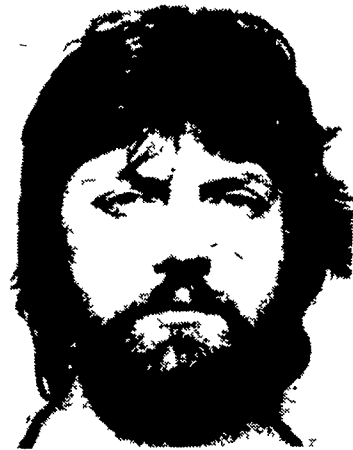




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N.J. State Police seek rural-renting fugitives

BLAIRSTOWN, N.J. — Three male fugitives, who are known to rent rural, isolated houses directly from farmers, are being sought by the New Jersey State Police in connection with the murder of a state trooper.

"We know that they have rented farmhouses in rural Pennsylvania in the past and believe they are continuing to follow the practice," according to Det. Richard Touw, of the New Jersey State Police.

"These rentings have been traced to such places as Germansville in Lehigh County and Marshalls Creek in Monroe County."

The three fugitives are:

Thomas William Manning, Richard Charles Williams and Raymond Luc Levasseur, all white males in their mid-30's. Manning and Williams have been charged with the murder of N.J. State Trooper Philip Lamono on Dec. 21, 1981, and Levasseur is wanted

for questioning in connection with the murder. Manning and Levasseur are also wanted by the FBI for bank robbery.

All are heavily armed and considered extremely dangerous.

Manning and Levasseur are married and may be with their wives and small children ranging in age between six months and nine years old.

Descriptions of the fugitives:

Manning is five feet, 10 inches, 150 lbs. brown hair, hazel eyes with fair complexion. He has a scar on his nose and pierced left ear. Numerous tattoos include heart with cross on upper right arm, shield with "Tom" and banner on lower right arm, spade on back of left hand, rose with "Donna" on upper left arm and panther head on left forearm.

Williams is six feet, 200 lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes. He has a scar on little finger of right hand and over right eyebrow with a mole on left cheek.

Levasseur is six feet, 200 lbs. with brown hair, green eyes and ruddy complexion.

All use numerous fictitious identifications and a number of different names.

Heavily armed, they are known to shoot target practice with both handguns and rifles.

The fugitives are the subject of an intensive investigation by the New Jersey State Police through a special command post in Blairstown.

Rewards are being offered for information leading to their arrest and conviction.

Anyone with information can contact the nearest Pennsylvania State Police or New Jersey State Police at:

Major Crime Unit — (609) 882-2000 Ext. 429.

Fugitive Unit — (609) 883-2000 or (800) 792-8824 Ext. 440.

Blairstown (201) 362-6128 or 362-9973.

PFA head addresses Chester/Delaware group

GUTHRIESVILLE — "Non-farm neighbors need to be made aware of agriculture's contribution to the community," Keith Eckel, president of Pennsylvania Farmer's Association told Chester/Delaware Farmer's Association members and guests at their annual spring banquet at the fire Hall in Guthriesville.

"The farmers in this country, less than 3% of the total population feed this nation plus a large part of the world's population. We must help our neighbors recognize this interrelation between farm and city."

Farmer's Association members also heard reports from the local Affairs, Advisory Councils, Legislative, Women's and Insurance Committees.

"Farming must become profitable in the Pennsylvania area," Eckel emphasized. "Transportation costs for moving food to market have increased. Production of food close to the market have increased. Production of food close to the market is becoming an economic necessity.

"It is essential that the Farmer's Association and PFA help farmers gain the tools to market their own products. Farmers are experts in the production of food. Farmers can become just as proficient in marketing their products as they are in producing them," Eckel continued.

Byron Hawthorne, Coatesville, Chairman of the Local Affairs Committee, reported that his committee had been evaluating the "Ag Districting" Act.

Leon Wilkinson, Landenberg,

chairman of the Legislative Committee, thanked the Chester County Commissioners for their cooperation with agriculture and farmers.

He pointed out that the state legislators had been quite helpful and very responsive in considering legislation that could effect agricultural activities in Chester County. He mentioned labeling of imitation agricultural products and realistic labor regulations as two areas in which the assistance had been prompt.

Portia Breckbill, Cochranville, Chairman of the Women's Committee announced the 4th annual youth conference for youngsters in tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades. This will be held in Lock Haven this summer.

She also said that the Association's "Women's Day Out" would be held April 1, at the Olde Maple Inn, Honeybrook. The speaker will be Mrs. Martin from the Hershey Azela Farms.

Joyce Hershey, Cochranville, Membership Chairman, said that there are now 765 family memberships in the Chester /Delaware group.

Harold Bryson, Oxford, Chairman of the Insurance

Committee, gave credit to the state committee for reducing Workmen's Compensation rates from \$12 to \$7.72. He urged all members to participate in the programs so that perhaps even lower rates could be established.

"New Advisory Councils are forming," Al Bartels, West Grove, chairman of the committee said. "This is where Farmer's Association policies originate—a chance for neighbors to discuss local and state policy. Then forward their resolutions up to state and national levels."

Farmer members Roy Kolb and Clint Blackwell donated milk and mushrooms for the dinner. Portia Breckbill and the Women's Committee prepared the table decorations.

County Commissioner Earl Baker and Patrick O'Donnell were present. Legislators attending were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Vroon, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith, Elinor Taylor, and Noah Wenger from Lancaster Co. Arthur Hershey, Cochranville, was recognized for his eight years of service as a State Director from the Southeast region. It was mandatory that he retire at the end of that period of service.

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