

# Fire destroys 61 hogs

QUARRYVILLE — "It could have been a lot worse," said Judy Baylis, R1 Quarryville. She explained that she and her husband, Richard, usually keep 60 head of calves in their barn that burned to the ground early Tuesday morning.

The fire, which Judy discovered a little before 3 a.m., destroyed 61 head of hogs, ranging in size from babies to finished slaughter hogs.

"I heard a noise like something falling, and when I rolled over in bed, I saw the glow in the window. By the time I realized what was happening, the barn was totally in flames," she recalled.

"Even though we lost the hogs and the buildings, we have so much to be thankful for. The wind was blowing the heat away from the house and our veal barns. I'm thankful because I had

three sleeping children upstairs."

According to Quarryville fire chief Jim Herr, their company arrived at the scene in about eight minutes. By the time they sped from the fire house, down the winding Route 372, to the farm located midway to the Buck, the barn was fully involved.

The Quarryville volunteers were assisted in controlling the fire by companies from Rawlinsville, Bart and Refton.

Herr said the blaze was not considered suspicious, although the state police fire marshal, Dennis Gehrhart, could not determine the cause.

When Baylis saw the fire, it appeared to be on the second floor, reported the fire chief. There were no heat lamps in the barn, and a kerosene heater had run out of fuel the Saturday before the fire.

Herr noted there was a water heater run by propane gas in the barn, but he did not say this was a possible cause. He also ruled out the fire being caused by a tractor because the diesel tractor that was in the barn had not been used for months, and the gasoline tractor was kept outside.

The fire claimed the old bank barn, the tobacco shed and several other smaller sheds along with a tractor, hay wagon, and corn planter. The damage estimate totaled \$85,000, \$75,000 for the buildings and \$10,000 for the contents.

Judy Baylis said that



In an early morning blaze, 61 hogs were lost on the Baylis farm near Quarryville.

## Tobacco vote coming up

LANCASTER — Tobacco farmers will once again have the chance to vote for or against a referendum which calls for production quotas, according to Ray Brubaker, County Executive Director for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

All tobacco producers are eligible to vote on February 25, he stated. Ballots will be sent to those farmers who are ASCS cooperators, along with their allotment of farm acreage.

If a tobacco farmer who is not on record at the local ASCS office would like to vote, he or she should stop in at the office to "register".

The question that will be decided is: "Are you in favor of marketing quotas for cigar-filler, type 41, tobacco

for the three marketing years beginning October 1, 1980?" SM

## Lancaster to run

### estate sessions

LANCASTER — Estate planning, wills and taxes will be the topic for discussion Thursday, February 21, 7:30 p.m. at the Farm and Home Center.

Wayne Kelly, Professor of Farm Management, Penn State University, will be the speaker for the evening.

The meeting has been planned in an effort to update public understanding of the laws dealing with estates. A review of laws governing estates for farm families will be included.

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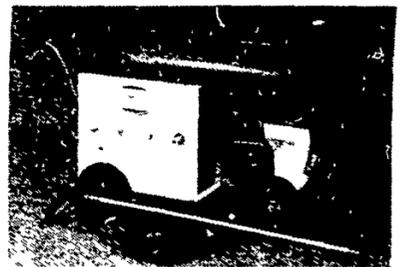
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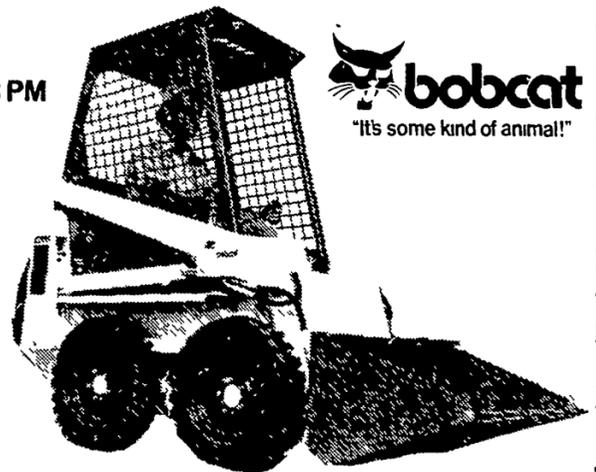
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