

Hayfield barn

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From a terra cotta drainage system in the field, doors over each stall for easy hay hauling to a coal-heated barn, no expense was spared.

The stable was built to house and show Scottish Clydesdales. The horses were shown all over the world and attracted many people to Lehman. Visitors from as far as Belgium came to catch a glimpse of the magnificently strong and groomed horses.

In addition to Clydesdales there were also Scottish Island cattle, sheep and pigs. There was once a deer park where the Huntsville Golf Club is now.

In 1964, Mrs. John Conyngham died and Will Conyngham Sr. and his brothers George and Jack bought the land from her nephew. The nephew gave 50 acres and a farmhouse to Penn State and sold the rest to the brothers.

Everyone who had experienced the barn commented on its beauty and splendor.

"The 14 main stalls were solid cherry," recalled Tom Heffernan, whose father worked at the barn. "It was the most amazing sight."

Heffernan was very impressed with the Clydesdale shows. "They dressed the horses so beautifully and people from all over came to see them," he said.

Will Conyngham Sr. also thought the horses beautiful and remembers the barn as a source of intrigue for him as a child.

"As a child I was fascinated by the stallion Clydesdales in their big box stalls," said Conyngham. "It was very exciting to see."

Jack Conyngham remembers the horse shows at the barn as unique events. "We used to polish all the brass and paint the horses hooves. It was quite a show-place," he said. "There was nothing like it in this part of the country."

Conyngham is quick to point out that the barn's glory days ended by the late 40's. "It was a wonderful facility in its day, but the day had passed," explained Conyngham. "We didn't maintain it because there was no demand for Clydesdales, for which the barn was built."

But, even after its heyday, the barn was the site of many fond memories. Will Conyngham, co-owner of Hillside Farms, and his wife, Chris, actually met in the barn while she was housing her horses there.

Chris Conyngham and Annie Root, Tom Heffernan's daughter, were deeply saddened by the fire. The two were childhood friends who described the barn as representing a magical and wonderful period of their lives.

"There is nothing like it. It was a lovely place, very peaceful and beautiful," said Conyngham. "We grew up there and it was really a perfect time, we are very fortunate to have had it."

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Jack Conyngham

For Annie Root, the barn was also very sentimental. "We used to sleep over there on Saturday

nights," she said. "The whole area was gorgeous. You felt like you were in a place in a magazine. It was definitely a special place."

For approximately the last 30 years, the barn has been rented out for housing horses. Before it burned down, the Conynghams were thinking of renovating it and opening it up for additional purposes. Unfortunately, those plans never materialized.

Many affiliated with the barn

are thankful for their memories, but still feel an immense sense of loss.

"My heart broke when my sister called with the news at 4 a.m. I walked in there in the morning and cried," said Root. "A barn like that can never be rebuilt. I've never seen another like it. It's pure heritage."

Will Conyngham said it was a terrible thing to see and his father agreed. "It's a tragedy to see such

a beautiful building destroyed by fire," said Will Conyngham Sr.

Heffernan, who had housed horses in the barn from 1970 to 1977, felt a double loss. Not only did he grow up around the barn, but his daughter did also. "I miss it both from my own childhood and my daughter's," he said.

Although the barn is now gone, it will always live in the hearts of those who worked, played, and lived there.



Hayfield Barn, in its heyday, hosted displays of Clydesdales that attracted viewers from around the world.

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Q: How do you differentiate between hayfever allergies and sinus infection?

A: Runny nose, coughing and sneezing are common components to these illnesses. A cold usually starts with a clear nasal drainage and a scratchy throat. Over the next week it progresses through a stage of nasal congestion and thicker drainage. It should clear without any treatment in 7-10 days. Allergies involve clear nasal drainage and may also include itchy and watery eyes and wheezing. They do not change over the course of time, except to become better or worse. Either allergies or colds may progress to a sinus infection. When this occurs, the nasal drainage will remain for a prolonged period. Headaches around the eyes are prominent. There may be a fever. Sinus infections require antibiotic treatment, so see your doctor if you suspect one.



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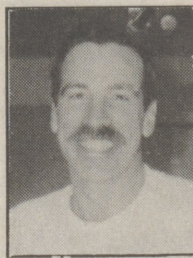
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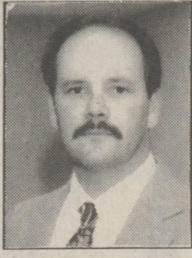
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Q: Should liability coverages be carried on a snowmobile?

A: Effective September 9, 1996, Pennsylvania Law requires all registered snowmobiles to carry liability insurance coverage. No owner of a snowmobile may operate a registered snowmobile without the required liability insurance coverages.

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COUNSELING

Q: What are some warning signs that a teenager may be depressed or suicidal?

A: No on sign in isolation indicates depression or suicidal intent, but some things to look for include a change in normal eating or sleeping patterns, a deterioration in grooming habits, or increasing social withdrawal. Suicidal teenagers often overtly threaten to harm themselves, talk about feeling hopeless and trapped, and give away prized possessions. If you are worried that a teenager might be seriously depressed or at risk for suicide, they should see a mental health professional for an evaluation.

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