association. The acting manager of the cooperative resides on R6 Lancaster, and he was named again Saturday night.

Others elected as directors were Elmer Balmer, R1 Manheim, northwest district.

Walter S. Witwer, R1 Gordonville, northeast district

Mr. Hess represents the southern district.

Egg Gathering Time - Lancaster County



Lancaster County, setting records of all kinds in the poultry field, just added its share to January - Egg Month. On the Alvin Adams farm, R1 Lititz, Dick Adams, a

son, is shown leaving the laying house with two baskets of eggs. Dick operates the farm with his father, mother and sister.

Hospital in Ephrata Aids Tobacco Study

The National Tobacco Research Council has made a second grant to the Ephrata Community Hospital, this one totaling \$9,947. This is the only hospital in the County to receive such a grant at this time.

Research between tobacco and medicine will be conducted by the hospital's pathologist, Dr. Russell W. Weller.

Several changes in committees were made. David R. Eaby, president, named a committee to investigate possibilities of joining the Lancaster County Community Chest. Others on the committee are Ira Fasnacht, Charles Getz, and H. K. Luttringer. Also named to the board were the Rev. Daniel A. Shearer, president of the ministerium, and Samuel M. Mohler, Ephrata Township. Mr. Fasnacht was named to the building and finance committee, Karl J. Rohrbach to the finance committee.

POULTRY EXCHANGE MEET

Election of officers and appointment of committee members will be made by the Board of Directors of the Lancaster Poultry Exchange Monday at 8 p. m. The meeting will be in the Exchange Building at Rohrerstown.

Amish Aid Salesman During Bad Weather

Recently a salesman representing a seed corn company and chick hatchery became stalled by some southern Lancaster County weather.

But that didn't stop Harry Kreider, 70. He just up and borrowed a horse and buggy from a nearby Amish farmer and completed his rounds, delivering his products on time.

Old Fairground Hall Burns; Was Assembly Plant

Fire Monday evening destroyed the historic Exhibition Building on the old Lancaster Fairgrounds with loss estimated around \$110,000. Built in 1920, it was taken over in 1948 by the New Holland Machinery Co. and has been used since that time as a farm machinery assembly plant augmenting the New Holland factories.

Called to help check the fire were companies from the Lancaster Fire Department, Southern Manheim Township and Rohrerstown Fire Companies. The building, 130 feet by 75 feet containing 18,000 square feet, was of stucco and frame, and was used by New Holland as a final assembly plant for forage blowers and forage harvester harvester sickle bar attachments.

Value of the building was estimated at \$75,000, contents \$35,000.

Some hoses were strung at least 2,000 feet to assist in fighting the fire.

Refusal to Give Up Phone Line Probed

No arrests are planned in the investigation conducted by state police at Ephrata where two women were charged with refusing to give up conversation on a nine-party line so a third could report a fire in the Denver area.

Mrs. Allison Messner reported that when she tried to call the fire department twice, the two were talking on the nine-party line. Reading-telephone operators said they have a record of a call made by Mrs. Messner when she dialed that office by mistake in her confusion following two attempts. Meanwhile, her brother-in-law, Walter Wenrich, had started to Denver to notify firemen.

DeLongs Purchase Guernsey Sire

PETERBOROUGH, N. H. — Peach Bottom, Penna., have just Harry S. & O. Lorene DeLong, purchased the Guernsey sire, Highland Toni Victor, from J. Thomas Carman, Glen Rock, Penna., according to the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

This richly bred bull is out of the high-producing cow, Highland Chief's Idabelle, that has once been classified Very Good for type, and has two production records of 11,996 lbs of milk and 604 lbs of fat, made on two times daily milking for 365 days, as a junior two-year-old in the Herd Improvement Register, and 14,419 lbs of milk and 747 lbs of fat, made on three times daily milking for 365 days as a junior four-year-old in the Herd Improvement Register. He is sired by Highland Chief's Toni.

Minor Floods Add to Rough Winter Winds

Minor floods poured over lowlands in scattered sections of Lancaster County this week, closing the month of January that was abnormally dry. In the month just closed, the Ephrata Weather Station reports total precipitation in January of 1.83, against a normal 3.07. Winds were strong and biting.

Sunday morning churchgoers faced a sheet of ice—and many stayed home. Those who did drive found Saturday night's sleet and rain on top of old snow no combination for safe driving.

Rains Sunday Morning

Rains came Sunday night and Monday morning again, and by Monday afternoon many streams and runs were spreading floodwaters over lowlying lands. Between Quarryville and Christiana, near Green Tree, water was reported bumper deep. Elsewhere on the same road, nearer Christiana, water overflowed the highway, providing slick spots Tuesday morning.

There was a paradox in the flooding, following a month so dry. Pequea Creek left its banks on the west end of Paradise-Bellmont Run at Intercourse covered the New Holland-Intercourse road. Mill Creek jumped four feet to overflow a bridge between Monterrey and Bird-in-Hand.

Six Above Saturday

Saturday night and Sunday morning's storm was an aftermath of one that caused sleet and glazing from the middle-west east. In the midwest highways too were treacherous, and numerous accidents were reported all over the country. The sole cheering note on the weather situation was that a snow and sleet storm predicted for Monday night encountered a strong, high pressure area and missed Lancaster County.

Elverson Girl Wins Holstein Citation

Miss Esther Eileen Stoltzfus of Elverson, Chester County, was recently awarded a certificate by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America when her 4-H calf, Elm Becca L. Tillie, was nominated for Junior All American.

Her calf was selected by three top Holstein judges in Lacona, N. Y., seeking the best six animals of each age group from those exhibited in the United States during 1955.

L. Tillie is by a daughter of the Tillie cow, a three-times grand champion in 1952, milked 100 lbs of milk a day on a twice-daily milking for 60 days in the Elm Becca herd. The sire's dam is Colantha Lady Monogram (Ex) who recently made a record of 21,408 lbs of milk with 1,012 lbs butterfat milked twice daily for 365 days.

FARM PRICES GAIN

Farm product prices moved up one per cent at the start of 1956, following a seven per cent decline last year, the United States Department of Agriculture reports. Improvements in hog and cattle prices were noted. Voting is expected Saturday on the proposed "Soil-Bank" program.