

### Echoes From the Past

#### Fifty Years Ago

##### FIRE AT PINE GROVE MILLS:

Fire visited the town of Pine Grove Mills on Tuesday evening and swept away the general store, Jacob Keller's residence and the residence of Mr. Harper. At about 8 p. m., four or five men were in the store when the hanging lamp fell to the floor and broke and the oil, which escaped, ignited and ran under the counters and into the partitions of the building. Every effort was made to extinguish the flames but they were of no avail and soon the building was doomed. So rapid was the spread of the fire that nothing whatever was saved. Their attention was then turned to save the household goods of Mr. Jacob Keller who owned the building and occupied part of it as a residence. The building was soon a mass of flames, and the residence of Mr. Harper, next to it, caught and was burned to the ground. The furniture and household goods were saved. We have not learned the estimated loss or amount of insurance.

Mr. J. D. Emery has made application for a postion as mail carrier in the event the free delivery system is adopted. His application was signed by the business men of the town and it now remains to be seen whether the claims of the colored gentleman will be recognized by Fiedler.

There are rumors afloat that a confession was about to be made by Jonathan Auman but that he was stopped by his attorney who arrived later on the scene. Any attorney guilty of such a charge should be shown up before the people and we are only awaiting the facts and we will do it.

On Wednesday evening of last week Mr. W. H. Youngman, one of Millheim's most prominent business men died from the effects of the dread disease "La Grippie". Mr. Youngman suffered for some time from this disorder which grew worse and finally developed into spinal meningitis which was the cause of his death. He came to Millheim two years ago and purchased the J. W. Youngman grocery which prospered paragonage.

Last Saturday Mr. W. R. Teller, who for years has presided as landlord and "mine host" at the Bush House, severed his connection and Messrs Daggett & Elliot, two efficient and obliging men of New York state stepped in. Mr. Teller was anxious to withdraw from the business as he considered it too centring for his health, which has been failing the past few years. He moved into the residence of the late Judge Irvin, deceased, on High Street. He is interested in iron ore mining operations in our county and will devote his attention in the future to it.

Last Friday while Mr. Perry Gestel was engaged in skinning a beef, the knife slipped and struck him in the leg near the thigh. It penetrated the flesh of his limb for several inches until it struck the bone. Unfortunately he was alone in the barn which was some distance from the house. He pulled the knife out and the wound bled profusely and grew very weak. He started for the house but when only half way he fell to the ground but managed to crawl the rest of the way. When near the house he was discovered by his wife who came out and assisted him. His boot was filled with blood and his clothing was soaked with it. The wound was bandaged as well as possible and he soon fell asleep from the loss of blood. A physician was sent for and attended his injuries. The knife was bent at the point where it struck the bone, indicating that there was considerable force behind it. Fortunately the main artery was not severed.

An effort is being made by citizens of Karthaus and vicinity to erect a monument to the memory of Clara Price who was so foully killed by Alfred Andrews in her noble effort to protect her home. Any subscriptions intended for that purpose should be sent to E. J. Gilliland, Pottersdale, of J. A. Heckenbom or William B. Foster, of Karthaus.

Mr. Naghney, the furniture dealer, paid our sanction a visit this week. He is successor to the firm of Camp & Naghney who enjoyed a large trade in the line of furniture at this place the past few years. Frank is a young man with lots of push and pluck in him and if you are in need of anything in his line he can furnish it for you at the most satisfactory terms.

Prof. Richey, of Philipsburg, registered at the Brockerhoff House on Thursday and remained in town until Saturday morning. The Prof. is a principal in the Central Schools at that place and is an energetic and progressive young man in that position. The object of his visit to Bellefonte was to study the systems adopted in our schools and adopt such points as may meet with his favor. Although a young man he is eminently qualified for his position.

The Centre County Grange Association purchased twenty-five acres of land lying about one hundred yards west of the Centre Hall depot, along the railroad, at a figure of \$115 an acre. The new ground is an open field, and is located between the railroad and Centre Hall. The new ground will be planted with rapid growing trees and in the course of a few years will be a shady grove. The Association will erect an immense pavilion on the ground which will be used for exhibitors, offices for the managers, and a large hall for speaking and holding meetings.

Bellefonte has but three licensed houses in the place but that does not say they are the only places where liquor is dispensed for the benefit of the thirsty. We hear almost every week of parties in the town sending to Pittsburgh for liquor to have and keep. It is then death to parties who are unable to obtain anything at the bars. The practice is a cause of much drunkenness and disorder among certain classes. The law on dealing in liquor without license is clear and strong. The disposition of our court is well known here but few should be come before Judge Purst they will receive the full penalty. A timely warning should be enough.

The skating rink will be open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of this week. The "Great American Bicycle and Roller Skating Team" will give exhibitions on those nights. Mr. Oscar Holt, of Moshannon, came to town on Saturday. He is engaged in lumbering and has many more people, is anxious to have a bit of winter. Since the weather moderating Ad. Fable sends most of his evenings down about Spring Creek. Col. David Crotty is now located at the Bush House where he is busy engaged in dismantling that which is good and cleaning up. The Lock Tavern in Johnstown is running dry and night to fill his orders. A cabinet band is being organized in Aaronsburg. The Milesburg Band was in town on Saturday and rendered some lively music.

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The old tavern at Boalsburg was to reopen on April 1 under the management of John A. Jacobs. The hotel was one of the most historic inns in this section, having first been opened in 1819.

Mrs. John Keene, of Bellefonte, underwent an operation in the Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia, for a complication of ailments, and according to her daughter, Mary, who had returned home, the patient was recuperating nicely.

Physicians and Bellefonte school teachers reported there was no serious influenza epidemic in town. While a number of persons were suffering from colds, influenza and grippe, there were no indications of an epidemic, it was reported.

The return of the railroads to the government no change in the personnel at Bellefonte. A few trains were late the first day, but such things were to be expected until readjustments had been completed.

Miss Margaret Bortoff, daughter of Hall Bortoff, of Lemont, underwent an operation in the Glenn Hospital at Boalsburg, for the correction of a condition which had been troubling her for some time. Her condition was reported to be satisfactory.

The James R. Alexander estate farm in Spring township, was sold to Luther L. Smith, of East Bishop Street, the consideration of about \$6,000 including livestock and machinery. The property was known as the Sunnyside Farm and had been operated for some years by Elmer Straub, son-in-law of the late James R. Alexander. Mr. Smith was to conduct the farm in addition to his blacksmith shop at the rear of the Undine Hose House.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Calvin M. Shearer, et al to Ralph C. English, of Port Matilda, tract in Taylor Twp.; \$200.

Elizabeth Swires Huey, et al to Mary Eva Swires, of Philipsburg, tract in Philipsburg; \$1.

Benjamin Chapman, et ux to Violet M. Hoker, of Howard, tract in Curtin Twp.; \$1.

Violet M. Hoker, et ux to Cora M. Chapman, of Curtin Twp., tract in Curtin Twp.; \$1.

Harvey J. Markle, et ux to Arthur P. Stephens, et ux, of Pine Grove Mills, tract in State College; \$1.

Andy Sebrasky, et al to Harvey J. Markle, et ux, of Bellefonte, R. D. tract in Spring Twp.; \$1.

E. J. Jordon, et ux to Harvey J. Markle, et ux, of Bellefonte, R. D. tract in Spring Twp.; \$1.

### BENNER TWP.

The roads are terrible through Rock cars can hardly travel on them. The sides are banked up with snow, the middle of the roads some places is a gutter of ice while at other places in the road is nearly axle deep with mud and water.

Sorry to note that Frank Dugan, of the Centre County Hospital, suffering from pneumonia had a relapse last week.

Floyd Stover and wife from Bellefonte and Jerry Owens and family from Axe Mann, visited at the home of William Emberton and Joseph Stovers on Sunday.

Sorry to note the death of Mrs. John Long of Bellefonte, nee Susie Benner, who was buried at the Meyers cemetery on Friday.

Mrs. John Clark is spending a few weeks in Johnstown and New York with friends and relatives.

John Lee is building himself a new house at Houersville. He has bought a lot on the late Charles Smith farm there.

Glenn Glasgow spent several days here at the Ira Benner home with Francis Benner's family.

Wilbur Ordorff's family are spending a few days at Calvin Hulls at Centre Hall.

Leroy Davis from Philadelphia, a traveling salesman was around through here this week getting subscriptions for the poultry magazine which will be a help to the farmer to raise good healthy chickens.

Ira Benner is care taker of the Meyers cemetery and is to dig the graves in the cemetery.

### HOUSERVILLE

Evangelistic services in the U. B. church will start March 10 and will continue for two weeks. It will be led by the Misses Hall and Studder.

On Wednesday March 6th the Willing Workers Sunday School Class will hold their monthly meeting in the church basement. There will be prayer service and bible study.

The Star Sunday School class will hold their monthly class meeting Saturday evening, March 6th, at the Mrs. Paul Shuey home.

Those who attended the ice cream supper held at the Roy Wirtz home Friday evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Neff, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walters, Mr. and Mrs. George Dyke, Mr. and Mrs. Keller Snyder, the Misses Mary Walters, Pauline and Geraldine Snyder and Lois Jean Dyke, Eddie Dyke and Roy Griffin.

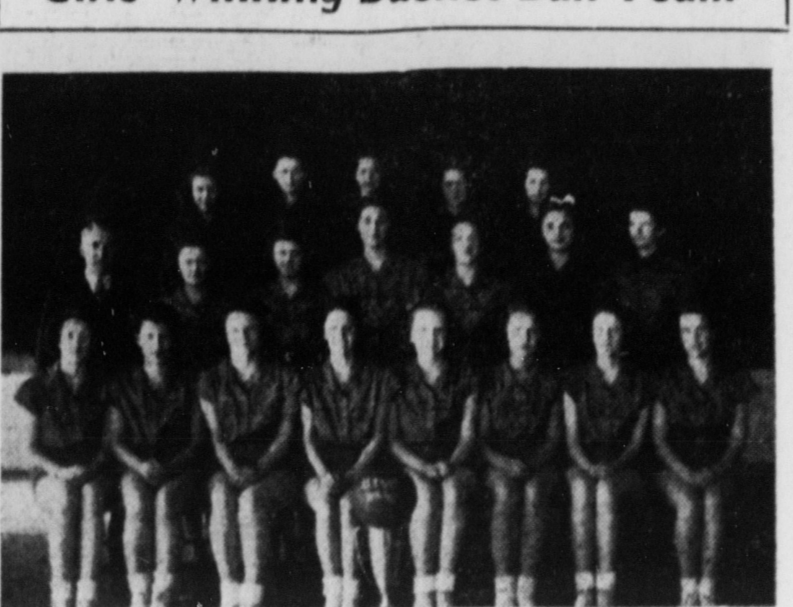
Miss Edna Packer has gone to Centre Hall to spend several days with her brother Doyle and family and help take care of the sick.

We are glad to report that Richard Wirtz, who was suffering from a severe cold, is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hook and two children Lois Jean and Charles spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. June Hook at Potters Mills, also at Mr. Hook's brother and family home, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hook, then Sunday evening at the Doyle Packer home.

A car driven by Robert DeSilver, Penn State student, and a taxi driven by J. R. Gross, collided on West College avenue, State College, about 12:45 o'clock Friday afternoon, entailing slight damage to both machines.

### Girls' Winning Basket Ball Team



THREE TIME CHAMPIONS OF GREGG TOWNSHIP VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

In the above group are shown the members of the Gregg Township Vocational School Girls' Basket Ball Team, who for the third season have won championship honors in the Centre-Clinton County League. Following are the names, reading from left to right:

Front Row—Barbara Petheroff, Pauline Siltzer, Jean Watts, Marie Long (capt.), Mary Zettle (mgr.), Hazel McCool, Bernice Petheroff, Sara Zubler.

Back Row—John W. Decker (coach), Bernice Horner, Christine Nell, Betty Robinson, Ruth Zubler, Janet McCool, Faye Yearick (asst. mgr.).

Back Row—Betty McCool, Devoila Emphfield, Margaret Emscheweller, Phyllis Emscheweller, Mary Aukerman.

### HISTORY OF THE TEAM

1937-38 First Season

Record for the year 1937-38, first year of league. Played 20 games in regular schedule. Last two: Snow Shoe, 25-33, at home; Mill Hall, 35-33, away.

Season ended in a tie between Snow Shoe and Gregg, which required a 3-game series. Scores were as follows in series:

Snow Shoe 30, Gregg 36; Snow Shoe 34, Gregg 20; Snow Shoe 35, Gregg 38.

Total points for season: Gregg, 877; opponents, 451.

We began this season with a number of inexperienced players, especially guards. A lot of credit was due Miss Bernice Barger, forward, who scored a total of 481 points. She was one of the best forwards we have had in the game.

1938-39, Second Season

Played 15 games, winning them all. Points: Gregg, 574; opponents, 294.

Forwards: (total points for each one) Barbara Petheroff, 250; Marie Long, 293; Jean Watts, 69; Isabelle Musser, 47.

Guards were the same as for 1937-38 season: Pauline Siltzer, Hazel McCool, Ruth Zubler, Mary Zettle.

This season we played each team three games—that is two games at home and one away, or reverse; and the schedule to be reversed in 1939-40 season.

Isabelle Musser was the only senior on the team. The success of the 1938-39 team was due to ability of players, plus good team work. The entire squad enjoys the game and hence practice very diligently.

1939-40 Season

We played 17 games and won all but one, losing a game to Snow Shoe 26 to 20. Score: Gregg, 15; Snow Shoe, 21.

The scores for our opponents and also Gregg are as follows:

	Opp.	Score
Millersburg (non league)	59	15
Millersburg (before season)	48	10
Howard	50	8
Centre Hall	44	5
East Penn	33	20
Snow Shoe	21	20

Henry A. White, of Centre Hall entered the Huntingdon hospital during the weekend for further treatment of his left eye which was badly injured some weeks ago when a steel wedge flew into it.

Mrs. Agnes Stover, Millheim's oldest resident, is again able to be up and about, after being confined to her bed for some weeks because she had fallen on the porch of her Main street home, but suffered no serious injury.

T. A. Hosterman, proprietor of the Centre Hall Clover Farm store, will add a very popular department to his well-kept store in the very near future. Reference is made to frosted foods—vegetables, fruits, meats, etc., which are held in absolute freshness by the frosted process. Hosterman's also carries this class of foods are more than pleased with them.

Two of the Kofman (Bellefonte) trucks were the vehicles that collided at the diamond at Millheim about noon last Monday. Coming down the West Main street hill, one truck kept a trifle too close to the other and when No. 1 threw on the brakes to stop for the traffic light, No. 2, crashed into it and got some few damaged parts. The drivers were unhurt. Both vehicles were taken back to Bellefonte.

The case of Ednie W. Tobin, 49-year old former Penn State College football star, was referred to the probation department after a Detroit, Mich. circuit court jury found him guilty of leaving the scene of a traffic accident in which one man was killed. Tobin's automobile struck and killed Isadore Merrow on November 1, 1939. He told police he returned to the scene several times but could not muster enough courage to identify himself.

A Ford two-door sedan belonging to Ed Vogt of Centre Hall took fire inside the car while it was parked near the Merrill Meyer home, Friday morning, Mr. Vogt and Mr. Meyer had returned only a short time before from a trip to Wilkes-Barre. The supposition is that a discarded cigarette stub started the blaze which resulted in all the upholstery being ruined, and several windows broken. The fire pump-pumper was called to the scene to save the car from complete destruction.

Donald Brandt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brandt, of Millheim, is sporting a bandaged arm which he carries in a sling. Like humpty-dumpty he fell down, only instead of falling off a wall, Donald fell off his roller skates at Hecla Park last Saturday night and the right forearm was fractured.

Miss Mariene Coldron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Coldron, danced and modeled children's clothing at the Lewistown Y. M. C. A. building on March 9 during Vicarious Ray-non week. The fashion show was held during the afternoon and evening. Miss Coldron, though not yet six years old, has been appearing in public performances since she was 3 years old.

Richard J. Lamb, labor editor of the Pittsburgh Press and brother of Mrs. Joseph A. Parrish, of Bellefonte, was honored at a banquet at Pittsburgh on Saturday night when he was presented with a check for \$100 and a medal in recognition of his outstanding work in that field of reporting during 1939. A series of articles written by Mr. Lamb and another Scripps-Howard staff member on the high building costs in the Pittsburgh area led to an investigation and indictment of several building trades union leaders in that district.

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QUICK and DEPENDABLE

Betty McCool, Devoila Emphfield. A daughter was born last Thursday afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. Byers Ripka, at their home in Millheim. The baby weighed eight and one-half lbs. at birth, and has been named Labelle Marie. She is the fifth girl in the family.

Centre County Commissioners have delayed approving an appropriation of \$2400 for a mine sealing project in Centre County. But they are not alone. In the seven counties district only two have signified their willingness to pay their allotment of a \$25,000 fund. There are 63 mines in the county on the list to be sealed, most of them in Rush township.

Speaking parts for the operetta, "Oh! Doctor," to be presented March 29 by the Centre Hall-Pottersdale students under the direction of Donald Shope, were announced this week. These persons will play the leads: Dean Bradford, Dr. Drinkwater; Freda Smith, Honor; Ann Homan, Glory; Mary Jordan, Phil-Phil; Dean Smith, Bob; and Robert Homan, Rainbow. Others who have speaking parts are: Patricia Boozer, LeFa Bither, Ellen Bradford, Joyce Bradford, Jean Smith, Robert Foust, Gilbert Ralston, Harold Reish, Anthony Venetick, John Runkle, Ernest Frank and John Knarr. The singing choruses will be announced later.

At 3 o'clock Friday morning George Vogt of Centre Hall played the Good Samaritan for a N. Y. state salesman floundering in a two-foot snow bank by the side of the main highway through Centre Hall in front of the P. M. Fisher home. After struggling for an hour to release himself and aids on the part of a resident being of no avail, the situation was finally cleared when George Vogt brought his big truck on the scene and after a desperate haul not without first breaking a tow chain, the car was released. The stranger declared he must have dozed momentarily, causing his car to veer to the right and into the deep snow.

The house of Walter Boone, located on the divide about two miles north of Howard, was damaged slightly by fire shortly after noon last Friday. The fire was discovered by the rural mail carrier, who called to the family occupying the residence. Owing to the scarcity of water at that place, the Howard Fire Company responded to a call for their services. By using the small amount of water available together with snow, the fire was extinguished within a short time. The fire was confined to the roof, which was damaged to the extent of \$50. The fire was caused by sparks from the kitchen stove where dinner was being prepared for the family. The house is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spicer and son. The Spicer family appears to be meeting with more than their share of such misfortune, as they occupied the north end of the Walter Boone property in Howard borough when that house was seriously damaged by fire last year.

Information—Please Trial of three Danville young men for the theft of a quantity of iron worth only a few dollars, has cost Montour County more than \$100, for which the county can show records of a jury which returned after an hour's deliberation to ask if a verdict of "attempted larceny" were possible and, learning there is no difference between attempted larceny and larceny, retired again to return three hours and 15 ballots later with a verdict of no guilty.

Much credit goes to Marie Long and Barbara Petheroff for their ability to score points. They were ably assisted by Sara Zubler, Betty Robinson and Christine Nell. Other substitutes who gave aid to the team were Bernice Horner and Janet McCool.

You will note that we had two sets of forwards, hence always able to find a combination that could score. This is one of the best groups I have ever worked with, because of their spirit, willingness to cooperate, and desire for the game.

We will lose two players by graduation, Marie Long and Jean Watts, forwards.

Other players who reported for practice and saw little action were: Margaret Emscheweller, Phyllis Emscheweller, Lorayne Grove, Mary Louise Aukerman, Dorothy Henry,

### Sunday School Lesson

TRIUMPH THROUGH SURRENDER.

International Sunday School Lesson for March 10, 1940.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Not as I will, but as thou wilt"—Matt. 26:39.

(Lesson Text: Matt. 26:30-56.)

It was probably almost midnight when Jesus and the eleven remaining disciples left the Upper Room and went out into the quiet of the night. Passing through the city gate, they crossed the brook Kidron, climbed the slope of Mount Olivet and entered the Garden of Gethsemane, a grove of olive trees, a place of quiet and beauty where Jesus had evidently frequently visited and enjoyed.

On the way to the Garden, Jesus tried to prepare his beloved followers for the events of the night, saying that they would all be offended in him. Peter, with his customary impetuosity, immediately questioned such a prophecy concerning himself. It would probably have been better for him had he not been so confident and boastful. However, Jesus then told Peter that he would that night deny him three times. Even this repetition failed to alarm this courageous fisherman, who in his blind confidence, confidently assured Jesus that death itself would not make him guilty of such an act.

Upon arriving at the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus took Peter, James and John and went into the Garden with the expressed purpose of praying. Leaving these three disciples, Jesus went alone a little farther into the Garden, there to face the agony of his soul, all the while praying to his Heavenly Father. Isn't it true that if Jesus himself felt the need of prayer, of talking with his Heavenly Father, how much more do the modern Christian need to cultivate this source of spiritual power?

Returning to his disciples, Jesus found them sleeping, utterly unaware of the great ordeal which their beloved Master was facing. Three times he called upon these followers of his, only to find them asleep. Thus, separated from those who were humanly closest to him he prayed that the approaching cup might be averted, probably remembering how Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac had been sufficient without the actual death. It was not the physical suffering which Jesus sought to avoid, but the assumption of sin, involving separation from God, which explains the meaning of his later utterance on the cross, asking God why had He forsaken him.

At length, reconciled by his mission and submissive to the will of God, Jesus was ready to meet his fate. Returning to his sleeping disciples, Jesus said, "Sleep on now, and take your rest; behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners." Then, apparently seeing the torches of the approaching band led by Judas, he commanded his disciples, "Arise, let us be going; behold, he is at hand that betrayeth me."

The disciples scrambled up and stared through the darkness. They recognized Judas, followed by a crowd of men, some with swords and some with staves. As they stood by dumfounded, Judas went straight up to Judas to kill him, which was the way he had promised to identify Jesus to the soldiers. How Judas could have chosen to sell his Lord, to those who would put him to death, with a kiss—the tenderest token of human affection—is almost inconceivable.

Instead of condemning the hypocrisy of Judas and allowing his holy wrath to express itself in denunciation of such action by one of his disciples, Jesus merely said, "Friend, wherefore are thou come? Immediately the soldiers warned about and laid hold of Jesus. At this moment, the stunned disciples seemed to have come to life suddenly. Peter caught up a sword and struck a mighty blow at Malchus, the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

Jesus rebuked this impulsive action on the part of Peter. Then he touched the ear of the wounded man and healed it. Imagine it! Healing the injury of one who had come to arrest him—his last healing miracle and an enduring monument to the forgiveness and magnanimity of our Lord.

When the disciples realized what was happening, terror struck into their hearts and they forsook Jesus and fled. The mob seized Jesus, bound him as if he were a dangerous criminal, and led him back into the city of Jerusalem, to be tried and condemned to death.

COLLEGE TWP. Mr. and Mrs. William Neidigh and sons James and Ronald had as their guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Leo Orr and daughter Anna Mae and sons Donald and Richard.

Mr. Thomas Houtz attained his 90th birthday anniversary on March 1. Mr. Houtz does not enjoy the best of health but gets around fine and looks much younger than he is. He and his wife, the former Miss Frances Segner, are the parents of two sons Willis Houtz and Orrie Houtz and a daughter Mrs. Robert Bailey, three grandsons Charles, Clyde and Robert Houtz, two and two granddaughters, Miss Hazel Houtz and Miss Pauline Houtz; there are also four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Kathryn Neidigh and Mrs. Loraine Shearer were among those who attended the meeting of the Friendship Circle on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Sally Aver, on 133 Fairmont Avenue, State College.

Glenn and Cecil Shearer spent Tuesday evening with James and Ronald Neidigh.

Frank Trester and his three sisters Florence, Anna and Helen Trester and their little niece Dorothy Confer and nephew Jimmy Confer visited their old stamper ground the Fox farm where they lived prior to moving to Millersburg on Sunday.

Gets It Bob-Cat Irvin McCreaty, Northumberland county, contable set a trap for skunks, along the old canal bed, but when he visited the trap and inspected his catch, he found he had a 25-pound bob-cat, the first killed in the county in seven years.

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