

Deaths

WALTER H. NEWKIRK

Walter H. Newkirk, 63, of 758 Marietta Ave., Lancaster, died Wednesday, Sept. 23 in St. Joseph's hospital after an illness of three months.

Born in New York City, he was a son of George B. and Edna H. Deetjin Newkirk. He lived in Lancaster for the past three months and previously was a resident of Sidney, N. Y., for 27 years.

He is a retired furniture store sales clerk.

He is survived by three daughters, Susan, wife of Wm. J. Kehoe, with whom he resided; Sandra, wife of Paul TenHoopen, Downingtown; Sharon, wife of Chester Fulford; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held at the convenience of the Family.

ELMER V. SPAHR

Elmer V. Spahr, 76, of 2051 Graystone Road, East Petersburg, died Monday evening, Sept. 28, in the Lancaster Osteopathic hospital after a prolonged illness.

He was a well-known auctioneer in Lancaster County for more than 40 years.

Born in Penn Township, a son of the late John B. and Maria Hartranft Spahr, he was a member of the East

Petersburg Church of the Brethren and was a trustee of the church's cemetery committee.

He and his wife, Anna M. Heagy Spahr, observed their 51st wedding anniversary last November.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three children, Jane E., at home; Miriam S., wife of Robert Boyce, York; and Elmer V. Jr., Manheim R1; three grandchildren; two sisters and a brother, Mrs. Mabel Zimmerman, of East Petersburg; Mrs. Nora Adair, and J. Harvey, both of Manheim.

Services were arranged for Thursday at 2 p.m. from the Buch funeral home with burial in the Graybill Brethren cemetery.

PAUL E. PORTNER

Paul E. Portner Sr., 65, retired chief chemist for Wyeth Laboratory, Inc., Marietta, died unexpectedly Saturday morning, Sept. 26, in the General hospital after being stricken ill at his West Fairview Avenue home in Marietta.

Portner joined Wyeth in 1922 after graduation from Marietta high school. He took a leave of absence from 1930 to 1935 to obtain a degree in chemistry from Cornell University, and returned to Wyeth as chief chemist.

Born in Grand View Heights Lancaster, he was the son of the late Harvey and Ethel Frazier Portner, and was a member of the First Presbyterian church, Lancaster, where he had held the posts of elder and deacon. He was also Sunday school superintendent for 14 years at Furnace Chapel, Marietta.

Active in community affairs, Portner was a past president of the Marietta Lions Club, first president of the Marietta - Donegal Joint School Board and a member of the board for 16 years; a member of Marietta Borough

Council; and a past president of the Marietta Restaurant Associates.

He was also a member of the Marietta Pioneer Fire Company, the Marietta Cemetery Association, and was currently president of the Men's Garden Club of Lancaster.

In addition to his wife, Mary K. Paules Portner, at home, he is survived by the following sons and daughters: Annette, wife of Dale Knepper, York; Sara Jane, wife of Michael Treinen, Iowa City, Iowa; P. Edwin Portner Jr., and Josef Portner, both of Marietta; Marthann, wife of Eugene Mower, Philadelphia; David E. Portner, Marietta; and eight grandchildren.

He is also survived by three sisters, Anna Mae, wife of William McLain and Ruth wife of Harold Drager, both of Marietta; and Jane, wife of William Roulston, Beltsville, Md.

Services were held Tuesday afternoon from the First Presbyterian church, Lancaster, and burial was made in the Marietta cemetery.

DOROTHY M. STOUT

Mrs. Dorothy M. Stout, 46, of 116 N. River St., Maytown, died Friday, Sept. 25 at her home. County Coroner Dr. Newton Kendig, said an autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of her death.

Born in Marietta, the daughter of George Williams of Harrisburg, and the late Elva Smith Williams, she was employed by the Mountville Wallpaper Company.

In addition to her father, she is survived by two daughters, Judy, wife of Eugene Funk, Columbia, and Jeanine wife of Steven Billett, Mount Joy, and one granddaughter.

Also surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Virginia Lyle, Columbia; Miss Elaine Williams, Bainbridge; Mrs. Henrietta Range, Marietta, and Mrs. Grace Wilhelm, of Wrightsville; and two brothers, Henry Williams, Marietta and Charles Williams, Columbia.

Services were held from the Smedley funeral home at Marietta Monday morning and burial was made in the Marietta cemetery.

★ Washington

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anything about it. Some figures from a state welfare office in Massachusetts explain, at least in part, why the problem of welfare is getting out of control. According to the figures a family of four on the Aid for Dependent Children program in Massachusetts enjoys a standard of living \$1,275 a year higher than a family of the same size supported by an average wage earner. Including fringe benefits—free medical and dental care, tax relief, subsidized rent and mortgage payments, special insurance breaks—the family of four on welfare receives the equivalent of \$7,671.55 a year. The average wage earner's family gets \$6,396.00 a year. These figures from Massachusetts are very likely similar to figures for other states. No nation can live indefinitely under this kind of a handicap and still maintain the productivity of its people—or the initiative of the individual.

—Lititz Record Express

The North Vietnamese injustice toward our POWs is a continuing outrage. It undermines all efforts to maintain even the most minimal standards of behavior and compassion. It is a grave miscalculation on the part of our enemy because it should strengthen the resolve of the American people to stand firm. It should be proof positive of why we cannot yield to Communist demands or readily accept Communist claims of their belief in human values.

● Others are Saying

A KILLING HANDICAP
Welfare, as everyone knows, is bankrupting communities all over the nation—and no one seems to be able to do

JOHN GUNTHER WAS RIGHT

John Gunther, author of "inside" books, spent much of his life traveling to learn what is unique about people and places. In "Inside U.S.A." he devoted several pages to Lancaster county which, he wrote, "bounces with vitality."

This seems as true today as it was when Gunther wrote it 23 years ago. The most recent proof is the census which shows that Lancaster county's population gained nearly 15 percent in a decade. We continue to have a greater population than Alaska, and almost as much as the whole state of Wyoming.

Our growth is happy news to our merchants and utilities but it carries a deeper and a richer opportunity. If our mode of life and our economy is attractive to enterprise and to people, do we not have a duty to ask what brings it about and how we can turn it to best account? Lancaster has been blessed with fertile land, but there are intangibles which have been more significant.

No one can measure with a slide rule what brought this about, but we do know that certain elements exist here which are in short supply elsewhere in this world of ours: A willingness to work hard, thrift, religious devotion, respect for authority, a sense of order—to name a few.

Let us not be chauvinistic about this, but the cold facts of the census are carrying a message to us: Preserve those qualities which have served you well and look forward to a future with hope and confidence.

—Senator Richard A. Snyder

Braves Postpone Sunday Games

Because of wet grounds, the Donegal Braves' Sunday, Sept. 27, games were postponed.

Carded to play the Lancaster Presidents on the Donegal high school field, the contests were washed out by the Sunday morning drought breaker rains.

Tentatively, the games have been reset for later in the season, probably the second week in November.

more efficient generating units.

The utility president added that the adjustment would involve only that portion of power generated by fossil fuels either by PP&L or utilities from which PP&L buys power through interchange.

"We have had to face the fact that sudden and large increases in the price of coal and oil adversely affect our ability to serve our customers," Mr. Busby said. "Last year alone we used almost 6 million tons of coal. At the beginning of last year, the average price per ton delivered at our power plants was \$7.14. The average as of Aug. 1970 was \$9.73 and increases in wages for miners, freight rates and mine safety standards undoubtedly will push the price even higher."

Asks Rate Hike

Pennsylvania Power and Light Company will file with the Public Utility Commission a fuel adjustment clause to be applied to all rates for electric service on and after December 1.

The action was decided by the utility's board of directors after "long and careful studies showed steadily rising coal prices could seriously hamper PP&L's efforts to finance and build facilities needed to render customer service."

According to preliminary estimates, the fuel clause could mean an average PP&L residential customer using about 500 kilowatt hours a month would pay around 15 to 25 cents more for his service during the first full month in which the clause was in effect. A substantial hike in coal and oil prices in the months ahead could mean that by the middle of 1971 the same customer would be paying around 25 to 50 cents a month more.

PP&L, President Jack K. Busby said the cost of fuel represents more than 40 per cent of the Company's direct operating and maintenance expense and while every effort has been made to keep these costs under control, prices have continued to bound upward.

He said PP&L has been making every effort to keep fuel costs to a minimum. These measures include long-term contracts, use of company-owned 100-car coal trains, direct operation of mines and construction of

IN UNIFORM

AWARDED MEDAL

Navy Petty Officer Second Class Richard C. Shoemaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde F. Shoemaker of 36 Summer St. Salunga, was awarded the Air Medal while serving with Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron One at the Naval Air Station, Atsugi, Japan.

He was cited for meritorious achievement in aerial flight.

Missionary Conference At Mt. Pleasant

The Mt. Pleasant Brethren in Christ church will hold a Missionary Conference Friday and Saturday, Oct. 3 and 4th.

On Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, Rev. and Mrs. Howard will show pictures and speak about their missionary work in Nicaragua. They have spent 5½ years in service there. Previous to that they had spent 5 years in Cuba and about a year and a half in Jamaica, working with Cuban refugees.

On Sunday morning, Oct. 4, Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Book will tell of their service in Rhodesia, Africa. They have spent 19½ years in service there, serving as teachers, manager of out-stations, and as overseer of all Brethren in Christ missionary work in Rhodesia. Mrs. Book will give a story to the children in Sundry School. Rev. Book will present the morning message entitled "New Life For All."

At 1 o'clock Sunday night, Rev. and Mrs. J. Harold Stern will show pictures and tell of their service as teachers of science and manager of the mission farm at Moto-po Mission in Rhodesia. They have served there for 5½ years.

The public is invited to attend these services. Rev. Harry Bert is pastor of the church.



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