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Literal horse power as usual provided transportation for Amish farmers in Lancaster County. And they got to their destination faster than their "English" neighbors. That's unusual. But blizzard-driven snow and sub-zero temperatures left cars, trucks, and vans stuck in snow-filled farm lanes and roadside banks. In one eastern Lancaster County farm lane, a team of three mules were seen pulling a stuck truck free from its icy entrapment.

This will make the horse farmers smile. Many farmers in the state and surrounding areas say this is the coldest winter in memory. The winter farm scene in the photo evolved as the horse and buggy drove west along Scenic Road at the corner of Groffdale Road, north of Inter-course on Tuesday about noon. Photo by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.

Farmers In The Northeast Suffer Through Sub-Zero Weather

Lancaster Farming Staff STATEWIDE — All across the state this week an arctic front stalled all major business activities including the flow of agricultural commodities, as a minimum of a foot of snow and double-digit sub-zero temperatures blanketed the

commonwealth, setting records throughout the week. According to a variety of sources, farmers across the state have spent the week digging out and maintaining or repairing water pipes. In the Lancaster and Lebanon

county region, the snow began falling with the temperatures just before daybreak Monday morning, with a prediction of an accumulation of from 6- to 8-inches, and a mix of sleet and freezing rain. In the majority of the region, the sleet and freezing rain constituted little of the total precipitation, so that, at least in the Capital Region, snowfall depths were reported to 14.5 inches. There were reports of barn roofs giving way under the weight of the

snow and numerous reports of broken water pipes as temperatures broke records into Wednesday morning with temperatures 14 degrees below zero in southcentral and southeastern Pennsylvania. In the State College region, temperatures hit 20 below, and there were pockets of colder areas. A number of highway accidents, closed roads, and automobiles stuck, stranded or otherwise sidelined made inches-thick-ice-covered highways even more

treacherous. The increased demand for electricity, ostensibly to heat homes, created too high of a demand on power companies. According to public announcements, the situation could have created unintentional blackouts. In order to prevent those blackouts, the utilities asked for all residents to restrict any absolutely unnecessary electricity and to reduce hot water consumption. (Turn to Page A32)



Don Cairns, president, Chester County 4-H Center, Inc., right, and Jim O'Brien, executor of Romano estate, meet at settlement on property for the new Chester County 4-H Center.

Chester 4-H Center Settles On Property

HONEYBROOK (Chester Co.)—The officers of the Chester County 4-H Center recently settled for the property the new center is to occupy. The meeting was with Jim O'Brien, the executor of the estate of Fiore Romano, who donated 15 acres to develop the center that is to be named in his honor. "This is a glorious day for 4-H'ers in Chester County," said Don Cairns, center president. "The new center is eagerly anticipated by many people." Also at the meeting were Russ Albright, chairman of the con-

struction committee; Violet Beam, center treasurer; and Ruth Holmes, center secretary. The purchase of an additional five acres brings the total to 20 acres. The eagerly anticipated center will be located on Route 322 east of Honeybrook, in West Brandywine Township. Holmes presented a check to O'Brien that represents donations from various sources. Every 4-H club in the county contributed. In addition, funds were received from charitable foundations, businesses and individuals. As soon as development plans are approved, con-

struction of a pole building will begin. Plans also call for the center to include show rings, and, eventually a community headquarters building. The center will be available for club meetings, shows, round-ups, and other 4-H activities. Other local organizations may find the community-based 4-H Center a convenient place for programs or activities. The settlement is a highlight for the Chester County 4-H Center, Inc. Many members have worked (Turn to Page A24)