

# Home Built in 1836 Destroyed by Fire

The two-story home of the Way family of Stormstown was completely destroyed by fire yesterday morning. Five generations of Ways have lived in the house since it was built in 1836.

Members of the Way family have lived in Stormstown continuously since 1792 when the first Way was a member of a group of Quakers that settled the area, then a part of Mifflin County.

Elwood Way, present owner

## 40 Companies Expected At Council Career Day

Approximately 40 companies are expected to be represented at this year's College Council Career Day, Ervin Hill, president of the Inter-College Council Board, said this week.

This represents an increase of 14 over last year, he said.

The annual project is scheduled for either the last week in April or the first week of May, Hill said. He said it will be held on the first and ground floors of the Hetzel Union Building.

Career Day enables students to gain first-hand knowledge of possible job opportunities, Hill said.

## Hat Council Meeting Set

The Hat Society Council is scheduled to meet at 6:30 p.m. Sunday in 214 Hetzel Union Building.

of the house, said the fire started in a wooden shed which adjoins the kitchen. He said he was in the kitchen at the time and Mrs. Way was on the second floor. Three of their four children were home because of a school holiday, he said.

Way is a member of the State College Area School Board, the Grange and the Centre County Agricultural Forum, Russel Seward, Centre County agricultural agent, said. Seward said Way operates a 150 acre orchard and dairy farm about five miles west of Rt. 322 near Stormstown.

"The Way operation is modern and efficient," Seward said.

The house burned down in less than two hours, Alpha fire chief B. L. Moore said. Way estimated that the fire loss was \$15,000 for the contents. But he said that the sentimental value of the house was far greater.

Port Matilda and Alpha firemen were present at the scene but could not save the house. Several neighbors helped to remove some living room furniture and kitchen appliances before the firemen arrived, Way said. The firemen were able to prevent the fire from spreading to another nearby shed.



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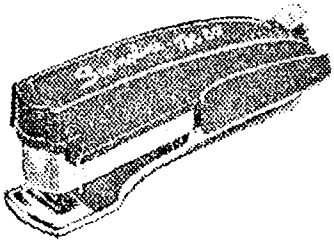
ONLY THE BRICK CHIMNEY remains of the two story home of Elwood Way. Five generations of the Way family had made this their home. The structure was built in 1836. Five of the six Way's were at home yesterday morning when the fire broke out in a wooden shed which adjoined the kitchen. Fortunately, none of the family or any of the firemen from the

Alpha and Port Matilda companies were injured. The kettle in the center of the photo contained applebutter which was cooking in the shed when the fire erupted. The Way's lost all their personal possessions except some living room furniture and kitchen appliances which neighbors helped to remove before the firemen arrived.

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