

# Neighbors Help Raise Kettering Barn



Clarence Rosenberger, pastor of the East Petersburg Church of the Brethren to which the Ketterings belong, and his daughter Nancy, who just returned August 28 from Nigeria where she taught three years in the Nigeria Waka schools, were among those who partici-

pated in the Kettering barn raising this week. In the background busily nailing boards are only a few of the 80 or more neighbors helping replace the barn which burned about seven weeks ago.

About 80 men swarmed over the new Kettering barn Wednesday to nearly complete the rebuilding of the barn which was burned to the ground on July 30

Farmers and agribusinessmen kept coming and going, squeezing in as much time as possible from their own pressing chores

One man noted he really couldn't spare the time, but "I'd want them to do the same thing for me if something like that happened to me," he said

During the past week, a contractor had installed the foundation and all the materials were ready for an early start Wednesday

The workmen began arriving at about 8 a.m., as soon as possible after completing chores. And it wasn't long before the aboveground wood structure of the barn began to take shape. Most of the woodwork was completed by noon, along with the shingling of the milk parlor

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kettering, who farm the land owned by the Neffsville Brethren Home, were hoping the milking equipment would arrive in time for beginning operation October 1

Clarence Rosenberger, pastor of the East Petersburg Church of the Brethren which the Ketterings attend, was among those who helped organize the barn



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kettering were happy and grateful Wednesday as their new barn went up rapidly. They're hoping for an October 1 completion, so they can

move the cows in and resume the farm life that was disrupted by the barn fire July 30.

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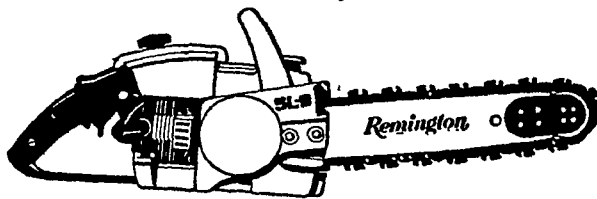
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raising, but he gave most of the credit to the Brethren Home trustees

Paul Neff, a trustee, said the Ketterings have been tenants on the farm on Airport Road near Lancaster Airport for about 10 years. It was because they have been "fine tenants" that the decision was made to rebuild, he said.

The Ketterings have some dry cows and heifers on another farm on Colebrook Road, Manheim RD1

But their herd of 45 Holstein cows is being housed until the new barn is ready for operation by the Black & White Holstein Farm, Lancaster. "If it hadn't been for the Myers', we would have probably had to sell the cows," Kettering said.

But while the Brethren Church was actively involved in the barn raising, Pastor Rosenberger noted the active participation of many members of other denominations, including Amish, Mennonites and Methodists