

FORMER SPRING MILLS P. M. HELD ON ARSON CHARGE

Charles A. Krape Accused of Starting \$20,000 Fire Jan. 29, 1929.—Posts \$3,000 Bond.

Following a re-investigation of the \$20,000 fire which occurred at Spring Mills on the night of January 29, 1929, Charles A. Krape, the owner of the shoe store in which the blaze is supposed to have originated, is being held under \$3,000 bail for his appearance at February court on a charge of arson. Information was made against Krape who was formerly post master at Spring Mills, by State Policeman Linton D. Gritman, a representative sent by State Fire Marshall J. W. Morgan to make a second investigation of the case.

Krape is charged with having set fire to his own building after an attempt to secure another person to start the blaze had failed. The former postmaster is supposed to have seized upon the idea of burning his building and its contents after all other means had failed to relieve him of alleged financial difficulties.

The principal witness at the hearing held in the office of Justice of the Peace Kline Woodring at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, 10th inst., was Harry M. Hoy, of Spring Mills, who says that Krape offered him money to set fire to the building. Hoy states that he talked to Krape before the fire. Krape is alleged to have written two letters to Hoy, who lived a short distance from Spring Mills, asking him to see him on business at his store.

According to Hoy's story, he went to see Krape some time during the early part of December, 1928. Hoy alleges that it was then that Krape first talked to him of his financial difficulties and is supposed to have stated that he had a bank note which would fall due on the first of the year and that he would have to sell out his store or resort to some other means of raising the money. It was then, Hoy testifies, that Krape first mentioned the subject of fire insurance.

On or about the first of January Hoy stated that he again visited Krape at the latter's store and that while they were alone in the room Krape again recounted his supposed financial difficulties and is alleged to have planned to leave the rear door of the store open so that Hoy might have easy access to the building. Hoy declared that he refused the offer that Krape is supposed to have made.

When questioned by Krape's counsel, Attorney Arthur C. Dale, Hoy admitted that he (Hoy) was used to taking a drink occasionally, but that he was sober at the time of his second meeting with the defendant. The principal witness could not remember the exact dates on which the meetings with Krape took place.

Upon hearing the testimony in the case Justice Woodring decreed that the defendant should be held under bail for court since a justice of the peace is not empowered to fix the amount of bail in a case of arson. Krape was taken before Clerk of the Court, S. Claude Herr, who, in the absence of Judge M. Ward Fleming, fixed the bail bond at \$3,000. Charles E. Long, well known Spring Mills merchant, furnished security for Krape who was then permitted to return to his home at Spring Mills.

At the time the Krape store was destroyed, the John H. Rishel property adjoining, consisting of a dwelling house and store, as well as the William Allison building adjoining,

were also destroyed. Krape sustained a total loss in the fire and carried about \$10,000 in insurance of which \$8000 is said to have been paid on the policy. It was also stated that insurance was paid on the Rishel and Allison properties.

It is only fair to state on behalf of Charles Krape that in the minds of the majority of the residents of his home town he has always been considered a law-abiding citizen. That such accusations could be brought against the man, was a great shock to the community.—Keystone Gazette.

BOALSBURG ITEMS.

The Lutheran S. S. will have a Christmas service, Sunday evening, Dec. 21st, at 7:30. The schools of the town will render a Christmas program Tuesday evening, Dec. 23rd, at 7:15 and the Reformed S. S. has selected Dec. 24th as the date for their Christmas service.



Do your eyes feel tired when you get up from the dining table?

Adequate light throughout the room, shaded to shield eyes from glare, is particularly needed in the dining room where there is little opportunity to change position frequently.

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BETTER LIGHT MEANS MORE EYE COMFORT

A beautiful Christmas tree has been placed on the public square. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Durst of Centre Hall, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mothersbaugh, of State College, spent Thursday at the home of George Mothersbaugh.

The Harris Township soccer team were guests at a turkey dinner Wednesday evening, December 17th, at 7 o'clock, at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. George Mothersbaugh. The dinner was attended by the sixteen members of the team and the substitutes, the coaches and sponsors numbering in all about forty guests, as was a celebration of their recent championship.

Henry L. Dale, of Mifflinburg, was a caller in town on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coxey and Mr. and Mrs. H. T. McGlik, of Bellefonte, spent Sunday afternoon in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Clement G. Dale, of Pleasant Gap, were guests of Misses Ellen and Cathryn Dale on Saturday. Misses Virginia Hess and Fern Bennett, of Altoona, were weekend visitors at the E. W. Hess home.

SPRING MILLS

Mrs. A. P. Rote has been confined to her bed suffering with rheumatism. Mrs. Melvin Grove has been sick but at this writing is able to be up and around.

Mrs. Tamme Keller, of Mifflinburg, has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. William Bressler. Her old friends were very glad to see her, this being her girlhood home.

The Ladies Aid Society of Grace Reformed church was entertained on Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. King.

The community was shocked to hear of the very sad death of Harry Miller at Mill Hall.

FARM CALENDAR

TIMELY REMINDERS FROM PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

Butcher Meats at Home—Interest in the slaughtering, cutting and curing of pork, beef and mutton at home is increasing among Pennsylvania farmers and homemakers. Demonstrations conducted by extension workers show how to select the

right animal for slaughter and how to handle the carcass after butchering.

Use of Tractor Grows— During the 10-year period, 1918-1928, the number of farm tractors in this State increased from 5000 to 35,000. Power farming methods have increased man's ability to improve his capacity, according to agricultural engineers of Penn State College.

Encourage Hens to Eat— Decreased egg production follows a sudden drop in temperature. The alert poultryman watches his birds and their consumption of feed in such periods. Some feed a moist mash on cold days when the appetites of the birds lag.

Give Cows Variety of Grains— It is advisable to have a good variety of feeds in the grain mixture. Such a mixture gives a better quality of protein and provides a feed that is relished by the cows.

Feed Sows Carefully— Brood sows should receive approximately one-half a pound of grain a day during the gestation period. About 10 days or two weeks before farrowing time corn should be replaced by bran and oil meal.

The State collected \$17,518,814 tax on gas for six months from June 1 to November 30. Of the total, \$14,913,070 went toward the construction of roads, and \$2,552,516 was placed in the fund for return to counties in which the tax was collected.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

The annual election of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centre County will be held in the Grand Jury Room, Court House, Bellefonte, on Monday, January 12th, 1931, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 12 M. for the election of twelve directors for the ensuing year.

GEORGE MITCHELL, Pres.
FRANK M. FISHER.

ANNUAL BANK MEETING.

The annual meeting of stockholders of The First National Bank of Centre Hall, Pa., will be held in the banking rooms the second Tuesday of January, 1931, same being the 13th day of the month, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock, for the election of directors and the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting.

H. LEIGH EBRIGHT, Cashier.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

In the Estate of AMELIA P. KING, late of Centre Hall Borough, deceased. Letters testamentary on the above estate having been duly granted the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

WM. M. FUREY, Executor.
1207 First National Bank Bldg., Bellefonte, Pa.
Gettig & Bower, Attorneys, Pittsburgh, Pa.

PUBLIC SALE REGISTER.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, at 1:00 o'clock p. m., immediately east of Centre Hall borough, on Brush Valley road, by John D. Homan: Livestock, farming implements, household goods and some restaurant equipment.—E. M. Smith, auct.

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