

School Boy Injured in Dynamite Blast



Orrin Stevens, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stevens, Bangor R. 4, is the only one of 13 pupils of the Lehigh school building of Lower Mt. Bethel township, injured as a result of the Sandts Eddy quarry blast, who is hospitalized. He is suffering from lacerations of the head after being struck by flying glass and debris shaken loose in the school room by the explosion about a mile away. He is in the Easton hospital.

13 Pupils and Two Teachers Injured In School by Quarry Blast Mile Away

Thirteen pupils and two teachers were injured, none seriously, when the shock of the blast at the Lehigh Portland's Sandts Eddy plant blew in the front of windows of the two-room brick building of the Lehigh Consolidated school, less than a mile from the scene of the explosion.

The teachers, Mrs. T. Frank Leh and Mrs. R. A. Haldeman, both of Nazareth, led the pupils to the glass sprinkled lawn and gave first aid to the injured while awaiting arrival of private cars to take them to Easton hospital.

The school, built in 1928, is located along Mud Run road in Lower Mt. Bethel township, and is attended by 61 boys and girls between the ages of 6 to 16 years.

Herbert R. Frye of Bethlehem, inspector for the State Department of Labor and Industry, ordered the school closed pending further inspection of the building. According to Frye, the walls are believed to have been moved and constitute a possible danger to the children. All windows in the front of the building were shattered.

Thirty-two pupils were in the room taught by Mrs. Haldeman, a substitute

teacher, and 29 in Mrs. Leh's room. "Some of the first graders screamed a bit at first, but they were soon settled down and behaved like heroes and heroines. I can't say too much for those children," said Mrs. Haldeman.

One boy was admitted to Easton hospital for observation and further treatment. He is Orrin Stevens, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stevens, also of Mud Run, lacerations of the scalp.

Others treated at the hospital for cuts were:

Magdalene Borbas, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Borbas of Mud Run, cuts about the head.

Leonore Hagley, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hagley, of Mud Run, pupil in 6th grade.

Olga Borbas, 7, and Viola Borbas, 12, sisters of Magdalene.

Doris Kneebone, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kneebone, Mt. Pleasant; 7th grade.

Elinor Horn, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Horn of Bangor R. 2; 3rd grade.

Shirley Metz, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Metz, Lower Mt. Bethel township; 2nd grade.

Elwood Savitz, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Savitz, Lower Mt. Bethel township; 4th grade.

Peter Thomas, 8, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Morgan Thomas, Mt. Pleasant; 1st grade.
Betty Stormer, 13, pupil in 7th grade.
Charlotte Horn, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Horn, Mt. Pleasant; 5th grade.
Louis Thomas, 13, of Mud Run district.

Urges Farmers To Treat Oats

Farm Agent Coleman Suggests Efforts to Prevent Smut Losses

Northampton county farmers are urged by County Agent B. L. Coleman to prevent smut losses in the oats crop this year. Oats are valuable as human food and livestock feed.

A careful study of nearly 100 fields in Pennsylvania last year revealed that where untreated seed was planted, losses from smut were equivalent to the yield from one acre in eight planted to treated seed. In other words, seven acres planted to treated seed produced as much as eight acres planted to untreated seed.

Farmers who had any smut in their oats last year are urged to use organic mercury of formaldehyde as seed treatment before planting this spring. Oat smut losses are stopped with either of these treatments at a cost of two to four cents an acre.

A half-ounce of organic mercury (ethyl-mercury-phosphate) mixed with a bushel of oats in a homemade treating machine effectively prevents smut and protects the oats from other seedling blights. If formaldehyde is used, one pint of the chemical mixed with a like quantity of water will treat 50 bushels of oats.

Further information on the procedure to follow is contained in Circular 136, "Seed treatment for the control of oat smut," which may be obtained from the agricultural extension service in the Easton court house.

Conference Keeps Union Negotiator From Explosion Scene

If it had not been for the fact that Stanley F. Snyder, Wind Gap, was called to Allentown to negotiate a new contract for the cement workers, his name would more than likely be added to the fatality list of the Lehigh-Portland Cement Co. explosion.

Mr. Snyder, who is employed at the plant, was working with a committee for the union of the cement workers, and was in Allentown at the time of the catastrophe. He was not to report for work at the quarry until this morning.

He is the father of five children, ranging in age from 2 to 12, Bethlehem.

Farmer Hurlled From Tractor By Explosion

George Taylor, Nearly Mile From Scene, Stunned When Thrown to Ground

George Taylor, who resides with his wife and four children in a frame dwelling along the Mud Run road about three-quarters of a mile from the scene of the explosion, was quite shaken up by the blast.

In relating his experiences, Mr. Taylor said he was operating a tractor in ploughing a nearby piece of farm land. The force of the explosion tossed him from the vehicle to the ground. He was stunned, he said, and it took him several minutes to realize that a serious accident happened.

The air was filled with missiles, some of which later proved to be pieces of human flesh, which were strewn about fields leading to the quarry approach.

Mr. Taylor's 10-year-old son, George, was one of the pupils of the Lehigh school building who was treated by a physician for shock.

Practically every window pane in the Taylor house was shattered.

Bethlehem Kiwanians Mark Charter Day

With N. J. Hager of Easton, who organized the group, as guest of honor, the Bethlehem Kiwanis club Thursday in the Hotel Bethlehem observed charter day.

Secretary of the Easton Kiwanis and a past president, Mr. Hager recalled the birth of the Bethlehem Kiwanis in 1925.

Talks were also given by E. E. Wallace and Esser Huff, past presidents; A. Copeland Callen, past international president.

P. J. Malloy was the chairman. At the speakers table were J. Toms Dover, president; Mitchell W. Van Billard, vice president; Charles H. Weidner Jr., secretary; Mr. Wallace, Franklin G. King, N. J. Hager, Mr. Malloy, Lieutenant Governor Carl A. Mitman, Robert Green, A. Copeland Callen, Dr. F. J. Conahan, R. R. Hauser and Rosser Huff.

4 Births at St Luke's

Two girls and two boys were born Wednesday in St. Luke's hospital. Sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dengler, 713 5th Ave. and to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Novasatka, 1439 Easton Ave., Bethlehem. Parents of the girls are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Martin, 503 Spring St., and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Angle, 642 N. New St., Bethlehem.

Where Blast Injured 13 Pupils, Two Teachers



Lehigh consolidated school in which 13 children and two teachers were injured by the blast at Sandts Eddy quarry. The school was ordered closed until a thorough investigation is made to determine how badly the building is damaged.

Democratic Club Auxiliary Nominates

Officers were nominated Thursday night by the Fountain Hill Democratic club auxiliary. Mrs. Rose McLaughlin, president.

Nominees are: Mrs. McLaughlin, president; Mrs. Edna Kurtz, vice president; Mrs. Martha Dwyer, secretary; Mrs. Caroline Rankey, treasurer.

The election will be held April 30. Mrs. Dwyer was named head of a committee to arrange for the 8th annual banquet April 29.

State Officials to Attend District Rally of D of A

Mrs. Hattie Bishop, of Archbald, state councillor, and other state officials, are expected to attend a district rally of the Daughters of America Friday, April 17, in Murphy hall, Bethlehem.

The rally will be sponsored by Samaritan Council, 181 Bethlehem, with the following committee in charge: Mrs. Saide Bill, chairman; Mrs. Helen Miller, Mrs. Margaret Pfaber, Mrs. Mamie Unangst, Violet Erney.

COMMUNION SERVICE APRIL 2 IN HELLETTOWN

Thursday evening, April 2, Holy Communion services will be held at 7:30 in Christ Lutheran church, Hellestown.

Easter morning services will be held at 10:15 and on the evening of April 12, an Easter cantata will be held. At the Lower Saucon church, at Easton, morning and evening Holy Communion services will be held.

First Aid Instructions For Scouts and Leaders

Scouts and Scout leaders will receive instructions in first aid beginning next Tuesday in the Community Center, Packer and Brodhead Aves., Bethlehem.

Charles A. Klein is the chairman of the leadership training committee of the Bethlehem Boy Scout council.

The 11-session course, leading to the standard certificate of the American Red Cross, is open to scoutmasters, assistant scoutmasters, to scouts assigned to casualty stations and to emergency service apprentices. Sessions will begin at 7:30 p. m.

Rollin Leim, scoutmaster of Troop 25, is the director of the course. Other instructors are Gregory Panebianco, scoutmaster of Troop 7, Robert Thomas, former scoutmaster of Troop 18, Arthur Weiss, assistant scoutmaster of Troop 25, and John Winters, scoutmaster of Troop 30.

Windows in Two Bethlehem Schools Broken by Explosion

Reports that a terrible explosion had occurred at the Bethlehem Steel plant in Bethlehem brought hundreds of telephone calls to the Bethlehem police, before the scene of the explosion had been learned. Many of the calls came from distant points.

In Bethlehem there was no great damage.

A number of windows in the library High and Washington Junior High school buildings and a plate glass window of a Broad St. store were reported broken.

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