

1927, August 11.

#### **THRESHING FINISHED EARLY.**

The threshing club composed of Roy Gries, Louis Gries, Henry Moritz, Wait Redenius, Jesse Gries, Prosper Fagot, George Wilts and Herman Moritz finished on last Saturday, the oats averaging from 29 to 40 bushels.

1927, September 1.

*As The Willis Bros. song goes, "somebody knows my dog and though he won't let strangers in....".*

#### **FARM HOUSE BURGLARIZED.**

Somebody entered the Bill Janssen farm home north of town Saturday night and got away with property of considerable value, which included an overcoat, suit, watch, razor and necktie belonging to Joe Kires, who is employed on the farm; a Winchester shotgun, silk shirt, two neckties, cap and sox belonging to Mr. Janssen and a dress of Mrs. Janssen's.

The family came to town at 7:30 and on the way met a man asking for work. At the time it did not occur to them that it was an odd time for a man to go into the country to seek work. They remained in town but for an hour and when they returned they found the property missing. Naturally, the man they met, who was a stranger, is suspected of being the guilty party.

"I don't see how he got by my dog", said Mr. Janssen, "as it is a good watch dog; but he is crazy after squirrels and as he had one treed, I suppose he was busy looking after it."

1927, November 24.

#### **HERMAN RUESTMAN IS STATE CHAMPION.**

Herman Ruestman of Minonk, Woodford county pig club champion, has been chosen Illinois State pig club champion. This is the first pig club championship won by a Woodford county club member. Last year Melvin Morris of Panola township, won the state championship among boys growing the Poland China breed. This year, however, we have the championship of all. Herman gets a free trip worth \$25 to the National Club Congress at Chicago next week. This accomplishment by this young man is an honor worth a thousand times more than merely his trip to Chicago. With Winfield Morrison last summer winning the state high school championship in pole vaulting, Minonk now has two state championships under its belt.

1928, March 29.

#### **FIRE AT FRANK SCHLOSSER'S.**

After being a human torch for a few seconds yesterday afternoon, Frank Schlosser, living one and one half miles west of Minonk, rolled in the dirt to put out the flames that embraced him and then telephoned for the Minonk fire company to save his corn sheller and possibly other property.

A valve leaked gasoline at the bottom of the corn sheller and Mr. Schlosser crawled under to repair it, using a lantern for light. Although he kept the light three or four feet away, an explosion followed and Mr. Schlosser was enveloped in flames. "I hardly know what I did", he said afterwards, "but now I remember that I rolled in the dust."

The local fire department responded to the call and after a short, intensive battle succeeding in squelching the blaze with very little damage being done. Mr. Schlosser kept pouring cold water on the gas tank, which contained about 25 gallons of gasoline and this, he thinks, prevented it exploding.

Last night Mr. Schlosser presented Chief W. H. Ryan \$25 for the fire company in appreciation of the work done. "They saved me at least \$5,000," he said, "and if farmers were not in such hard circumstances I would have given them much more than that. I had no insurance on the sheller because I felt, that I could not, afford it."

1928, May 3.

#### **SUDDEN DEATH FOR YOUNG COUNTRY BOY.**

Funeral services are being held at 2:30 this afternoon at the Immanuel Lutheran church in this city for Wilbur Carls, 11, who died at the St. Mary's hospital in Streator Tuesday morning at 7:00 o'clock, following an unusual accident.

A strong wind prevailed here all day on Monday and Wilbur was helping to milk that evening shortly after 6 o'clock, at his home about three miles southwest of Minonk, when a door of the cattle barn was torn loose and after being hurled for about twenty-five feet, struck the boy. The impact crushed his skull and paralyzed his left side. He was taken at once to the Streator hospital, where he passed away the next morning.