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Carl Drepperd Farm Museum Director, Dies

Funeral services for Carl W. Drepperd, noted authority on Pennsylvania farm lore author of many books, and resident director of the Landis Valley Farm Museum, will be today at 2 p.m. from St. John's Episcopal Church Lancaster.

Mr. Drepperd, 65, died Tuesday noon at Lancaster General Hospital where he had been a patient since Feb. 2. He had been in ill health several months.

Before developing Landis Valley Museum into the finest of its kind in the nation Mr. Drepperd was advertising director of Hamilton Watch Co from 1929 to 1932. Between 1934 and 1936 he was director of the creative division of the Federal Housing Authority.

Author of Several Books

In addition to helping restore buildings at the Museum to their original state Mr. Drepperd and his wife restored the oldest privately-owned home in Lititz built in 1757 by the Moravian Congregation for its warden.

Co-founder of the American Foundation and editor of Products of Freedom USA, since 1950, he was well known as an author and authority on antiques. His books included "Early American Prints" (1930); "American Pioneer Arts and Artists" (1942); "American Advertising Art" (1943); "Primer of American Antiques" (1944); "First Reader for Antiques Collectors" (1946); "Pioneer America, Its First Three Centuries" (1949); "Treasures in Truck and Trash" (1949); "American Clocks and Clockmakers" (1947) and "Handbook of Tomorrow's Antiques" (with Mrs. Marjorie Mathews Smith, editor of Spinning Wheel magazine) in 1953. Also, "A Dictionary of American Antiques" (1953).

Wife, Sister Survive

The son of William J. and Marie Barbara Rossman Drepperd, he was married June 5, 1918 to Miss Margaret Hartman. She survives, with a sister, Miss Helen Drepperd of Lancaster.

Mr. Drepperd found greatest delight in studying and restoring relics of an age of living that is gone. Many visitors encountered him on the lawn or in the shops of the Museum carefully supervising the restoration work others were doing, or digging debris and rust from an ancient stove, but always with a kind word and full explanation of what was underway.

Services are in charge of the Fred F. Groff Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lancaster Cemetery.

FIRE DESTROYS BARN

Fire Monday morning destroyed a frame barn on the D. C. Shelman farm on RD Avondale.

Origin of the fire was not determined. A cow and pig were lost in the fire. Fire Companies from West Grove and Avondale responded to the call.

Just Like Spring



Don't let Monday's flurries of snow or snappy temperatures at night fool you. Spring is just around the corner in Lancaster County. Here two registered Guern-

seys — five months old — on the farm of Snavelly Garber, R1 Willow Street, seem well aware of the greening grass and the touch of spring in the air.

Snows Proving March Still Unpredictable

Whether it's the "Robin Snow" or the "Onion Snow," storms this week in Lancaster County prove March is still one of the most unpredictable of months weather-wise.

Almost an inch of rain Tuesday night and Wednesday morning sent several Lancaster County streams over their banks. From the first of March to the middle of this week, 2.64 inches of rain has fallen — more than three-fourths of the normal March precipitation of 3.45 inches. Rain reports in the county varied from .70 to .90 of an inch.

Over the weekend, the Susquehanna reach 8½ feet above normal Flood stage at Columbia pumping station, where 235½ was reported Saturday. Saturday Safe Harbor reported a peak between 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.

Midwest Blanketed

Lancaster County's weather was an aftermath of storms that blanketed the midwest, leaving many persons snowbound in Wisconsin. In one city, where a basketball tournament was in progress, homes were opened to 3500 stranded by heavy snowfall.

Drifting was heavy throughout parts of South Dakota and southern Minnesota, with Mitchell, S. D. reporting 24 inches. Northwestern Iowa also reported a foot of snow in places.

These minor flood waters on the Susquehanna during the past weekend recalled the major flood of March 20, 1936, when an all time record crest of 875,000 cubic feet per second was officially recorded at the Holtwood dam, resulting in great loss and suffering to urban residents and farmers located in the valley. Last weekend peak was recorded at 350,000 cfs, at Holtwood.

Floods have been known to sweep down the Susquehanna from the time first white men settled along the river. The first authentic record dates back to 1784, when the swollen waters of the stream rose to the front steps at the home of John Harris, founder of Harrisburg. In more recent times great floods have occurred in 1846, 1865, 1889, 1894, 1902, 1904, 1913 and 1920.

Recalls Johnstown Flood

Of these, the greatest and most destructive was the flood of June 2, 1889, long before the Holtwood dam was constructed, referred to in the records as the "Johnstown Flood" because the rise of the Susquehanna resulted from the same storm which caused the great flood at Johnstown on the Conemaugh River. The 1889 flood rose to a height of 26.8 feet at Harrisburg. On March 19, 1936, the river stage at point was officially reported at 30.33 feet.

In addition to million of dollars in property damage, extremely great suffering was experienced by residents along the river in 1936, including many farmers who were hit hard. At many places the flood waters carved out new shore lines.

Above Marietta and points further upstream, long drifts of rich top soil, some measuring nine feet in height, were in plain evidence of the great loss suffered by up State agriculture.

Polled Hereford Show and Sale Here March 25-26

Due to increasing interest in Polled Herefords throughout this section, Lancaster will play host to the fifth annual show and sale of the Eastern Polled Hereford association at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion, March 25-26.

Two prominent agriculturalists will be on hand, Dr. William L. Henning, Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, who will speak at the banquet Sunday evening, March 25 in Hotel Brunswick, and Dan Thornton, former governor of Colorado and well-known Hereford breeder.

Lancaster thus moves into the position as host held in former years by Frederick, Md. Dr. Henning will present the new Governor Leader Cup to the owner of the show's grand champion heifer Monday morning.

Nine states will be represented, according to Leon Falk, Jr., EPHA president, and John H. Royer, Jr., secretary. They are Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, New Jersey, New York, Maine, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

The schedule of events includes the Sunday evening banquet, the Monday morning show and the sale, beginning at 1 p. m. Monday.

Fulton Grange 66 Asks Tax Refunds

Fulton Grange 66 legislative committee has been instructed to write state legislators seeking support of a bill providing 100 per cent refund of tax paid gasoline purchased for off-highway uses.

On April 12 and 14 the Grange will present the play, "Aaron Slick from Punkin Creek" at Oakryn Hall. On April 13, the Grange will hold its annual Talent Night Program. Mrs. Esther Graybeal is chairman.

Salisbury Grange will visit Fulton Grange and present the March 26 program.

Farm Price Index For Pennsylvania Drops Six Points

HARRISBURG — Dr. William L. Henning, State Secretary of Agriculture, today said the index of prices received by Pennsylvania farmers dropped six points during the month ended February 15.

There was no change in the national index for the month, he pointed out.

A sharp drop in the average price received by farmers for eggs contributed most to the Pennsylvania decline, Dr. Henning explained. The down-trend in egg prices was tempered somewhat by a less than usual season drop in prices received for wholesale milk, he added.

June — September Gain

Between June and September of 1955 the Pennsylvania index for all principal farm products showed advances following a three-month period of decline. The index advanced one point in

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Watershed Meet At Millersville Club Saturday

In a public meeting sponsored by the Millersville Men's Club Saturday evening at the Fire Hall, the possibility of forming a Conestoga Valley Association to clean up the 475-square-mile watershed drained by the Conestoga River will be studied by a panel of speakers.

President of the club is Robert Glick. Amos H. Funk and Howard Siglin will be committee chairmen in charge of the annual Farmers Night.

Robert G. Struggle, advisor-consultant to the Pennsylvania State Soil Conservation Commission and assistant executive director of the Brandywine Association, will be principal speaker and show color slides illustrating his talk on "How Teamwork Builds a Better Valley."

He will illustrate means used to eliminate pollution, to reforest barren hillsides, reduce soil erosion, and improving natural beauty.

Speaking to the group also will be Earl Rebman, Lancaster sportsman and civic leader who first advocated the association; Henry H. Hackman, vice president of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District; W. Martin Muth, district unit conservationist.

Also invited are County Farm Agent M. M. Smith; John Haverstick, district game protector, and Robert Betts, state fish warden.

WHITE HORSE FARM

John Smucker, R2 New Holland, purchased the 108-acre farm owned by Mrs. Elmeda Kurtz, a half mile north of White Horse, for \$49,000. Auctioneer was LeRoy-Zook, Atglen.