

# Steam Boiler Explosion Wrecks Dairy Plant, Kills One

## John Nowotny Loses Life When Pieces of Metal Pierce Body

### Eighteen-Year-Old Olbrych Employe, Alone in Building at Time, Lives Only Five Minutes After Reaching Hospital: Ruptured Liver Said Cause; Blocks Of Concrete Hurdled Through Framework of Two Residences Nearby and Woman Lifted From Chair

John Nowotny, 18, of 38 Cornell Street, died in St. Mary's Hospital shortly after 6 o'clock this morning of injuries received when a steam boiler in the Olbrych Dairy, 4 Bell Street, exploded at 5:55 o'clock. The force of the explosion was so great that the interior of the building and the boiler were torn and twisted as though a toy structure had been wrenched into wreckage by a powerful grip, and blocks of concrete, of which the walls of the buildings were constructed, were hurled through the framework of two houses fronting Reid Street, the rear portions of which are some 50 to 75 feet from the dairy plant.

#### Dies After Reaching Hospital

Nowotny had been an employe of the Olbrych Dairy for some time. His work was sterilizing bottles. This morning he and other employes were busy from 3 o'clock on to about 5:30. The others had left for breakfast and Nowotny was alone in the building when the explosion occurred. People in neighboring houses ran out and observing the wreck of the dairy went in and found the young man unconscious in the wreckage. He was carried into an adjoining home and Dr. E. A. Bogdan was notified and an ambulance called. The latter took Nowotny to the hospital where the physician joined him. He died about five minutes after arrival. Coroner Conant said death was due to a ruptured liver.

Telephone calls were made immediately following the explosion to the police and Fire Department. Officers McWilliams and Lampkin responded to the call for police, and pumps 3 and 6 and the No. 1 service truck to the call for firemen. Contents of small chemical tanks were used by the firemen to prevent the possible spread of fire from smouldering woodwork. Hundreds Vast Scene The scene of the explosion was visited by hundreds of people during the morning, the damage done to the two houses in rear of the dairy causing scarcely less wonder than the wreck of the Olbrych property. These houses are located at 69 Reid Street, owned by Caroline Techmanski, and 66 Reid Street, owner, Benjamin Pawlowski. Holes

torn through the clapboards of both appeared from the ground level to be from three to five feet in diameter, and the rear porches of both were heaped with debris. Some missile thrown from the point of explosion had passed between the two dwellings and had broken the pickets of a fence on the west side of Reid Street, about 300 feet from the dairy.

#### Woman Lifted by Shock

Mrs. Techmanski, who was in her kitchen at the moment of the explosion, sitting in a chair, was lifted into the air two feet at least, and a knife or fork which she had in her hand was loosened from her grasp. The shock compelled her to take to her bed and though there are no wounds on her body, her condition is such as to require medical attention.

Mrs. Adeline Mullerkey, daughter of Mrs. Techmanski, as far as human judgment may conclude, escaped death by a few minutes. She, with her husband, makes her home with her mother, and had left the house for work by the rear door anywhere from two to five minutes before the explosion, which hurled a slab of concrete against the rear porch and in direct line with the body of any person who might have been coming from the door at the moment. One of the blocks thrown into the Techmanski residence required the combined strength of two men for its removal.

The damage to the Olbrych plant was estimated this morning by an insurance adjuster at anywhere from \$3,000 to \$4,000. The repairs to the two houses damaged will cost less.

John Nowotny, the victim, is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nowotny, and four sisters, Winnie, Sadie, Nellie and Mary, all of here.

#### No Criminal Negligence

Coroner Conant made an investigation during the morning and at the conclusion said he found no criminal negligence. The coroner stated that he had interviewed the owners of the plant and learned that last February a State inspector had inspected the boiler and gave it his approval. A short time ago a leak developed and the dairy proprietors immediately communicated with the State inspector, and he returned to make another inspection. It was decided to install a new boiler and the owners of the plant placed an order for one at once with a Troy firm. The new boiler, Coroner Conant said, had been shipped and it was expected would arrive today to be set up. Under the circumstances, the coroner said, he decided the dairy proprietors had taken all precautions within their power to replace the old boiler, and in view of this he could find no criminal negligence.

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## Three Patents On Footballs And Baseballs

### Eli A. Robinson, Albert F. Heck, Amsterdam, Granted Improvements on Two Popular Articles of Sport

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 25.—(Special)—Both of the nation's most popularly enjoyed sports furnished the incentive for Amsterdam inventors to contribute something new in the form of equipment, it was noted today in the centennial issue of the United States Patent Office, when an improved method of producing a baseball and better bladder for the football were awarded patents.

Eli A. Robinson, Amsterdam, N. Y., devised a new way of putting a cover on a baseball as well as a method of manufacturing the ball center. Robinson received a patent which protects his system, which is composed of soaking suitable leather covers in water until they are soft and stretchable, then sewing the covers by machine on the ball center. Afterward steaming the cover until it is shrunk tightly to the ball center and then rolling the ball in a manner that will serve to finish the seams and shape the ball accurately.

Albert F. Heck, also of Amsterdam, invented a method of laying sections of rubber cut so as to fit inside a football of the regulation shape and so joining the sections together that when the bladder is inflated the pressure of the air inside the bladder will exert a force on the seams in the rubber bladder that will make them tighter and more permanent. In other words, the more highly the ball is inflated the tighter the seam will be, thus preventing leakage.

A second patent covering the bladder of a football was also granted Mr. Heck. It consists of arranging two kinds of rubber, cured and uncured, that a superior bladder is produced. All three of the patents have been assigned to the Collette Manufacturing Company of Amsterdam.

#### Faithful Daughters Meet For Business, Social Time

The Faithful Daughters Class of Trinity Lutheran Church met last night at the home of Mrs. Frank Tesoro, 1 Laura Street. Following a brief devotional service by the president, Miss Minna Franz, committee reports were given and new committees were appointed. Mrs. Harold Pankonin and Miss Hertha Rossow were named as the sick committee for December. It was decided to remember the children of the Montgomery Preventorium with gifts at Christmas time. Mrs. George Folster, Mrs. Cassius Gorham and Mrs. Richard Huebner were appointed to have charge of the activity. The altar committee will be Mrs. Charles Polinska and Miss Helen Ruback. The class voted to give a Christmas offering to the church. A rummage sale will be held in the Wagenheim building, Market Street, November 30, December 1 and 2. Gifts of clothing, books, dishes and furniture will be greatly appreciated. They may be brought in after 1 o'clock Monday afternoon.

After the business session, refreshments were served by the hostess and her committee, Mrs. William Hemstreet. Mrs. Richard Huebner, Mrs. William Boerner and Miss Lillian Knack. The Bible verse for the next meeting will be taken from the Christmas story, and Christmas gifts will be exchanged as usual.

#### New Concrete Bridge at Crescent Ave. Completed

The new concrete bridge at the foot of Crescent Avenue, leading to Mohawk Mills Park, erected as a WPA project, has been completed and will be opened to traffic tomorrow night. This is a notable improvement, the bridge being sufficiently wide for two cars to pass, and a walk on one side. It has been constructed to resist spring floods and makes a direct route to the park, which will be a great convenience to patrons.

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#### Recorder Not Issued On Thanksgiving Day

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## Turkey Sales Here Highest In Long Time

### Some Dealers Sold Out of Stock This Morning and Unable to Get Additional Supply; Market Prices

Sales of turkeys and other birds appropriate for the Thanksgiving dinner have gone beyond anything in Amsterdam for some years, according to local butchers, some of whom this morning were completely sold out of turkeys and unable to secure more. "It looks as though every family in the city is going to have turkey or chicken," remarked one dealer.

Butter has dropped in price since last week and there are several changes in the prices of the feeds.

- Quotations  
Corn, \$2.50 per hundred.  
Cottonteed meal, \$1.50 per hundred.  
Cracked corn, \$2.50 per hundred.  
Bran, \$1.80 per hundred.  
Brown middlings, \$2 per hundred.  
Flour middlings, \$2.35 per hundred.  
Red dog middlings, \$2.40.  
Oats, 80 cents a bushel.  
Cottonteed meal, 41-protein, \$2.50.  
Oil cake meal, \$2.50.  
Wheat, \$1.45 per bushel.  
Eggs, 48 cents per dozen.  
Flour, small sacks, \$1.29.  
Butter, 35 to 49 cents.  
Calves, 15 cents.  
Fowls, 25 cents.  
Pigs, 15 cents per 100 pounds, light 10 to 15 cents.  
Chickens, 32 cents per pound.

## Churches Join For Service on Thanksgiving

### Members of Protestant Denominations to Assemble For Religious Worship in 2nd Presbyterian Church

In conformity with a long established custom, a union Thanksgiving service of the Protestant churches of this city will be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in Second Presbyterian Church. Miss Harriet Conant, a student in the School of Music at Vassar College, will preside at the organ. The Thanksgiving offering will be the contribution of the Amsterdam Council of Churches to the work of the African M. E. Zion Church.

The order of service is as follows:  
Prelude.  
Call to Worship and Invocation.  
Hymn No. 419—"O God Beneath Thy Guiding Hand."  
Prayer.  
Proclamation of the President of the United States of America, the Rev. W. H. Werten, pastor of the East Main Street M. E. Church.  
Responsive Reading of the Scriptures—No. 31—Thanksgiving and Praise, the Rev. Charles W. Smith, pastor of the First Reformed Church.  
Hymn No. 279—"The King of Love My Shepherd Is."  
The Reading of the Scriptures, Rabbi Abraham J. Jacobson of Temple of Israel.

Prayers of Thanksgiving the Rev. William D. Orr of St. Ann's Episcopal Church.  
Choir Response.  
Announcements, the Rev. M. C. T. Andreae of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church.  
Offertory Solo—"The Lord is My Light"—Lizten  
Miss Margaret W. Shaul  
Sermon—The Rev. Marion G. Cole, D. D., of the First M. E. Church.  
Hymn No. 285—"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing."  
Benediction.

#### Mt. Carmel Social Club Has Card Party in Rooms

The Mount Carmel Social Club held a card party Monday night in the clubrooms, 15 tables being in play. Prizes were awarded as follows: Men's pinochle, John Brusco and Louis Coloni; ladies' pinochle, Mary Elancki and Mrs. Alice Muller; rummy, Mrs. Anna Ferrotti and Frank Barbogelata; briscola, Sam Greco and other prizes to Mrs. Carl Natale, Mrs. Leo Martello, Dominick Colletto, and Mrs. Nancy Ross. The committee in charge of the party was composed of Mrs. Margaret Altorio, Mrs. Josephine DeBerry, Mrs. Theresa Shekton, Miss Mary Surenio, Miss Amelia Parisi, and Frank Maneco, Carl Natale and Frank Shekton, the latter being chairman.

## Faces Larceny Charge After Auto Accident

### Donald Borst, Johnstown, Held in Jail for Grand Jury Action When Alleged Stolen Car Is Recovered

Donald Borst, Johnstown, is being held for the Grand Jury at the Fonda jail, following his arrest last night on a charge of stealing an automobile owned by Fred Roller. Both are employes of the Danocara Farms at Tribes Hill. Borst narrowly escaped serious injury when the machine he is alleged to have taken overran near the Gordon store at Tribes Hill. The accident resulted in a call to the sheriff's office. County Investigator Edward Sheehan responded. Details ascertained, he placed Borst under arrest and arraigned him on a larceny charge before Justice of the Peace Lansing S. Thornton at Fonda.

The car, which landed wheels at the side of the highway, was badly damaged.

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