



Lititz firemen battle \$40,000 blaze that destroyed a frame barn belonging to Mahlon Martin, Lexington Road, Lititz RD2, last Thursday. The fire started from sparks from an electric mixer which Martin was using to mix paint in his barn.

about 15 feet from the burning barn.
Relays were set up to a cistern and a farm pond, both about a half mile's distance from the Martin property.
Firemen were working at the scene of the fire for approximately three and one-half hours.
No livestock had been kept in the barn.

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Electric Paint Mixer Starts \$40,000 Fire

Mahlon Martin's barn on Lexington Rd. was destroyed by fire on Thursday morning after sparks from an electric paint mixer ignited the frame structure.

Martin told firemen he was mixing paint inside the barn when the fire started.

Damages were estimated at \$40,000. No injuries resulted from the conflagration.

Lititz firemen were summoned to the scene from a chemical spill call at Travis Mills, Inc., W. Lincoln Ave. Because they had been using water from their 1200 gallon mobile tank, only 800 gallons remained.

This lack of tank water

plus the fact that water was not available in the Lexington Rd. area made it necessary for the Lititz Fire Co. to summon help from Penryn, Manheim and Brunnerville.

Two Lititz firemen, Leroy Emmerich and Leo Neff, became ill at the scene of the barn fire, but authorities later attributed their illness to the fact that both men had worked at the Travis Mills chemical spill for a period of time without masks where a 55 gallon drum of butanol had ruptured on an inside loading dock.

Firemen were able to save a machine shop located

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