

**Barn raising held at Joseph Boll farm**

The Joseph Boll barn between Manheim and Lititz burned down on October 7. The disaster, which caused six fire companies to rush to the scene while several others were alerted to be on stand-by, completely

destroyed the upper portions of the barn.

This past Wednesday, just 15 days after the blaze occurred, neighbors and friends from the Manheim-Lititz areas swarmed to the Boll farm to put up a new structure.

The first volunteer carpenters arrived at 6:30 a.m. and thirty minutes later they were busy with their saws and hammers. The place was buzzing with activity.

By mid-afternoon all but a couple of the roof trusses were in place and metal sheets were being

tacked down for roofing and siding.

Close to 150 men worked on the barn, guided by Chris Beiler, a carpenter from Leola, who reportedly built nine barns last year, seven of which were replacements for structures which were lost to fire. While the men hammered, measured, sawed, and

trimmed, women of the community provided food and drink. The ladies' Sunday School class from Erb's Mennonite Church was in charge of organizing the food service.

The new barn is not quite as large as the original, being somewhat lower in height and minus the north wing.

However, it sits on the same foundation as the original main barn and has the same measurements — 50 by 115 feet.

Work on the barn was still going on Friday, and final completion of such details as electrical wiring is not expected to be done until next week.

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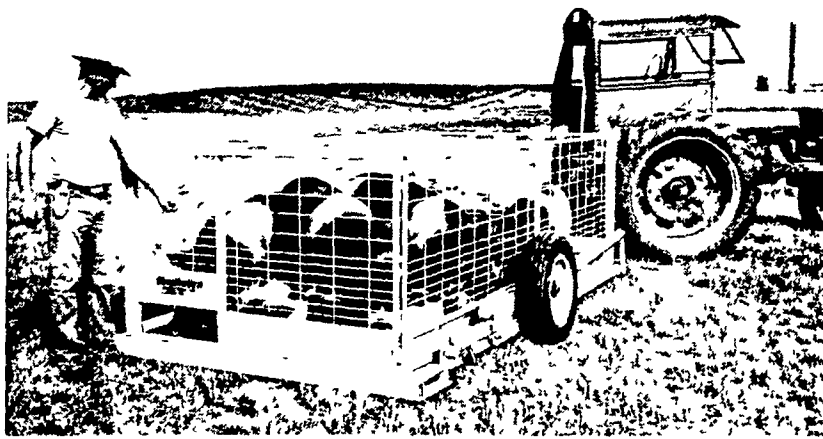
One person who can help you get your ideas together about food, decorations and entertainment, and make sure everything gets done properly and on time is a banquet manager



Party planning expert Klaus Schattleitner, former Holiday Inn Innkeeper of the Year, suggests that one of the most important things to discuss with the banquet manager is the number of people attending. Although an approximate number is sufficient for deciding on the room size, closer to the party date the kitchen staff will need a guaranteed number for use in preparing food, whether it's hors d'oeuvres or a full-scale sit down dinner. The wrong number can cost you money, though many inns have a 10 percent leeway policy.

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