

## Former farm reporter, Bob Malick dies

LANCASTER — Robert W. Malick, for years a familiar face as WGAL-TV's farm reporter, died suddenly Thursday around 6 p.m.

According to the station, Malick's death came as a shock to everyone. He had no known illness at the time of death.

Bob Malick first started to cover the Lancaster County farm beat back in 1950 on a show known as TV Farmer.

Later, he anchored the TV Farmer segment on Chanel 8's Noonday at Eight program.

A long time employee of WGAL, Malick had been promoted from the farm beat to a position as director and sound producer for the station.

Malick had received a host of awards from Lancaster County farm groups, including being made a 4-H national honary member.

The County Future Farmers of America had made him an honorary member and he was recipient of an Honorary Keystone Farmer Award.

Julie Singer, current farm

reporter for the station, spoke highly of Malick's ability and reputation. She said he was a fine man and a great help to all of the reporters at the station.

Malick is survived by a son and a grandson.

## Now Is The Time

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hundred inches deeper than the seeds or plant roots. In the case of large fields, other than gardens, the fertilizer can be either plowed down or worked into the topsoil prior to planting. When complete fertilizers are applied with inoculated seeds, here again the seeds and the fertilizer should be kept separate. The fertilizer will kill the legume bacteria used in the inoculant. Special attention to the proper placement of fertilizer is suggested.

### TO FOLLOW SOIL TEST RECOMMENDATIONS

Soil testing is a very common practice to learn the needs of a soil; more and more home owners and farmers are utilizing this testing service as a means of efficient crop production. However, I'm afraid that some growers do not follow the recommendations that are given; too many short-cuts are used. This may not do any harm in a fertile soil because the reserves might carry the crop for one season. However, in the case of lime requirement, we urge all growers to apply the amount that is recommended. A soil that needs lime will not permit other

major plant nutrients to become available; also, soils needing lime will not respond to good weed control with herbicides. There are many reasons for trying to maintain the proper pH is a soil. Don't short-cut soil test suggestions if you are after maximum and efficient crop yields.

### TO INSPECT PASTURE FIELDS

Before too many weeks some permanent pastures will be ready to graze; I fear some are grazed before they are ready. However, the point in this article is to go over the pasture areas before the livestock are turned out; all trash should be removed in order to prevent injury and poisoning. Unfortunately, folks still use the rural areas to dispose of their solid trash. Some of this may contain glass, or poisons, that will kill livestock. Remove the junk before the livestock have a chance to become involved. If there is any evidence on the trash reflecting the guilty person doing the discarding, this information should be forwarded to local officials. Most township regulations do not permit the dumping of solid waste on private property.



As R. Fenton Murphy, chairman of the state dairy co-ops' security fund committee issues a statement of unity on SB 1287, backers look on. From foreground are Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell; and sponsors of the legislation, Senators Frank J. O'Connell and Patrick Stapleton.

## Security fund

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It will allow dealers to provide alternate security such as bonds. While it establishes a separate fund for dairy cooperatives, it also gives the co-ops an easy out from any participation at all in any program.

R. Fenton Murphy, chairman of the Pennsylvania Dairy Cooperatives for Milk Security Committee, said, "We feel the bill will get the job done to the benefit of all concerned."

Murphy read a prepared statement saying there was full agreement by all segments of the state dairy industry and farm organizations.

But Pennsylvania Farmers' Association took exception. Al Myers, director of PFA's governmental relations department, made it clear that PFA intended to fight for contributions of two cents per hundredweight rather than a penny. "Our delegate body stated the fund would need a contribution from dealers and processors of two cents per cwt," he said. "PFA will be actively seeking an amendment to SB 1287 to raise the dealer-processor contribution to two cents," he said.

Secretary of Agriculture

Penrose Hallowell pointed out, as he has in the past, that a two cent contribution would not raise twice the revenue the one cent rate could. In fact, he said, fewer dealers may participate at the higher rate and the fund could easily build slower.

Hallowell showered praise on all of the parties united behind the bill.

Senator O'Connell said in his talk the bill was a "bastard bill" with sections offered by many segments of the industry.

But Pennsylvania Association of Milk Dealers Vice President Henry Geisinger had a different inflection on the term when he pointed out the bill places all of the cost on the dealer or processor.

He also said he objected to

having a bill rammed down the industry's throat by co-ops which won't even be participating in the fund.

But most of those at the Wednesday meeting were strongly in favor of the measure.

Grange Master Charles Wismer, himself a dairyman, called it a "great step in security for farmers."

Wismer said he was willing to take the one cent rate rather than risk having no fund at all.

Earl Fink, Executive Secretary of the Milk Marketing Board, said PMMB would have no trouble carrying out the letter and intent of SB 1287.

Fink said PMMB has seen the problem first hand and said dairymen need the protection the new measure provides.

## N.J. to run farm tours

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — The Hunterdon and Somerset County Extension Services are accepting reservations for a tour of three horse farms scheduled for Saturday, April 12.

The tour is climax to a three-session Adult Horse Management Institute underway in Hunterdon's Extension Center on Tuesday evenings and

Hackettstown High School on Wednesdays.

Tour participants need not have been enrolled in the extension service course. However, admittance to the farm on the April 12 tour will only be by bus.

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