

The many friends all over the county will regret to hear of the loss sustained by Bert Campbell and family last Thursday morning, when their farm home with all its contents burned down about 5:30 a. m. It seems that Mr. Campbell had lighted the kitchen fire with pressed Pocahontas coal and then went out to the barn to attend to his chores. Mrs. Campbell and their young son were up stairs, the latter in bed. The stove exploded and Mrs. Campbell smelling gas all over the house immediately rushed into the bed room where the boy was and dragged him out of bed and got him out of the house with considerable difficulty. The flames spread rapidly, and by the time Mr. Campbell got back to the house it was impossible to save scarcely anything. John Detwiller and his men were in field close by but when they reached the burning house nothing but a few chairs could be saved and they were secured by breaking in a window. Mr. Campbell managed to grab a suit of clothes and one or two things for the boy but Mrs. Campbell saved nothing but what she had on. The loss is a heavy one, especially at this late season of the year when it is impossible to rebuild. We believe that about \$900 was carried in insurance. A \$450 piano recently purchased was burned up. Kind neighbors have been looking after the Campbells and as a temporary home some rooms are being fitted up in a machine shed and the Detwillers and other neighbors have been assisting in the work of fixing up this temporary home and on Monday evening of this week the neighbors gave the Campbell's a donation party at which time many things used in the home were presented to this family. Mr. Campbell will build a new home next year and for the next few months the family will be comfortable in their temporary quarters. Everybody is glad that the family escaped without injury or loss of life.