



o celebrate 225 years of Lancaster newspapers, we present this weekly series of 52 front pages from throughout our history. Many feature events that would shape the course of world history. Some feature events of great local importance. Still others simply provide windows into the long-ago lives of Lancaster County residents. Make sure to check in every week, and enjoy this trip through time with LNP.



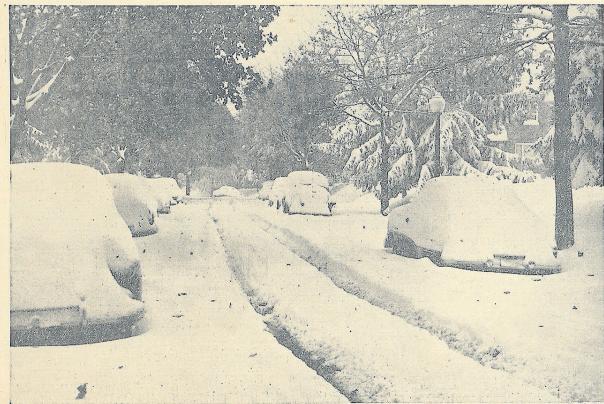
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Little Liz - - -

The Weather
(U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast)
Snow Flurries Tonight;
Windy, Cold Tomorrow
Temp, Today: High 38; Low 24
Temp, Yesterday: High 40; Low 28

# 13 to 18 In. Snow Paralyzes County, Sudden Storm Strands Thousands



Thirteen inches of snow covers trees, leaves, autos, in the 800 block of Helen Avenue, Grand View Heights, at 8 a. m. today. (More snow pictures on back page.)

Wanted at E-Town

And New Holland

### Doctor Walks Three Miles 2 Banks Lose In Snow to Deliver Baby \$600 to Forger

Another Doctor Makes Rounds on Horseback; Ambulance Gets Stuck, Motorist Aids Stork

The stork had rough going in the snow here today. Dr. Franklin Cassell. of Lititz, walked three miles across the fields to deliver a baby in an outlying section.

The New Holland Lions Club.

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afternoon at Collegeville, Pa, was cancelled for the season that the college of the season that the season th

### Flood Tides Add Havoc to 20 Marooned Blizzard in Northeast U.S. In Local Plant

Five Dead, 20 More Missing In Record Pre-Winter

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Two county banks were victimized of \$300 each by a neatly
dressed, well mannered forger
who is being sought today by locall police and the FBI.

The suspect was identified as
Stanton P. Snyder, aiias Palmer
Schneider, alias Raymond H. Shellenberger, thirty-five, formerly of
Palmyra, Lebanon county.

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Elizabethown and the Farmers
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Winds up to 88 willes an hour

### Most Main Roads Here Are Opened by Mid-Morning; 7 Hurt In 11 Accidents

Snow ranging from 13 inches "and up" paralyzed the Lancaster area today.

The "and up" included an unofficial foot and a half by 9 a.m. in the Intercourse area and 17 inches around the Holtwood dam on the Susquehanna River.

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The 13-inch recording was made at the City Water
Works at 7 a. m. and was considered official. The Weather Bureau at Harrisburg said ordinarily this area
would have got only one to two inches but the
storm veered inland unexpectedly.

Harrisburg had 12 inches. There were 27 inches
at Lock Haven. 22 at Beavertown, and 19 at Newport.

It set a 61-year record for snowfall so early in the
season. The blinding, whirling, freezing weather of
today contrasted with 60-degree election day weather
just last Tuesday.

Thousands of persons were
randed in Lancaster county last
ght and early this morning.

Some Stayed In Cars

Parade Cancelled

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2 Men Die During Storm
Two men died during the storm.
Harold L. Hergert, forty-five, loumbia, collapsed and died orty before 8 a.m. as he waked rough the snow to a borough instrial plant. Lock Haven Worst

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## WEATHER STORIES



It's a safe bet that, long before the first newspaper was ever printed in Lancaster County, people here loved to talk about the

about any place, really. It's probably a universal human trait. Thus, in looking through the LNP archives, we see the history of the ubiquitous "weather story" writ large — in some cases literally, as massive headlines trumpeting

weather. The same can be said

Such is the case with this Nov. 7, 1953, Lancaster New Era front page. Not only is there a largepoint double-decker headline at the top of the page announcing

the arrival of snow or floods or

the tops of front pages.

scorching heat frequently grace

the 13 to 18 inches of snow that were dumped on the county (after a forecast of 1 to 2 inches), but of the 16 stories on the front page, no less than 14 deal with the storm in some way.

Among the weather-related stories on this page, we learn:

• Doctors battled through the storm to reach their patients. One doctor walked 3 miles to deliver a baby; another made his rounds on horseback. Unfortunately, not all medical stories were so successful. Earl Drexel of Reinholds died of a heart attack while two ambulances sent to assist him got stuck in the snow.

Football games were canceled across the county, including one at Franklin & Marshall College — the first time in the college's history that a game was canceled due to weather.

Night shift workers at the Trojan Boat Company in Lancaster were stranded in the factory after their cars were snowed in. The men slept in bunks in the boats the company made, and took advantage of a candy machine for sustenance. Worker Walter Leatherman of Lancaster seemed content with the situation in a phone interview, saying, "The place is well heated and there is a candy machine, so we aren't getting too hungry. Our only trouble is that we are running out of nickels, and the machine won't take dimes.'

### OTHER NEWS



There are only two stories on this front page that don't deal with the winter storm. One relates the

news of a "neatly dressed, well-mannered forger" who had defrauded two local banks out of \$600. The other, a singlesentence wire story, is the type of quirky news that would be just as appealing today as it no doubt was in 1953. That Middletown, Ohio, story reads, "Thieves who broke into the home of Mrs. Hayes Macy for the second time within three days stole only one thing, the family watchdog.'







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