

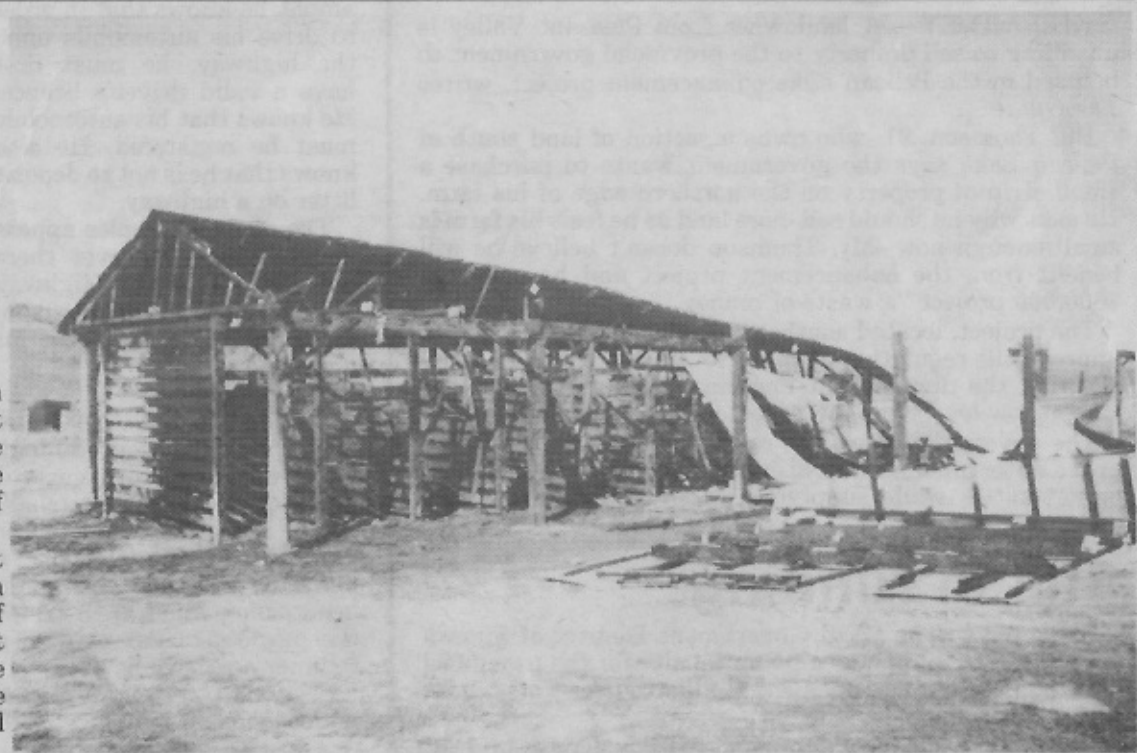
Fire destroys barn owned by Ag. Society

The cause of a fire which destroyed a barn owned by the Birtle Agricultural Society on the fairgrounds is presently under investigation.

Thirteen firefighters and three units responded to the alarm on the afternoon of Wednesday, Sept. 20 at approximately 4:30 p.m. Upon arrival, firefighters were able to contain the fire to the east barn, preventing it from reaching the brand new barn built this year.

A set dollar figure in damages was not available at press time, however to replace the barn the Society will be looking in the neighborhood of \$15,000.

The Birtle Fire Department also responded to a call to a brush fire at the home of Denis Simard on Sept. 26 at approximately 8:00 p.m. The fire was contained to the brush and no structural damage was reported.



One of the barns on the agricultural grounds was completely destroyed