

Mt. Zion

BARN CHANGES HANDS
Alphonso Bednarski of Wyoming has recently purchased the property on the south side of the road which runs from Sands' farm to Sutton Creek road. The property was formerly part of the Holmes farm and was purchased from Richard Holmes.

Barn is a huge structure built back in the days when men who knew how to do it built the frames on the ground of hewn timbers, pinning them together with wooden pegs. Then when the frames were all constructed the owner would have a barn-raising party. Men from miles around would come; the women folks would prepare dinner enough to feed an army.

The teams of men would get all set, and at the word heave-ho, the frames would be lifted upright, held steady with poles, and if everything

was made right the pieces would fit together with tongues and holes which matched. When in place there would be men with wooden pegs to drive into the holes and the frames would be fast together.

This Holmes barn must have been made that way. The timbers are of that ancient vintage and time has not weakened the building. Charles Marcy has been tearing off the old shingles, and now the roof of the hip variety is about ready for the aluminum sheets which will be used to cover it. Once the rain is kept out the barn should outlast all the younger generation in the neighborhood.

Mr. Bednarski formerly kept the beautiful ponies over on the Trucksville road near the old Heft mill property, which is destined soon to be a part of the new State Park and Flood Control project.

DOINGS ON MT. ZION ROAD

Roy William and his father Roy J. Thomas have been doing extensive machine work on the place where the road builders made a big fill last summer. A part of a kind of pasture sloping down back from the Thomas front yard was filled with large elements from road building such as large rocks, stumps and dirt. Now father and son are smoothing it all off and making what will eventually be a nice grassy lawn for the growing family of Roy and Peggy and their four children.

Over on what is called the Bodle road there is a place which used to belong to Pat Curry who raised fancy Kerry Blue terriers. For the past seven years Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bamert have been living there and stretching the element of neat beauty from the house and lawn down the slope back from the house and up among the trees beyond.

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much like a private park, and as they sat together on the patio outside their garage doors they seemed to be enjoying the results of their years of labor. In the early spring loveliness of all nature this was indeed a spot of domestic serenity.

Further on up the Bodle Road across from Dave and Edith Perry's there used to be a rocky barren ledge of land belonging to Mrs. Andrew Mattei. Mrs. Mattei's daughter Margaret Stelma got her heart set on building a house on that ledge. Mrs. Mattei gave the land to her daughter who got a beautiful house built there after machines had scooped out a hole in the rock. Road building past the place threatened to cut off the front yard but there is still a good driveway up to the garage. On the porch the other day was a fuzzy new puppy who seemed to say with expressive wiggles, "I like it here too!"

From the front yard there is a view across humps and hollows of

meadow and woodland which reaches across to the foot of old and serene Bald Mountain over where Milwaukee (not in Wisconsin) and a few scattered farm houses run up around the mountain. Near at hand across from this place are two houses of recent construction which also are of the Mattei family. The one built about 14 years ago used to be the old homestead of the Matteis. And then the elder Andrew Mattei died. At present Mrs. Mattei's daughter Anna lives with her husband Andrew Lukas and they have a five year old girl who now has fully recovered from a recent tonsil operation and enjoys being out doors with her father and mother while they slick up their back yard. And the view from that yard is such that it might well become a picture setting for the Mattei family. The view of "Old Baldy" in the afternoon sun takes in the gleaming white Mt. Zion church over on the other

road, and then in the dim distance the twin peaks of Elk Mountain over in Susquehanna County stand like a landmark, for this mountain with the fire tower and ski run is visible from many miles around. You can see it from the hill above Meshoppen, and on the road near South Montrose, and on the road from Uniondale to Thompson.

In the immediate foreground seen from the Lukas home is a small farm pond belonging to some of the Earl family living near these people along the Bodle Road. On the same general plot is the Mattei son, Andrew, and his wife living in a new house. So here in a comparatively small region there are three Mattei's living, and their mother keeps a maternal eye over all of them.

You could be blind when you walk along Mt. Zion Road, and yet you would know you were near the home of Bob and Milly Krum, especially in the cool air of eve-

ning. Your nose knows when you are anywhere near that growth of purple lilacs. You would think that a century house was nearby, for it takes years to grow such a clump. The clump is more than half as big as the neat house built in recent years on a well-kept lawn. The house can also be seen through the trees from up on the Andrew Lukas place. It's kinda fun to try

to identify all the places you can see from a given spot.

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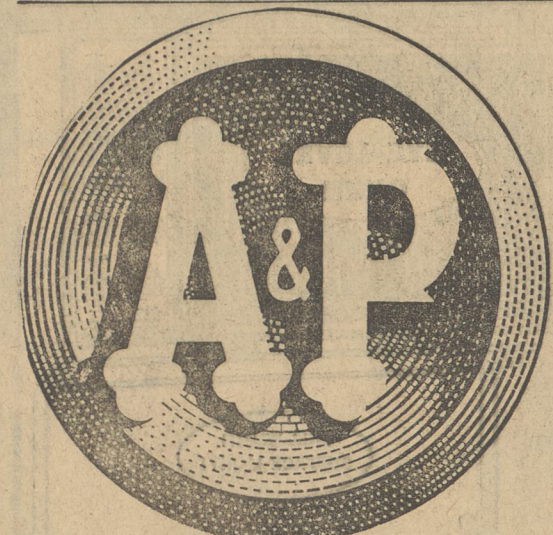
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