



Barn on Rhoneymede Farm Destroyed by Fire; \$10,000 Loss

THRESHING JUST COMPLETED WHEN SPARK IS STRUCK AND BARN FILLED WITH SEASON'S CROPS IS TOTALLY DESTROYED.—ALL LIVESTOCK SAVED EXCEPT 1 CALF.—BARN AN OLD LANDMARK, ERECTED BY RHONES OVER CENTURY AGO.

Two days of threshing of wheat and oats had come to an end at the Rhoneymede farm barn; the barn floor was being cleaned of the grain in the straw which had fallen from the thresher; tired men were ready to "call it a day"; the hour was 3:10 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Suddenly, a cry of "fire!" and in a few moments an entire barn, loaded to capacity with the year's crops except the corn, was ablaze from end to end. There was nothing to do but make frantic efforts to save the livestock within the doomed structure.

Such was the picture of destruction on the Rhoneymede farm, 3 1/2 miles west of Centre Hall, Saturday afternoon. Thresherman George Searson had a new machine (using it for only the second season) in the barn, in charge of Arber Cummings and Dean Smeltzer. Mr. Cummings is said to have discovered the fire first in the overhead. Just what caused the spark which ignited the straw is not known. Some believe a spark was struck in the threshing machine and a tongue of flame was blown through the blower into the mow. Others say the straw mow was probably the seat of the trouble, but can give no explanation.

Eight hundred and forty bushels of wheat, 900 bushels of oats had been threshed and stored in bins. Two large hay mows carried 25 tons of hay. There were 60 bushels of barley in the barn. All this fell prey to the greedy flames. Mr. Searson's threshing machine could not be removed, and was destroyed, together with a hammermill, another grain chopper, cultivators, etc.

A large implement shed standing nearby was destroyed, together with a corn husker, harrow, 2 mowers, side rake, plows, etc.

A large hog shed was saved by the timely arrival of the Centre Hall fire company who played a stream of water on the building. The Alpha Fire company of State College also came on the scene to assist in the prevention of the spread of the flames.

Charles Miller, a neighbor and one of the threshing crew, upon hearing the cry of fire, thought immediately of the live-stock, and went below and removed three horses and a bull. The cattle were in a field. A calf was the only livestock which perished.

Members of the threshing crew were Roy Weaver, David Brooks, George Searson, Charles Miller, Harry Moyer, Earl Grove, Philip Smith, James Weaver.

Insurance to the amount of \$1000 was carried in the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centre County, and \$3,000 in the Grange company. This amount of course will not cover the loss of the barn, to replace which it is estimated will cost \$5,000.

Mrs. Brooks' loss is estimated at \$3,000 or more, with insurance to the amount of \$1,000 on the crops and \$700 on farm implements.

The destroyed barn was a log structure built about the year 1792. The farm has been in the Rhone family for 150 years, the grandfather of the late Hon. Leonard Rhone settling on the place. Two additions had been made to the original structure.

Since the death of J. Cloyd Brooks tenant on the farm for 32 years, Mrs. Brooks had been carrying on with the assistance of Roy Weaver and David Brooks.

The two daughters of the late Mr. Rhone—Mrs. W. C. Dunlap and Mrs. R. T. Bayard, of Tyrone—owners of "Rhoneymede" came to the farm Monday, and immediately declared their intention to replace the destroyed barn as soon as they could make arrangements with a builder.

Mrs. Brooks has decided to hold public sale on the premises on Tuesday, October 5th at 10 a. m. See ad in another column of this paper.

ORANGE AND BLACK DRIVE ON.

Beginning on Thursday, Sept. 23, and closing the following Thursday the Centre Hall-Potter High school will conduct an orange-and-black benefit drive. The purpose of the drive is to furnish enough money to purchase much needed soccer uniforms.

The different high school classes are being organized on a competitive basis and each room is endeavoring to outshine its rivals.

The cooperation and support of all is needed to make this campaign a success. May we request your help in this drive?—The School.

The Allentown fair is being held this week, and the Bloomsburg fair will be an attraction for many Centre-countians next week.

464 PUPILS ENROLLED IN CENTRE HALL-POTTER DIST.

Prof. J. F. Wetzel of the borough schools, has compiled for the Reporter a complete list of all schools in the Centre Hall-Potter township district, together with names of teachers, and the enrollment in each school.

The following list gives the complete school data in the district:

- Potters Mills Grammar, Oscar Bierly, teacher, 27 pupils.
- Potters Mills Primary, Geraldine Hoover, teacher, 40 pupils.
- Centre Hill, Lila Brooks, teacher, 18 pupils.
- Plum Grove, Bertha Sharer, teacher, 25 pupils.
- Tusseyvink, Ernest Wagner, teacher, 11 pupils.
- Tusseyville, Dorothy Brown, teacher, 24 pupils.
- Earlystown, Dorothy McMichael, teacher, 41.
- Colver, George Sweeney, teacher, 35 pupils.
- Total—222 pupils.
- Centre Hall Borough:
 - Primary, Helen White, teacher, 34 pupils.
 - Secondary, Martha Yearick, teacher, 23 pupils.
 - Intermediate, T. L. Moore, teacher, 33.
 - Grammar, Russell W. Bohn, teacher, 42.
- Total 132.
- Centre Hall-Potter high school:
 - Senior class, 20; junior class, 23; sophomore class, 33; freshman class 34. Total—110.
- Total in entire district—464.

J. F. Wetzel, supervising principal; Mrs. R. S. Jamison, assistant principal; James A. Myers, physical education; Mrs. Richard T. Parsons, social studies and Latin; David I. Graybill, science and mathematics; Marjorie Fisher, music.

"AN EVENING OF MUSIC"

The following out-of-town musicians, in addition to local talent, are expected to participate in "An Evening of Music" to be held Sunday evening, September 26th, at 7:30 o'clock, in Trinity Reformed church. Miss Olive Brown, of Pennsylvania State College, pianist; Mr. Angelo Vespa, of Pennsylvania State College, violinist; Mr. Harry Hubler, of Lock Haven, basso.

Former Patrolman to Be State College Police.

John R. Juba, member of the Philadelphia sub-station of the State Police for more than three years before which time he was stationed at Bellefonte and operated in this district, has resigned as of October 1st to become a member of the State College borough police force.

OF INTEREST TO ORGANIZED TRUCK OWNERS

With the passage of House Bill No. 851, Act 285, placing all motor truck owners operating for-hire under the Public Utility Commission, the Commonwealth is given a greater supervision over truck operation and will thereby be able to promote greater highway safety.

The Penna. Motor Truck Association is cooperating with the Commonwealth in this campaign and states it is the belief that in order for the Public Utility Commission to build up highway transportation in the state, it will be necessary for the truck owners association to assist all for-hire truck owners to get within the law so that they may continue to operate after the deadline date established by law which the Commission has set as Sept. 29, 1937.

Meetings are being conducted by the Association in every county in the state (in Centre county, at Bellefonte Friday, Sept. 24), where instruction and information is given as to how the truck owners may protect their business and thereby render service to the public under regulation.

TO THE VOTERS OF CENTRE COUNTY:

I wish to extend my deep appreciation for the splendid support given me by the citizens of Centre county at the Primary election on Tuesday of last week.

It is gratifying to note the large number of voters who discharged their duty by going to the polls and voting. Considering the confusion resulting from the new Registration Act, it would seem that the citizens of both parties in Centre county realized the importance of exercising their right of franchise. It is my hope that they will perform this obligation at the general election in November.

I consider the honor you have bestowed upon me a great trust. The office to which I have been nominated should countenance no feeling of partisanship. It is my earnest wish to merit the greatest compliment the people of my county have ever given me—their confidence.

This leads me to believe that I can count on the sustaining regard and support of those interested in my candidacy.

Again thanking you for your past support, and soliciting its continuance throughout the campaign, I remain,

Gratefully and sincerely,
IVAN WALKER,
Candidate for Judge of Centre Co.

ELECTION TID-BITS.

Fred Bender, former townman, defeated Ross W. Edmiston for the Republican nomination for tax collector in State College borough. The vote was 344 to 270. The Democratic nomination was won by P. B. Meek.

D. Wagner Geiss won the Democratic nomination for tax collector in Bellefonte borough. His vote was 262 to 197 for Miss Helen Beezer and 124 for Jack Montgomery.

Harry N. Meyer was defeated by the venerable John W. Keichline for the nomination of justice of the Peace in the south and west wards of Bellefonte by a count of 320 to 219.

The majority for "Squire Keichline in the south and west wards was reduced to two votes when the ballot box was opened Friday morning and the votes counted. Following the primary election Tuesday the incumbent was approximately 100 votes ahead of Harry N. Meyer. It was discovered after Tuesday's votes were counted that while the total of the two candidates was 394 the total number of Democratic voters in the ward was only 312. The new count gave Squire Keichline 158 votes to Mr. Meyer's 139 in the south ward while Mr. Meyer lead 80 to 65 in the west ward. The official count begun on Friday will be completed today.

Two districts in the county voted on the sale-of-beer question. Port Matilda voted 127 to 94 to prohibit the sale and in Boggs township the vote was 249 to 102 in favor of permitting the sale of it.

Phillipsburg voters passed the \$65,000 bond issue for the refinancing of the present borough debt and the purchase of new fire-fighting equipment, by a majority of 390.

In Clearfield county, 24 precincts voted on the "dry-wet" question with the result an even break—12 voting for beer and 12 against.

In Union county four townships and two boroughs voted against the sale of beer in Tuesday's election. As a result of the election, establishments for the sale of malt beverages must close breweries in East Buffalo, Gregg, Kelley, Limestone and White Deer townships, and Hartleton borough.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt has not lost any of his prestige or following, as witness the defeat of his arch-opponent, Senator Royal S. Copeland, in the mayoralty fight in New York City. Copeland was decisively beaten by Jeremiah Mahoney, pro-New Deal candidate on the Democratic ticket, and by the incumbent mayor, LaGuardia, on the Republican ticket. Copeland's bitter tirades against practically all New Deal legislation apparently has no salacious on the part of New Yorkers.

SNYDER-McMANUEL

Burton C. Snyder, of Centre Hall, and Miss Goldie McManuel, of Harrisburg, were united in marriage by Rev. D. R. Keener, at the Reformed parsonage in Centre Hall, late Saturday evening.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Snyder, a graduate of the class of 1933, Centre Hall high school. He served an enlistment with the U. S. Army in the Philippines, returning home a year ago. At present he is employed as a truck driver in Harrisburg.

The young couple have started housekeeping in the capital city where they had apartments all ready to occupy.

The Reporter extends congratulations.

Announce Marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Murray of Tunkhannock, announce the marriage of their niece, Eleanor M. Murray, to John C. Reareck, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Reareck, of Tunkhannock. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father J. J. Hollan, of St. Mary's church, Tunkhannock, August 30.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER SEASON OPENS FRIDAY

On Friday, the high school soccer team will invade Hublersburg for its first league game of the season. Hublersburg is reputed to have a very strong eleven this year and the local Tigers are hard at work preparing for Coach Baley's team.

Coach James Myers is not too optimistic about the coming season, stating that nine from the 1936 team have graduated. The hold-overs from last season are Ralph Arney, a half back, and Bob Gearhart, a goal keeper. George Martz, a reserve end last year, is being groomed for a center forward position as is Bucky Dasher for a half back post, and Dean Runkle for one of the inside jobs.

Coach Myers is awaiting the outcome of a scrimmage with the Penn State Freshmen this afternoon before selecting his final lineup for the opening game.

Harry N. Koch, prominent State College undertaker, returned Thursday from the Clearfield hospital where he underwent an operation for the amputation of the index finger of his left hand. The operation became necessary when a burn he received early in the summer failed to heal.

WEST PENN TO STOP MERCHANDISING AT END OF PRESENT YEAR

After many years of direct merchandising, West Penn Power will discontinue the sale of electrical appliances and lamps on January 1, 1938.

The Company believes, according to an announcement made today, that other merchants are now able and willing to display and sell all electrical appliances effectively, so that the use of electricity, West Penn's primary product, will increase in the future as it has in the past. West Penn will continue to advertise and demonstrate electrical appliances, just as actively as it ever has, but the actual sale of such items will be left entirely to dealers.

When West Penn first started to merchandise, the number of dealers handling appliances was much smaller than it is today, and the primary responsibility for popularizing new appliances, as they were developed, was taken by the electric utility. Today, with the wide acceptance of the electric iron, washer, radio, refrigerator, and small appliances, and the growing popularity of the electric range, the roaster, the ironer, the electric water heater, and the I. E. S. lamp, it appears possible for West Penn to withdraw from the active sale of all such appliances.

In regard to service on electric appliances, West Penn will continue to accept full responsibility for providing expert and prompt service, on all equipment sold currently or in the past by West Penn Appliance Co.

FARMERS MAY MAKE WINTER GRAIN LOANS

Farmers may make applications for winter grain loans through field supervisors' offices until the planting season is over according to an announcement by S. M. Thompson, regional manager of the Emergency Crop Loan Office at Baltimore, Md.

Where field supervisors' offices are located outside of the county, inquiry may be made through the county agricultural agent's office as to how to get in touch with the supervisor. Farmers who plant winter grain for disposal as cash crops the following season are eligible for these loans. Mr. Thompson said:

The limit is \$4 per acre where fertilizer is used. The interest rate is 4 per cent, and loans are limited in amount to \$400 per individual. Farmers who can qualify for loans thru Production Credit Associations are not eligible.

CORRECTION.

In noting the primary election returns in Centre Hall borough, last week, it was stated in these columns that for councilman, on the Democratic ticket, only two candidates were voted for. This was an error. Three councilmen will be voted for at the general election, and W. F. Keller was of the three Democratic candidates to be nominated at the primaries; in fact, there was no opposition on the Democratic ticket. Therefore, the three nominated for councilmen are W. A. Alexander, G. H. Stover and W. F. Keller. Mr. Keller is a present councilman, and as such has given good service.

PAUL FAUST FINDS HIS LIKING SOUTHWEST TO HIS LIKING

Paul Faust, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Faust, of Centre Hall, who in company with Clarence Kifer left for the Southwest a few weeks ago, in a letter to this office says:

"I am working in a service station and tire shop a few miles out of Albuquerque, New Mexico, doing vulcanizing and tire repair work, and am making out very well. "The climate and country are wonderful. One can find many interesting and colorful things in or around Spanish-American Albuquerque which is one of the fastest growing cities in the United States. All in all, I think the Southwest is hard to beat. "Give my regards to all and tell them I'm making out very well. "Sincerely, "PAUL FAUST"

Dies of Auto Injuries.

Boyd Goodyear, 34, of Winburne, Clearfield county, died of injuries shortly after he was struck by a car driven by Attorney Wm. C. Chase of Clearfield at Winburne, Wednesday night of last week.

HOW NEARBY DISTRICTS VOTED ON JUDGESHIP

The unofficial vote on the judgeship nomination in Centre county, last week, in the several voting precincts in this area, is appended:

Districts	Walker Dem.	Denning Flem.	Rep.	Abst.	Date
Centre Hall borough	114	74	17		
Millheim borough	90	89	11		
Gregg Twp., N. P.	25	9	8		
Gregg Twp., E. P.	54	9	14		
Gregg Twp., W. P.	116	27	17		
Harris Twp., E. P.	17	24	3		
Harris Twp., W. P.	59	40	26		
Potter Twp., N. P.	38	33	11		
Potter Twp., S. P.	36	24	12		
Potter Twp., W. P.	171	15	5		

A meeting of the Democratic chairmen and vice-chairmen of the voting precincts in Centre county will be held at the Nittany Country Club, Hecla Park, on Monday, September 27th, at 6:30 p. m.

100TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICES OBSERVED AT EGG HILL

Large audiences assembled at the Egg Hill Evangelical church Sunday morning and afternoon for the annual homecoming and 100th anniversary celebration of the first church erected there. Although there were showers in the morning, the sky soon cleared and a nice brisk day greeted the occasion.

The basket lunch was eaten at various places, some gathering at near-by homes, others on the church lawn and still others in the church where the lunch was placed upon boards placed over the pews along the center aisles and served cafeteria fashion.

The morning sermon by Rev. J. F. Blingman, who came to the Centre Hall Evangelical charge 17 years ago and is now serving the Mexico Evangelical charge concerned itself with the message of the church in the world today. The afternoon sermon by Rev. S. A. Snyder of Baltimore, who came to the Centre Hall Evangelical charge 29 years ago, was upon the Glory of the Church. The church brings God down to the daily tasks of human life; it links man with all that is worthwhile in the past; and it has a message of hope for the world.

Rev. Snyder offered the prayer at the morning service, and Rev. Blingman at the afternoon service. Rev. Seth Russell of the Penna. Valley charge read the Scripture lesson at the afternoon service. The organ was played by Miss Ida Frazer and Mrs. John Kline. The W. E. Yearick children, Fred, Harry, Martha and Mrs. John Kline, sang a quartet selection at the morning service and one at the afternoon service.

The occasion can be said to have been held in honor of John Dauberman Sr., who with his own means erected the first church at Egg Hill which was dedicated Oct. 22, 1837. The Dauberman family originally came from Germany, having settled first at New Berlin, Union county, before coming to Penna. Valley. John Sr. died in 1853, and his son, John Jr., also an active member of the church, in 1875.

The present church edifice, now closed except for the homecoming services held once each year, was erected between 65 and 70 years ago. Among the early preachers who served this church are Revs. Zuloff, Boas, Harry Stover, Hunter, Davis, Harris, and Stapleton.

Some of the once active families represented on Sunday were, Dauberman, Daup, Hennigh, Kreamer, Yearick, Musser.

C. D. Bartholomew to Undergo Operation.

The Centre County hospital ambulance came to the C. D. Bartholomew home, Friday afternoon, and conveyed Mr. Bartholomew to the hospital, following a severe attack of kidney trouble. A careful diagnosis of his case and examination revealed a tumor on the left kidney. However, an immediate operation was not deemed necessary, and Mr. Bartholomew returned to his home Monday, to close up business relating to his office of borough tax collector. About the first of October he will return to the hospital and undergo the necessary operation.

Infantile Paralysis Closes Two Clinton County Schools

Two Allison township schools in Clinton county closed Thursday following the development of the second case of infantile paralysis in that township. The newest patient is John Hoffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoffman, who is reported to be seriously ill with the disease.

CLINTON COUNTY HAS MURDER CASE ON HAND

Earl Knepp, 32, of Loganton, R. D. Confesses Killing Daniel Embick, 53, of Same Place, Late Thursday. Earl Knepp, 32, of Loganton, R. D., was charged with first degree murder for the shotgun slaying of his rural neighbor, Daniel Embick, 53, also of Loganton, R. D., after an argument in front of the Knepp home. The shooting occurred in an isolated section of Clinton county within ten miles of the Lycoming county line.

Embick's shot-riddled body was found under some underbrush near the Ravensburg State Park, near Rauchtown, about 10 o'clock Thursday night after Mrs. Knepp led officers to the scene.

Knepp was arrested on suspicion by Constable Charles T. Lehman of Limestone township, Lycoming county, after he heard of the shooting. Knepp was held for questioning after his father-in-law, Oliver Bower, who lives directly across the road from Knepp's home, told authorities he had witnessed the shooting.

Knepp at first refused to talk, except to deny the shooting. After being taken to the district attorney's office in Lock Haven and questioned for about an hour, he admitted the shooting, and told the story in detail. It appears too much beer drinking caused an altercation between the two men on a trivial matter.

Arriving at home, Knepp said he had two or three drinks of hard cider. A short time later he saw Embick arriving and he got out his shotgun and loaded it. He asserts he warned Embick not to approach his house but Embick, he said, paid no attention, and he shot him.

He said he didn't know Embick was dead. Knepp said he took him to the bushes to get rid of him.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Floyd E. Snyder made a business trip to Philadelphia on Monday.

Vern Garbrick had his "airplane ride" at the Fulton county fair at McConnelsburg, last week.

The Thomas Foss family of Pleasant Gap were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Emery.

At a meeting of the local W. C. T. U., held Tuesday of last week, all former officers were re-elected.

Lynn Breon, a former Hagan Garage employe, on Monday started work at the Brooks' Service Station in Centre Hall.

Last Friday was Constitution Day. Locally, few people gave thought to the day until they found the bank closed in observance.

F. M. Fisher and daughter, Mrs. (Rev.) E. R. Corman, drove in from Williamsburg on Friday and remained at the Fisher home until Tuesday.

Mrs. Lynn Ross very delightfully entertained the Senior Service class of the Lutheran Sunday school at her home last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Keller, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Goodhart and son, Frank Wm., visited the S. M. Goodhart family at Johnstown, on Sunday.

E. P. Lucas, son Elmer, daughter Florence, and George Baney, all of Unionville, spent Sunday with the former's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Emery.

When Penn State and Cornell meet at Ithaca this Saturday it will mark the first time since before 1900 that the Nittany Lions have opened their football campaign away from home.

The first frost of the season was visible Saturday morning. Mercury during the night dropped to 24 degrees, just two points above the freezing line. Winter is around the corner.

All freshmen entering the Pennsylvania State College are given a speech test. Six per cent of the class this year was found to have serious speech defects. They will be treated at the clinic.

Dolores Condo, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Condo, is ill with diphtheria at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Condo, at Spring Mills. Mrs. Margaret Godshall, of Centre Hall, is assisting in caring for her.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Moore attended the "Bean Soup" at McClure, on Saturday, and on Sunday joined the Odd Fellows in their special service at the Sunbury Orphans' Home, where their son, Rev. J. Frederic Moore, delivered the sermon.

M. M. Bailey and Overt Iren, both Penn State graduates employed at Johnstown, visited their respective homes here over Sunday. The former is employed by the McLaughlin Construction Company as an architect, and the latter in the manufacture of ice cream.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Fye plan to return to Centre Hall about the middle of November and occupy their comfortable little home on Main street again. Mr. and Mrs. Fye left Centre Hall two years ago to move onto a farm in Brush Valley, which they previously had purchased. The farming operations will be continued by their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Musser.

R. H. Goodhart, who is ill at the F. V. Goodhart home is decidedly improved, and was visited by the following persons on Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert France, Wm. Stahl, of Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. C. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Glenn, of State College; Mr. and Mrs. Wagner Geiss, Bellefonte; John Reareck, of Penna. Furnace, Wednesday previous Mr. Goodhart was visited by Messrs. Emiller and Hughes, of Altoona.

C. A. Spyster, of Centre Hall, and a Mr. Rockefeller, of Sunbury, figured in a collision of their automobiles, on Sunday, at the Odd Fellows Orphans' Home grounds, near Sunbury. Mr. Spyster was about to park his machine when the other car appeared on the scene. The result was considerable damage being done to both cars. The Spyster car had the radiator smashed, both front fenders damaged and lights broken. Mrs. Spyster was slightly injured. The other car sustained serious damage, and a young lady occupant, about 16 years of age, sister of the driver, had her front teeth knocked out.

Thresherman George Searson has had the ill fortune to lose two threshing machines in barn fires while in the act of threshing, within the past three years. First a machine was lost when the Waldo Homan barn at Oak Hall, was burned, and on Saturday his second machine, a practically new one, was completely destroyed.

However, in twenty-seven years threshing experience prior to his first loss, there was nothing but good fortune. Threshing machines are costly. Insurance rates are high. In fact, the risk is considered so great by insurance companies that owners prefer to take the risk of loss rather than pay prohibitive premium costs, which in a few years would amount to the cost of a new machine. It is for this reason that Mr. Searson carries no insurance on his threshing outfit.