



LOGANTON IN RUINS.

Fire Practically Wipes Clinton County Town Off the Map—79 Buildings Prey to Raging Fire.

Fire, having its origin in a bakery, practically leveled the borough of Loganton, a quiet little town nestled in the mountains of Clinton county, sixteen miles south of Lock Haven. By actual count, forty-one homes and business buildings and thirty-two stables and barns were consumed by the conflagration which raged with the utmost fury for two and one-half hours before being checked by the new American-LaFrance pumper from Jersey Shore, after three-fourths of the village had been destroyed, including the finest buildings and homes.

The fire occurred Wednesday afternoon of last week.

NO CHECKING OF FLAMES.

The fire broke out in that portion of the E. M. DeLong building occupied by Clair Kemmerer, son of County Commissioner James L. Kemmerer, as a bakery, on the north side of Main street, in the western section of the town. The flames were first seen on the roof, and it is thought a defective flue or a spark from a chimney started the fire. The flames leaped across the road and communicated to the Logan House, owned by Samuel Baum, of Philadelphia, across the road on the west. This large building was consumed, but, in the meantime, the flames were swept along in an easterly direction and communicated to the Lutheran church, on the south side of the street, and all the buildings on both sides of the street, eastward for a distance of half a mile, were entirely destroyed, the flames being halted at the home of A. D. Karstetter, on the south side of the street, and at the home of E. E. Morris, on the north side of the street, by the Jersey Shore firemen, with their pumper, which was stationed on a bridge at a small run in the eastern section of the town. Twenty less pretentious houses are yet standing on that end of the street, which would have been consumed by the onward sweep of the flames had it not been for the arrival of the Jersey Shore pumper. At the western end of the street eighteen houses remain standing, including the First National Bank building, while a dozen or more dwellings north and south of the Main street, as well as the large brick school house on the south side of the town, and the Sugar Valley Journal office, on the north side, remain standing.

The buildings destroyed were: On the north side of Main street—Building owned by E. M. DeLong and occupied by him and Clair Kemmerer as a bakery; E. E. Herscher's house and barn; Lutheran church, parsonage and barn; John Brown's large general store and two fine houses occupied by himself and family and Mrs. Eva Lebo, and two stables; Guy Boone's general store, fine new residence and stable; United Evangelical church, parsonage and stable; Mrs. Sarah Snyder's house and stable; T. H. Harter's house and stable; J. C. Frank's barber shop; Mrs. John Musser's house and stable; George Harmon's house and stable; Henry Mark's general store and big ware house; Sugar Valley Mutual Fire Insurance Company building; Henry Mark's house and stable; E. E. Morris & Sons' hardware store and two stables; E. E. Morris' house partly destroyed.

On the south side of the street—Lutheran church, Peter Lauth's house and stable; Edward Heller's house and stable; Mrs. Lou Boone's house and stable; Lillie Atkin's house; Cephas Frank's house and stable; Russell Berry's auto repairing and vulcanizing shop; H. E. Boob's house and stable; G. W. Berry's house and stable; A. D. Karstetter's building, in which the post office was located; W. A. Morris' house and stable; Russell Tyson's stable; Henry Wise's house; C. C. Brungard's house, stable, slaughter house and ice house, tenanted by Charles Mayer. On Anthony street—McClelland Brungard's two stables; E. E. Morris' stable; Mrs. Ann Shutt's stable and John Geiswite's stable. Others in addition were Howard Barner's house and barn; Cephas Schrack's house and stable; Henry Kerstetter's house; Odd Fellows' Hall and two stables and Cornelius Karstetter's house and stable.

FOOB FAMILY BURNED OUT.

The family of Rev. F. H. Foss, who this spring moved from Centre Hall to Loganton, were among the heaviest losers, having practically all their possessions destroyed. The piano and one or two other articles were saved, every thing else being prey to the flames. The most unfortunate part of it all was that the family failed to have their insurance transferred upon leaving Centre Hall, thereby losing that protection.

LOSSES ESTIMATED AT \$250,000.

While it is next to impossible to ascertain the loss sustained by each business house and family, conservative estimate, based on the assessed valuation of the real estate of the borough, and taking into account the stocks carried by the stores, place the total loss at between \$250,000 and \$275,000.

The fine spirit being manifested by the stricken citizens is admirable. In the face of the great disaster they are maintaining their courage and many are living in tents for the time being. The most optimistic declare that the little town will rise again from its ashes, while others sorrowfully shake their heads and predict that the town will not be rebuilt because of the removal of the railroad, and the high cost of living.

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158 BOYS GO TO-MORROW.

Largest Contingent to Leave Centre County Assembling in Bellefonte To-Day.

One hundred and fifty-eight boys—at a period in life when hopes are highest, vitality strongest, and their usefulness greatest—are assembling today (Thursday) in Bellefonte to answer the call of their country to enter for the training camp at Camp Lee, Virginia, subsequently to leave for France to meet the Hun so that those whom they leave behind might be saved from the monster's bloody hand. They will make an imposing spectacle as they march to railway depot and Bellefonte is preparing to give them a royal send-off. There will be a big parade, band music and appropriate speakers.

Of all the contingents sent from Centre county this will be by far the largest. The night preceding their departure will be spent in Bellefonte, the young men to be divided into groups and placed in the various hotels in the town.

The Reporter published a complete list of the young men called a few weeks ago, and below is appended a list of those whose homes are in Penna Valley and close proximity.

James F. Adams, State College
Harry M. Armstrong, Pleasant Gap
Harry A. Bohn, Coburn
Homer H. Bowersox, Woodward
Guernsey F. Boob, Millheim
David R. Bushman, Centre Hall
Herman F. Confer, Millheim
Franklin R. Durst, Centre Hall
Abraham Engle, Coburn
Lee W. Frazier, Spring Mills
Ernest J. Hall, State College
Bruce C. Homam, Aaronsburg
Charles R. Hosterman, Coburn
George L. Huss, Spring Mills
Carl A. Johnsonbaugh, State College
Bethard M. Keller, Centre Hall
Newell B. Long, State College
Ambrose Lyons, State College
Victor L. Meyer, Pleasant Gap
Charles Miller, Centre Hall
Claude E. Musser, Millheim
Sumner C. Musser, Aaronsburg
John Pierson, State College
Edward L. Rhoads, State College
Joseph Russel, Pleasant Gap
Henry Sents, Jr., State College
Keller M. Snyder, Oak Hall
Edwin Spotts, State College
Earl V. Staveley, State College
Bruce M. Stover, Millheim
Eugene J. Sullivan, State College
Raymond S. Taylor, State College
Donald Williams, State College

No Paper Next Week.

Next week being the week of the Fourth of July, no paper will be issued from this office, which is in keeping with a custom long in vogue. It will permit the office work to enjoy a week's respite from the arduous duties of newspaper publishing, and will be greatly enjoyed. The next issue will be the date of July 11th.

Has New Auto Truck.

Clyde Bradford, the drayman, is in step with progress and recently put in operation a fine new auto truck to replace his horse in the delivery of coal and railroad shipments. The new method of draying means treble the amount of trips as compared with horse and wagon.

Elected New Officers.

Washington Camp, No. 889, P. O. S. of A., at its last regular meeting elected the following officers for the ensuing term of six months:
President, W. W. Kerlin.
Vice President, William Rockey.
Master of Forms, Edgar Miller.
Recording Secretary, S. C. Brungard.

Inspector, Merritt Tate.
Guard, T. L. Smith.
Trustee, E. S. Ripks.
Sec-Treas. Special Good Order Fund, E. S. Ripks.

Installation of officers will be held Wednesday, July 3rd.

Demonstration at Potters Mills.

A canning and drying demonstration will be held at Potters Mills under the auspices of the Centre County Farm Bureau, this (Thursday) evening.

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LETTER FROM FRANCE.

Boalsburg Boy Writes of Life in France—Thought Air Raid a Joke.

The following letter has been received by Mrs. Edward Lucas, of Boalsburg, from her son, Ray Lucas, who recently arrived overseas:

Somewhere in France,
May 30, 1918.

My dear—

I have been thinking of all you people at home for some time. I have been wanting to let you know that I arrived safely over the deep blue sea.

I suppose you all are worried because you haven't heard from me for some time, but I don't want any one to worry at all. I am in the best of health and hope you all are as well as when I left you. The reason I haven't written before is that I haven't been able to get writing paper, so you will have to excuse the delay. It is very hard to get paper where I am stationed at the present, but will be easier later.

I suppose you people are preparing for a big day today, as it is Decoration Day, for I remember it was always a big day at home. I suppose it hasn't changed very much. We boys have this day as a vacation to observe as a holiday.

This is a very nice country "over here", and is very picturesque, but I can assure you that it doesn't have anything on the good old U. S. A. for scenery. I am perfectly contented here, and as it is going on my fourth year of army life, of course I like it more each year.

We are sleeping in billets but I suppose you don't understand what they are, but any way the name is certainly suitable for the place. When I get back home it will be so interesting to tell you all these things.

We had a lovely trip coming over. Most of the boys were sea-sick, but I didn't mind it at all; it was just like riding on anything else to me.

I enjoyed my few days at home very much; reached New York O. K., found all the boys waiting for me.

I am going to play a game of base ball this afternoon. If I were home I suppose I would be doing the same as we always had a game Decoration Day.

All the boys in our Company are in the best of health. Over here they say "over there", meaning the U. S. A. "Over there" is "over there" they said "over there", meaning in France, so you see it is the same.

I am not with my Company at present, for I am going to gas school about twelve miles from them. I will go back next week when I have finished my lessons. I am getting along very well with the gas and like to learn about it as it is so interesting to know the different gases and the different ways they are being used. When I have finished I go back and teach a number of our boys what I have learned.

I was in England three days and came directly to where we are in France now.

We had several air raids some time ago; all of us thought it was a joke, and had lots of fun.

Well, mother, as it is time for me to practice for my base ball game, I must close, hoping to hear from you all soon.

Your loving son,
RAY LUCAS.

Entertainment Saturday Night.

You will again have an opportunity to do a bit for the Red Cross by attending the entertainment in Grange hall Saturday night, June 29th. It will be remembered that local talent a number of weeks ago rendered their patriotic concert at Salons, the proceeds going to the Red Cross. Now the Salons people are working for the Red Cross along similar lines and have prepared a very interesting and creditable program, including male quartettes, flag drills by girls, recitations, etc. Considering the hospitality accorded our town people on their visit to Salons, it is only fair that a spirit of reciprocity asserts itself, resulting in a well-filled hall on Saturday night. The entire proceeds will remain at home, to be credited to the Centre Hall Auxiliary. The local P. O. S. of A. has again taken charge and hopes to make a success of it.

Don't turn down the solicitor when he or she asks you to buy a ticket. Prices, 10, 20 and 25 cents.

Expect Big Peach Crop in Snyder Co.

Although the strawberry and cherry yields this season have proven rather disappointing the same will not be true of peaches. Careful estimates place the volume of the Snyder county peach crop this year at a greater level than during the past quarter century. The trees and buds were not affected at all by the temperature of last winter and spring and the succeeding season has been extremely favorable for large production.

FATAL AUTO WRECK.

Four Persons Injured When Wheel Collapses.—R. D. Albert Dies Later in Hospital.

A fatal auto accident occurred Sunday afternoon near Pine Grove Mills, resulting in the death of R. D. Albert, the serious injury of his aunt, Mrs. Margaret Reed, Mrs. Sarah Burwell sustaining several broken ribs, and her son, George Burwell, a broken arm and other injuries.

The party had gone on a pleasure trip to Petersburg, Mr. Albert driving a new Ford car. On the return trip, within sight of home, a front wheel collapsed, and the car turned turtle, pinning the occupants beneath. Mrs. Burwell was the only one able to extricate herself, the driver and his aunt having been rendered unconscious. A passing car soon brought aid to the victims and the more seriously injured—Mr. Albert and Mrs. Reed—were rushed to the Bellefonte hospital, where the former died Monday afternoon. Mrs. Reed is still in a serious condition, having sustained a broken collar bone, several broken ribs and possibly internal injuries.

Raymond D. Albert was born in Kansas, twenty-seven years ago, and since two years of age lived with his aunt, Mrs. Reed. He was a mail carrier on the star route between State College and Pine Grove Mills. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and a worker in all its branches. He was also a member of Penna Valley Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Little Girl Run Down by Car at Lemont.

Eleanor Wasson, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Wasson, of Lemont, made a narrow escape from death last Thursday evening at six o'clock when she was struck down by an automobile on the road close to her home, resulting in injuries which for a time appeared might prove fatal. Although having been unconscious for twenty-four hours, the tot has recovered sufficiently to warrant the assertion that her complete recovery is only a matter of time.

The little girl was following a load of hay which her father was bringing off the farm to the barn and for some reason stepped out from behind the wagon just as the car was passing. Those who witnessed the accident say that the driver was in no way to blame. The car was a Ford, contained six people, and belonged to Mr. Condo, of Sugar Valley, who was returning with the Clinton county farmers from the excursion to the college.

The child's collar bone was broken, her face and legs badly cut, besides having numerous other bruises about the body.

The Corman Family Reunion.

The fourth annual reunion of the Corman family was held on Grange Park, Centre Hall, on Saturday. In the morning the weather was rather unfavorable, but soon the bright skies began to appear and the families of Penna, Brush and Pittsburg valleys began to turn out till by noon a hundred and fifty-five persons were on the ground. After friendly greetings and social chat the hour for the sumptuous feast arrived which took two hours to get away with. The entertainment consisted of music by the 'Girl' Band of Milesburg, which was greatly enjoyed by all; a kind and friendly feeling was formed between the "family" and the "band" so when other reunions are held "they'll have a bid". Rev. Still gave a pleasant address; a poem was given by A. N. Corman on "Uncle Sam's Boys in France" which was well received. At present the family has seven boys in active service.

The former officers were re-elected; A. N. Corman, president; C. W. Corman, vice president; W. T. Korman, secretary; Nathan Korman, treasurer. Committee on program and entertainment, C. W. Corman, Em. Korman and W. F. Stover.

Drawing of 21-Year Old Registrants Soon.

Drawing of the 21-year-old registrants' numbers will be held at an early date, it was announced at Provost Marshal General Crowder's office recently. The date, although not announced is understood to be around July 1. The drawing will be held in the same manner as the original one, with a few slight variations. It also developed that heavy calls for the draft will come next month, but thereafter a sliding scale of fewer men than heretofore will prevail. This is due to the situation recently pointed out, namely that transportation must be adjusted to supply problems soon after we pass the 1,000,000 troop mark.

Just received a car each of wire, sand, brick and cement. If in need of anything in these lines, get our price first. We have bought right, therefore can sell right.

BRADFORD & SON

DEATHS.

Samuel Bible, a life-long resident of Potters Mills, passed away at his home in that place on Friday, his death occurring on the anniversary of his birth. Mr. Bible was born near Potters Mills, June 21, 1845, and on the day of his death was seventy-three years old. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a good citizen. Two sons and one daughter survive, as follows: J. Forrest, W. Clark, and Mrs. Joseph Carson. Also the following brothers and sister: John, William W., David E. and Jacob R. Bible, and Mrs. Lida Miller, the latter of Girard, Kansas. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, burial being made at Sprucetown, Rev. W. H. Williams officiating.

Mrs. Nancy McClintick, widow of Samuel McClintick, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Corman, at Penn Hall, on Saturday morning, after lengthy illness. For two years Mrs. McClintick was bedfast and became a great care. She was aged seventy-eight years March 7th, last, and was a daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Hook, being born at Walnut Grove, near Boalsburg. Her husband passed away thirteen years ago, and surviving her are the following children: Mrs. Sarah Corman, Penn Hall; Frank, at Linden Hall; Lloyd, of Iowa state; Mrs. Morris Miller, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Luther Peters, of Pennsylvania Furnace, and William, of Linden Hall. There remain also three sisters: Mrs. William Bradford, of Centre Hall; Mrs. Elizabeth Shewalter, of Union county, and Mrs. Ellen Toner, of Lewistown.

Deceased was a member of the Reformed church. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning and burial made beside her husband in the Boalsburg cemetery, Rev. S. C. Stover officiating.

Cyrus Barr, after a year's illness of palsy, died at his home in Boalsburg, Friday morning. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barr and was born near McElvay's Fort sixty-five years ago. He was married to Miss Susan Harpeter, the couple spending most of their life at Gatesburg. Two years ago they moved to Boalsburg. The widow, one son in the west, and a daughter, Mrs. Charles Young, of Boalsburg, survive, as do a sister, Mrs. Blair Gates, of Gatesburg, and a brother, Homer Barr, of Boalsburg. Deceased was a member of the Lutheran church. Burial was made Sunday afternoon in the Gatesburg cemetery.

William H. Stiver, one of the few remaining veterans of the war of the rebellion, passed away at his home in Centre Hall last Thursday morning at 1:30 o'clock, after having suffered a number of months with a complication of diseases.

Mr. Stiver was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stiver and was born in Boalsburg on July 18th, 1840, hence was in his seventy-eighth year. He served during the Civil war as a member of Company G, 210th regiment Penna. volunteers. After the war he engaged in farming near Centre Hill where he lived until his retirement sixteen years ago when he moved to Centre Hall. He was a member of the G. A. R. and the Presbyterian church, a man who had the confidence and esteem of a wide circle of friends.

On November 17th, 1887, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Carner, of Hubersburg, who survives with no children. He leaves, however, two sisters, Mrs. Mary Barr, of Tyrone, and Mrs. Martha Lane, of Waterloo, N. Y. The death of Mr. Stiver comes as a double bereavement to his wife, who just recently buried her sister.

Funeral services were held at the house at ten o'clock Monday morning by Rev. Josiah Still, assisted by Rev. R. R. Jones, after which burial was made in the Centre Hall cemetery.

Teachers for Potter Twp. Elected.

At a meeting of the Potter township school board, held on Saturday afternoon, the following teachers were elected to teach the next term of public school:

Potters Mills Grammar, Franklin Heckman.
Potters Mills Primary, Bertha Miller.

Centre Hill, T. L. Moore.
Tusseyville, Elizabeth Bitner.
Tussey Sink, Esther Bitner.
Earlystown, Lillian Emery.
Manor Hill, Ralph Luse.
Plum Grove, Anna Grove.
Pine Stump, Madeline Spayck.
Pine Grove, Mary Slutterbeck.
Loop, William Rockey.
Fleisher's Gap, E. W. Miller.
Cold Spring, Wilbur Runkle.

No paper next week.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

No paper next week.
Build with cement—the material that wears longest.—R. D. Foreman.
A heavy rain fell Friday night, doing considerable good to growing crops.

The old Duncan House, at Milroy, has been renamed "The Brookside Hotel".

Help the Red Cross again: Attend the entertainment in Grange hall Saturday night of this week.

Millheim council has passed an ordinance prohibiting the use of cut-outs on autos within the borough limits.

Some garden truck was "nipped" by Saturday night's cold in some section of the valley. And at June 22nd, too.

If you want to buy War Savings Stamps at the \$4.17 rate, see that you make your purchase before the close of the month.

Centre Hall can "go over" handsomely in the War Savings Stamp sales if we all do our duty Friday evening at the School House meeting.

Miss Gladys Meyer, of near Penn Hall, was recently elected to teach the fifth grade of the State College borough schools—the coming term.

Mr. and Mrs. George Potter, and daughter, Mrs. Harry Houser, and E. E. Gingerich spent a day last week at Tyrone as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ingwin.

Miss Isabel Rowe, who has completed several terms of successful school teaching at South Bethlehem, returned to her home in Centre Hall last week.

Some few farmers cut clover for hay last week, more will do so this week, but real hay will not begin until next month. Generally speaking, the prospects for a hay crop is good.

Mrs. (Rev.) J. M. Reerick has returned to her home in Williamsburg after having undergone treatment at the Naon sanatorium at Roaring Spring for neuritis of the right arm.

Miss Elizabeth Sweetwood is visiting friends in Lancaster, as well as her sister, Miss Carrie Sweetwood, in Philadelphia, while on her way to Atlantic City where she has accepted a position.

By order of the local P. O. S. of A. a white star has been placed on the community service flag in honor of Miss Anna Stover, the only young lady from this place serving her country in the war as a trained nurse.

Thomas Foss, son of Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Foss, was in Centre Hall last Wednesday night and told a sorrowful tale of how the big fire at Loganton had destroyed their home and all their possessions with the exception of the piano and a few other articles.

\$143 per capita is where Union county stands in the sale of War Savings Stamps, putting her head and shoulders above all the other counties in the state. No other county even comes within half her distance in sales. Centre has a per capita of \$5.88.

The Millroy Liberty Concert company, who rendered their concert in the Grange hall a few weeks ago, did nearly as well financially at Millheim a week ago when they drew a \$90.00 house, the greater part of the proceeds remaining with the Red Cross society in Millheim.

In a letter to the Reporter J. E. Harsbarger, proprietor of the Fifth Avenue Dairy, at Altoona, says that his brother, Harry Harsbarger, formerly connected with him in the dairy business, is now in Co. D, 52 Infantry, located at Camp Forrest, Georgia, and expects to leave for France this week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. MacManus, of Harrisburg, were short-time visitors in Centre Hall on Saturday, coming up in the morning and after taking dinner at the A. C. Ripka home returning to Harrisburg in the afternoon. Mr. MacManus is a Pennsylvania employee and as is the case with all railroad men, his vacations are few and far between.

The Milroy correspondent to the Lewistown Sentinel says in a recent issue: Letters from the boys of the old Boalsburg Machine Gun Troop, who recently arrived in France, indicate that they are being pushed forward to the big fight and are near the front, for one letter says about the first thing they saw in the war line was an aeroplane battle, so they must be near the big fun. A letter from Bob Stringfellow indicates that his unit is part of the force forming Foch's reserves who are waiting further action of Hindenburg and who are ready to give the Dutch a good big kick when the time comes.