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Emporium, Pa.,

July 17, 1944.

P E R S O N A L

Mr. George H. Wirt:

In reference to the Pepper Hill Fire October 19, 1938, in which 8 boys of the CCC camp lost their lives.

I have heard that a Charles Clontz, who lived on the First Fork and who died about two years ago in the Williamsport Hospital, confessed to a nurse in the hospital that he started the fire and that he was not alone when he started the fire. I understand that Lynn Wykoff made this statement. However Wykoff had been drinking when he made the statement so there might not be any truth in it.

I thought that perhaps you might want to pass this information along to the State Police who made the investigation of the fire.

L. G. Barnes.