

WEATHER
To-day: Partly Clear
Felt: A bit warmer Monday
Tendency: Increasing Cloudiness
and warmer.
An Intelligence Journal Storm
graph reads—high wide,
with cool wave preceded by
squalls.

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6 KILLED BY TRAIN AT FLORIN

LOCAL PARTY VICTIMS OF P. R. R. FLYER

Four Of One Family And Two Friends, All Of This City, Killed Instantly When Train Hits Auto At Unguarded Crossing

Driver Of Machine In O Hurry, Family He Had Just Visited, Says; Chose Crossing Without Watchman In Order To Arrive On Paved Highway More Quickly

Three men and three women were instantly killed at 9:30 o'clock Sunday evening when a west bound express train struck the automobile in which they were riding, at the un-

CRASH VICTIMS

Alfred Holden, sixty, of 517 West Walnut street.
Hettie Holden, sixty four, his wife.
George H. Fry, twenty six, of 26 Coral street.
Dorothy Frey, twenty four, his wife.
John W. Miller, twenty nine, of 522 St. Joseph street.
Anna Miller, twenty two, his wife.

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guaraded Plum street crossing of the Pennsylvania railroad at Florin.

The party had just left the home of Mr. and Mrs. Evans J. Carpenter, on Wood street, a block from the railway crossing. Instead of following Wood street to Market street and turning there to cross the railroad where a watchman is stationed, George Fry, the driver, turned at Plum street, the nearest way, in order to cross to get on the Harrisburg-Lancaster pike.

While no witnesses to the crash are known, it is believed he drove directly in front of the engine. The car was carried 200 feet up the track before being hurled aside, the bodies being flung far from the track.

All the bodies were mangled almost beyond recognition. The victims were identified only by the Carpenter family, who heard the crash just after their visitors had left the house.

According to the Carpenters, Mr. and Mrs. Holden, friends of theirs since the Carpenters lived in Lancaster 30 years ago, came to visit them and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Cosgrove, on Saturday afternoon, remaining for the week end.

George Fry, the Holdens' son in law, drove them to Florin in his car, returning to Lancaster immediately. On Sunday evening shortly after 9 o'clock he came to take them home, accompanied by his wife, Dorothy, the Holdens' daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Miller, their friends.

"They were hardly here ten minutes," Mr. Carpenter said Sunday night. "George was in a hurry, the way he always is, and didn't take off his coat. The others didn't either, and it was all we could do to make them stop long enough to eat a piece of cake.

"Then they all got in the car, six of them. We stood on the porch and saw them go around the corner at Plum street, and then went inside. A minute later we heard a crash, but didn't think much about it until someone saw that a train had stopped and that red flares were being sent up. I knew then that something had happened, and it wasn't long until we found out they had all been killed."

The train was the advance section of the "American," New York to Chicago express. It stopped some distance from the crossing, owing to the great speed at which it was traveling. Red flares were sent up at the rear of the train, and the crew came back to help clear the bodies and wreckage from the track.

Eli Arndt, track foreman at Florin, took charge of the work. Deputy Coroner Jack O'Neill, of Mount Joy was summoned to take charge of the bodies, which were first placed in a tool house, and later removed to the Roy Sheetz Under-

GRADE CROSSING VICTIMS



GEORGE H. FRY



MRS. FRY



MRS. HOLDEN



ALFRED HOLDEN



J. W. MILLER



MRS. MILLER

FUNERALS FOR FOUR VICTIMS ARE ARRANGED

Two Investigations Into Accident Which Killed Six Underway

NO INQUEST PLANNED

Funeral arrangements for two of the couples killed in the accident at Florin, Sunday night, have been completed and will be held on successive days. Arrangements for the funeral of the third couple have not been completed.

As the mourning families prepare for the last rites of their dead, two investigations into the causes of the accident were started on Monday, one by the Public Service Commission, the other by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

County Coroner Dr. J. D. Hershey, of Manheim, informed of the facts in the case, stated that no investigation would be conducted by him and praised the work of his deputy, O. H. O'Neil, of Mount Joy. After securing information for his report, Deputy Coroner O'Neil stated on Monday that no inquest would be held.

Miller Obsequies Wednesday

Friends and relatives of the family have been invited to attend funeral services for Mr. and Mrs. John W. Miller, which will be held at the late home, 522 St. Joseph street, at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The burial will be in the Millersville cemetery. The family announced on Monday that the bodies of the young couple may be viewed at the home Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Strictly private funeral services will be held for Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Holden, at the Frey Funeral Parlors, 124 College avenue, Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. Frederick P. Houghton, pastor of St. John's Episcopal church, will officiate. Burial will be in the family plot in Greenwood cemetery.

Funeral services for Mr. and Mrs. George H. Fry, of 26 Coral street, had not been completed Monday night.

An investigation into the accident was started Monday morning by the Bureau of Accidents of the Public Service Commission. John P. Donohy, chief of the bureau, stated Monday night that in the absence of witnesses, their agent had been unable to gather much information.

Will Continue Investigation

"We will continue the investigation," he said, "to learn whether reckless driving or other factors were re-

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FUNERAL FOR FOUR VICTIMS

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sponsible for this serious accident." An investigation for the Pennsylvania Railroad was started by H. L. Jones, of Harrisburg, district claim agent, who went to Florin Monday morning, after an examination of the locomotive had been made at Harrisburg. The bottom of the locomotive was covered with blood and parts of the bodies were found. A part of one of the bodies was found on the engine Monday night, it was learned.

Mr. Jones declared on Monday night, by telephone, that his investigation would be continued for several days, before he would be able to issue a complete statement.

Dr. Hershey, in supporting his deputy's statement that no inquest would be necessary, explained that "the purpose of a coroner's inquest is to determine the cause of death. In this case, there is nothing to be determined, as it is plainly evident the six persons were killed when their automobile was struck by a locomotive."

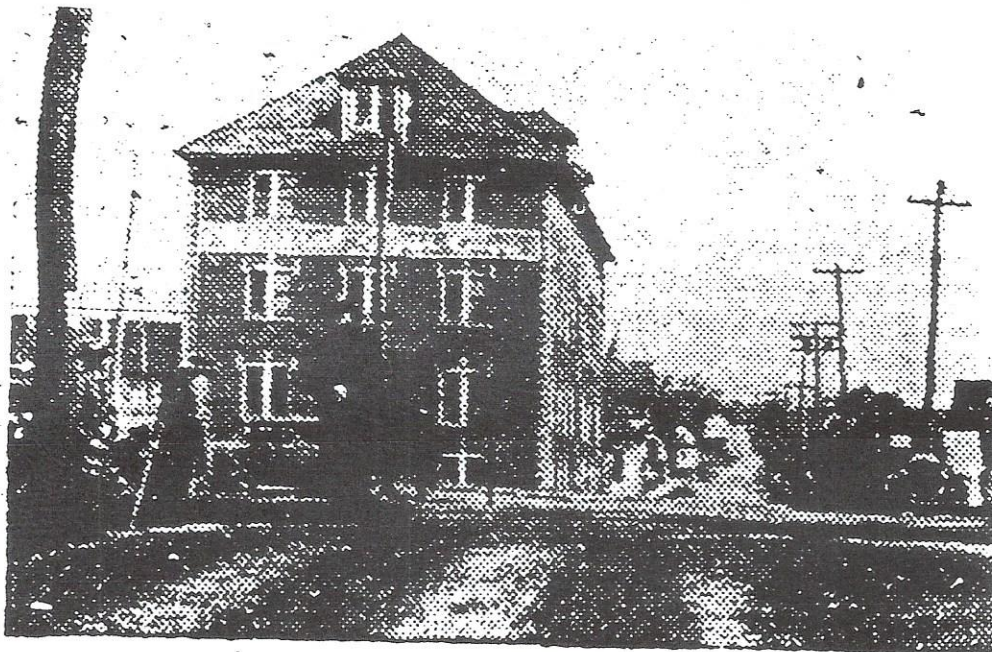
2 Of 6 Victims Of Train Buried

Funeral services for Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, 522 St. Joseph street, two of the six victims of a grade crossing accident at Florin on Sunday night, were held Wednesday afternoon at the late home. More than fifty automobiles made up the cortege from the home to Millersville cemetery.

The bodies were viewed by more than 1,400 persons on Tuesday evening. To permit the crowd to pass by the biers it was necessary to have the home open almost an hour more than was originally intended. Three city policemen were kept busy directing traffic. The room in which the bodies laid was filled with floral tributes.

Strictly private services will be held this Thursday for Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Holden, 517 West Walnut street.

Requiem Mass will be celebrated this Thursday morning at St. Anthony's Catholic church for Mr. and Mrs. George Fry, 728 East King street. The public was not allowed to view the bodies as had been originally intended. A service was held at the home Wednesday evening by the Holy Name society.



The unguarded Pennsylvania Railroad grade cross where six Lancaster persons lost their lives Sunday night.

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W. H. B. Ward, of the Pennsylvania Railroad police at Lancaster, arrived on the scene shortly after the accident, and began investigation. No information was obtainable other than what could be learned from persons who arrived at the crossing after the accident, since no one was about the station at the time.

The accident Sunday night brings the death toll at this crossing to a total of eight. Two persons were killed there several years ago when driving a team and wagon across.

Deputy Coroner O'Neill was to complete identification of the bodies this Monday through relatives in Lancaster.

The crossing at Plum street is a narrow one, hardly wide enough for two automobiles to pass each other. There are two tracks. As the Frey car approached, the Florin station was at their right, one the other side of the tracks from them.

There are several houses on the opposite side at the right to obstruct view of an approaching train, until the driver is quite close to the crossing.

On the other side of Plum street from the station is a platform for loading freight, with a freight car backed up to it on a siding. Farther up the tracks, but a little distance from the main tracks, is the section tool house.

Survivors of Families

Mr. and Mrs. Holden, whose daughter and son-in-law were also killed, are survived by the following sons and daughters: Ellen, wife of Lawrence Snyder, 114 Old Dorwart street; Martha, wife of George Myers, 730 West Vine street; Victoria, wife of Paul Meiskey, 413 1/2 Manor street, and George, 322 East Lemon street.

Mr. and Mrs. Fry have no children, Mr. Fry driver of the death car, is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Fry, of 728 East King street; a brother, John, twenty-four, and a sister, Gertrude, who both reside at home, and another brother, Samuel, in the state of Mississippi.

Mr. Miller is survived by his father, John Miller, Sr., of 316 North Mulberry street, and the following brothers and sisters: Russell, Nickle Mines; Miss Beatrice Miller, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Elsie Balmer, of Lititz, and Miss Helen Miller, of Manheim.

Mrs. Miller is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Mum-

Hats Found On Train Pilot At Harrisburg

When Pennsylvania Railroad Train No. 65, the advance section of the "American" pulled into the Harrisburg station Sunday night, two men's hats, gruesome mementos of the fatal crash at Florin in which six persons were killed shortly before, found on the pilot.

They had lodged there when the train struck the automobile, and remained unnoticed until the engine entered the brightly lighted station.

Other parts of the clothing of the victims were found scattered widely around the scene of the crash. Two shoes leaped prominently into view as searchers flashed their lights about the wreck, which was a twisted mass of steel with all wood and upholstery burned from it.

maw, of 522 St. Joseph street; her grandmother, Mrs. Mary H. Mummaw of Columbia; an aunt, Mrs. John Gagin, of Columbia, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Mary Baumgardner, of Columbia; Mrs. Henrietta Dommel, 354 South Prince street; Samuel H. Mummaw, 354 South Prince street; Grace, Clara James, Sara, Arthur, Harry and Edward, all at home.