

C.D. SMITH - barns burn

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The large barn on the C.D. Smith farm (known as the old E.D. Litsey farm) two miles north of Marshall was struck by lightning and set on fire at 10 minutes after 12 o'clock last Friday and destroyed. The day before, Mr. Smith had finished putting up his hay-17 loads. The barn also contained harness and farming implements. A team of mules and a calf in the barn at the time were rescued. Owing to a fortunate change in the direction of the wind another barn close by was saved. Lee Whitted, Mrs. C.D. Smith and others in the farmer's auto on their way to the fire had a narrow escape when at the Owen Swaim farm, lightning struck an elm tree near the road and they were showered with bark and splinters.-- transcribed and contributed by Karen Bazzani Zach