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TMI
*was the scene
 of the
 "end of the
 world" in 1844*

Adapted from the
 Susquehanna Magazine

While many people think TMI almost caused the end of Lancaster County, the association of TMI and disaster is not new. A group camped out near TMI in 1844 to await the end of the world.

It was all started by one William Miller of New York, who in 1831 decided that the world would end in 1844, basing his estimate on scripture.

Miller came to our area and soon had a band of followers, centered around Goldsboro and Middletown. They all expected the world to end between March 21, 1843, and March 21, 1844. When March of 1844 approached without doom, Miller decided he had been confusing the Jewish and Roman calendars, and revised the end of the world date upward by one day: March 22, 1844.

The Millerites, wearing muslin robes, assembled on Hill Island near TMI. Most of them had given away all their property, and one had asked his lawyer to forgive a debt, since the world was about to end. The lawyer had replied that the debt would be forgiven if the world did indeed end.

It seems the Millerites picked an island to wait for the end because they expected to walk on water.

Miller had predicted that Gabriel's horn would sound at 3:00 AM that night. A practical joker named Sam Patch climbed a tree near the Millerites' encampment, and at the appointed hour blew a snail's horn at them, causing temporary excitement.

When the sun rose on the 23rd, the Millerites went home. Miller wrote from New York: "...I still believe the day of the Lord is near... be watchful, and let not that come upon you unawares."



Fay Myers

*Fay Myers is engaged
 to Harry Boyles*

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Hempfield High School. She Kaufman, of Drager Road, RD1 Columbia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Fay Kaufman Myers, to Harry N. Boyles, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyles, Columbia. Miss Myers attended

Hempfield High School. She resides in Marietta. Mr. Boyles graduated from Columbia High School, in 1970. He is employed by the Armstrong Ceiling Plant, Marietta. A June 14, 1980 wedding is planned.

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