

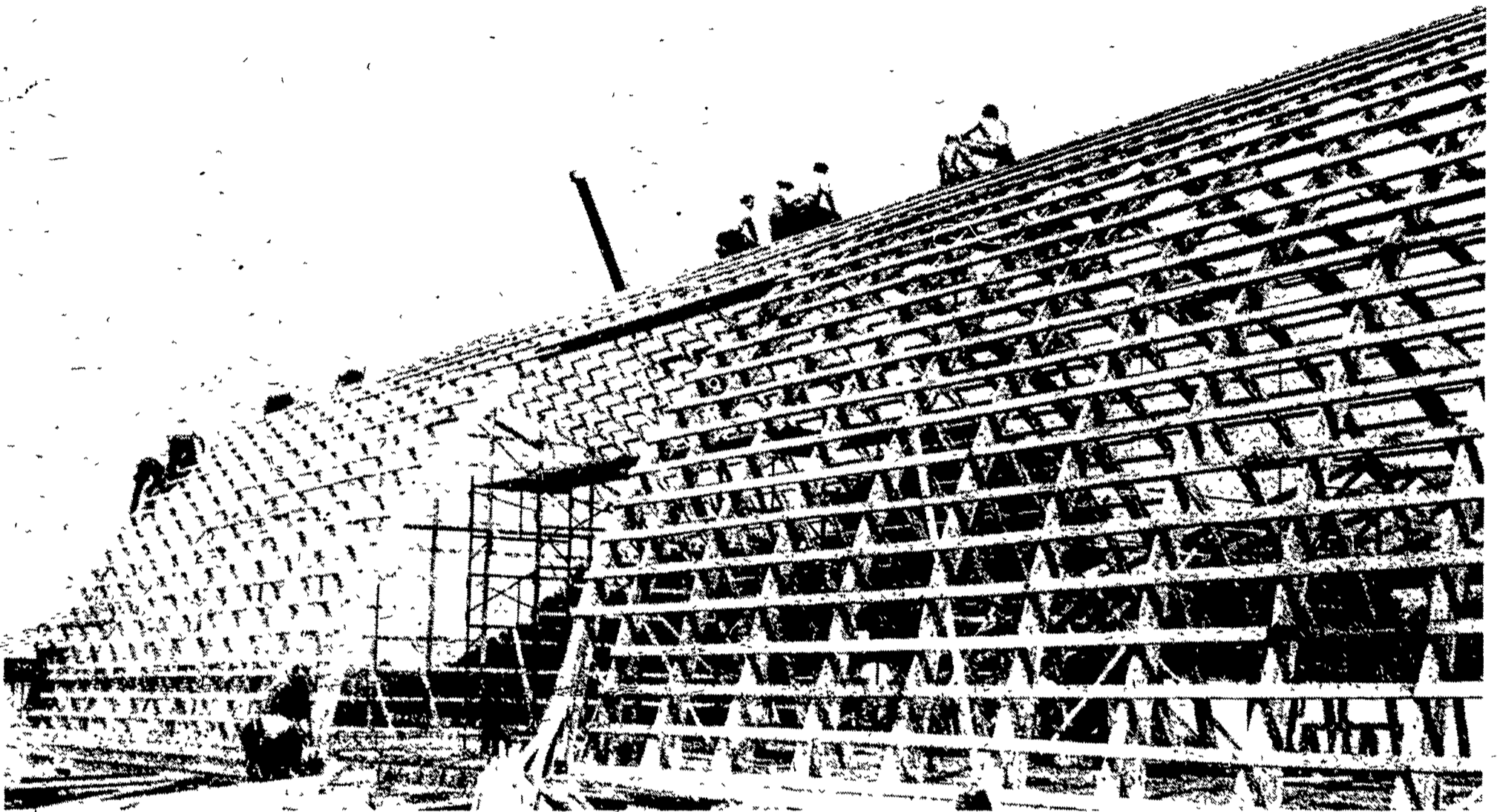
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A barn raising was held at the Clarence Gelsinger Farm, Robesonia, on Thursday afternoon. The original barn had burned of an unknown cause on Aug. 5. On Sept. 7 approximately 65 to 70 neighbors helped to raise the new

structure. At the time of the fire 142 steers and 165 hogs were in the barn. All but seven steers and 10 hogs were evacuated. The new barn will measure 52 feet by 116 feet. Additional pictures of the barn raising appear on Pages 14-16.

## Hay harvest continues to look good

By KENDACE BORRY LITITZ — This Summer has continued to be a good season for the haymaking, according to reports received at Lancaster

Farming. Different farmers told of good crops, with the rains over the last few months making more tons of hay of about average quality.

About the biggest problem reported on was the rain, and the trouble getting the hay out of the fields. But few reported rained-on-hay, saying that there was not a

great deal on the market. Most of the hay that was hurt by the weather went directly to the mushroom houses where it is used. Three cuttings of alfalfa

seems to be the average amount taken from the fields this year, although some farmers told of hoping to get four cuttings in. There were reports of volunteer grass

growing up in the alfalfa, with a lot of fox tail, which was due to the large amounts of rain.

Hay dealers seemed to think that there will be quite a bit of hay for sale this year, due to big crops in upstate and New York. Norman Kolb, representing the New Holland Sales Stables, New Holland, said that he thought that there wouldn't be the extremely high prices seen last year, although he added that there would always be a demand for the very good quality hay.

He told that he expects prices to probably stay basically the same as now, over the Winter, with the normal seasonal increase.

Dick McDonald, representing the Market News Service of the Pa.

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By KENDACE BORRY LITITZ — The pear harvest is just about over, and the majority of orchardists are calling the

crop fair to average this year. The crop depended a lot on its location in the orchard, with some growers relating that they had few to

no pears this year while others noted that they had a good crop.

The problem with the pears, as in a lot of the other

fruit crops grown in the Lancaster Farming area, was the unusual weather which occurred this past Spring. A lot of the pear buds

were frozen out during the cold spell, and then more of the crop was hurt by poor pollination which was due to the wet spell of weather which we had.

In Lancaster County, the pear crop was reported as an average crop, with some light spots reported in orchards.

York County spoke of a fair to good Bartlett pear crop, also speaking of good quality and nice size.

Adams County fruit

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## Pears, apples showing effects of hard Spring

## Tomato crop hurt by heat and rain

By KENDACE BORRY LITITZ — Exactly how good or bad the tomato harvest is in the Lancaster

Farming area is this year, depends on who you talk to, but there is one item that tomato growers all agree on-

-that both the demand and the price of tomatoes could be better.

Ben Warfel, of Ben Warfel

and Sons, an independent broker dealing in tomatoes, located at Quarryville, related that the hot sun and the rain of the last couple of weeks has destroyed a lot of the Globe type of tomatoes. He stated that the farmers raising the coreless tomato crop would make twice as much this year as those growing the Globe round variety.

Warfel believes that up to 50 per cent of the crop of Globe tomatoes has been lost in the last three weeks alone, due to the extreme heat. But now, he estimates that about 75 per cent of the tomatoes to be harvested are in baskets, and that he will only be

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## Farm sold for \$7625 per acre

LEOLA — A Lancaster County farm in the East Earl Township was sold for \$282,125, or \$7,625 per acre last Saturday, September 2.

The farm, sold by Mr. and Mrs. Freeland D. Sensenig, is located between Farmersville and Brownstown on the Farmerville Road. Sold through auction, the farm was bought by neighbors of the former owners, and now is the

property of Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Hoover, Leola R1.

This is believed to be the highest price paid per acre for a farm located in the Lancaster County area this year.

The farm consists of 37 acres, a two story brick house, with a barn, tobacco shed, and an implement shed. It was sold because its former owners are retiring from farming.

According to auctioneer John E. Martin, Ephrata R1, the auction took about 40 minutes. Five people of the approximate 200 attending the auction placed bids. All of those interested in the farm were considering using the land for farming.

According to reports received at Lancaster Farming, the farm will be an addition to the Hoover's current 76 acre dairy farm operation.

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