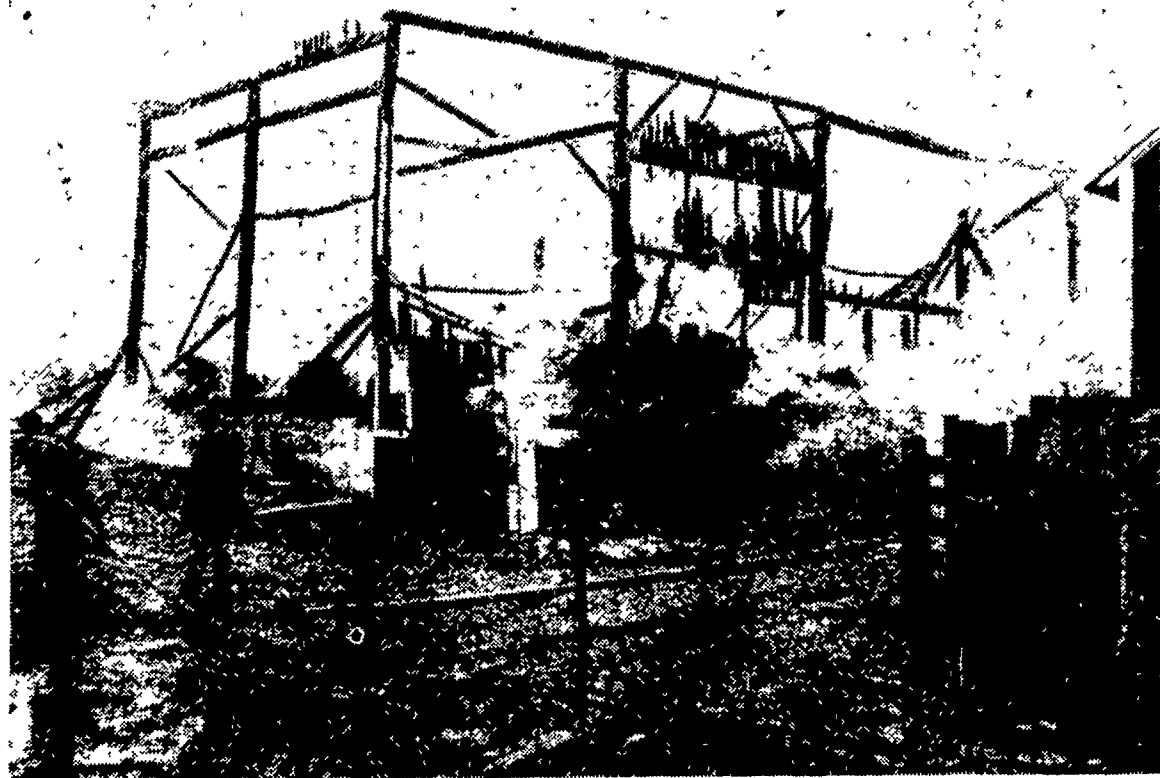


Barn Near Georgetown Burns



Only the charred framework of a barn remains after fire swept the structure Friday morning on the farm of Joe Bolton at Frackman's Mill a half mile west of Georgetown in the Mt. Pleasant Community.

Mr Bolton was not home, working on a road project near Camargo, but the barking of a dog "Fluffy" alerted Mr Bolton's grandson, Johnny, 11. His grandmother phoned the alarm, and companies from both Quarryville and Georgetown (Bart Township) responded.

Cow, Calf, Pigs Lost

Johnny, whose mother also works, was staying with his grandparents, under observation and recuperating from minor injuries suffered when a plate glass window collapsed and crashed to the sidewalk in the April 28 windstorm in downtown Lancaster, showering him with broken glass.

Nearness to Market Spurs Beef Output

Nearness of "the greatest consumer markets in the United States" should offer incentive for increased production of beef cattle on Pennsylvania farms, State Secretary of Agriculture William L. Henning declared at Lancaster recently.

"The time is ripe for Pennsylvania to increase its beef cattle production," he told 250 southeastern Pennsylvania farmers at a meeting in the nearby Guernsey sales pavilion, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Cooperative Association and member county branches of the area.

Feeder Cattle Decline

Noting that there was a decline of 2 per cent in the number of feeder cattle counted in Department of Agriculture surveys this January 1 compared with a year earlier, Dr Henning said that for the United States there was a gain of 1 per cent in feeder cattle numbers.

Pennsylvania farms are capable of producing a surplus of grass on which young steers can be fattened for market, he explained. Most feeder cattle are now found in the southeastern counties of Pennsylvania, but other areas are capable of carrying an expanded beef cattle feeding and breeding program, he added.

Cattle, Calves Off 2%

Cattle and calves on feed this January 1 in Pennsylvania totaled 82,000 head, 2 per cent below the 84,000 on hand a year earlier, but 8 per cent below the 5-year 1950-54 average.

Of the 82,000 head on January 1, a slightly larger percentage were in the heavier weight groups compared with a year ago, with 58 per cent weighing less than 900 lbs compared with 64 per cent last year.

Mrs Bolton reported a cow, calf, 20 head of pigs and a sow were burned in the fire. Firemen, after extinguishing the blaze, probed the ruins in hopes some might have survived. A quantity of baled hay, valued at \$1200, was destroyed.

String 1000 Feet of Hose

The barn and nearby buildings were covered with asphalt shingles, which helped curtail damage to other buildings. Several

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score neighbors were on the scene within minutes and helped with hoses.

The Bart Company strung hoses from a creek just west of the mill, about 1000 feet from the fire. Some insurance was carried.

Defective electrical wiring was reported as cause of the fire.

4H Tractor Club Meets March 19 At Herr Garage

Monday, March 19 will be the next meeting of the Southern Lancaster County 4-H Tractor Club at the E. L. Herr Estate Garage in Wakefield, the club announced at its meeting Monday night in the C. E. Wiley & Son establishment at Quarryville.

Fred Frey, leader, urges that those interested in joining when they reach the age of 12 to 14 attend meetings of the Club. This applies especially to those who will be eligible to join in a year or two.

Monday night Glenn and Murl Aument conducted a safety demonstration on use of shields with power takeoffs, and using a pipe and rag with an electric drill to catch bits of metal that might cause injury to the individual.

A movie, "The Why of Auto Lubrication," telling of different oils and why they should be used, as was shown to the 14 members present. First year members studied tractor safety under Mr. Frey, and safety violations were pointed out to members. Third year members heard Fred Linton discuss different size bolts, their use, and the fitting of wrenches, according to John Wagner, reporter.

Dairy and Crop Meeting Held At Morgantown

Attendance was much more than expected at the special meeting on dairy and crops at Morgantown Tuesday night, according to Chester County Agent Robert A. Powers, Jr.

Although around 25 were expected, 70 from the Morgantown, Honey Brook and Elverson area were present. The meeting extended until 11 p. m., with Joseph C. Nageotte, extension dairy specialist from Pennsylvania State University discussing feeding, management, and prevention of internal parasites, Soil Testing, by Max M. Smith, Lancaster County agricultural agent; hand fertilization of hay and pasture lands by Mr. Powers. J. F. Haldeman, Berks county agricultural agent, told of means for controlling garlic in pastures.

Meanwhile, Mr. Powers reports practically all Chester county dairymen have signed the individual plan in the statewide drive against brucellosis. Work is advancing there too on area tests.

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