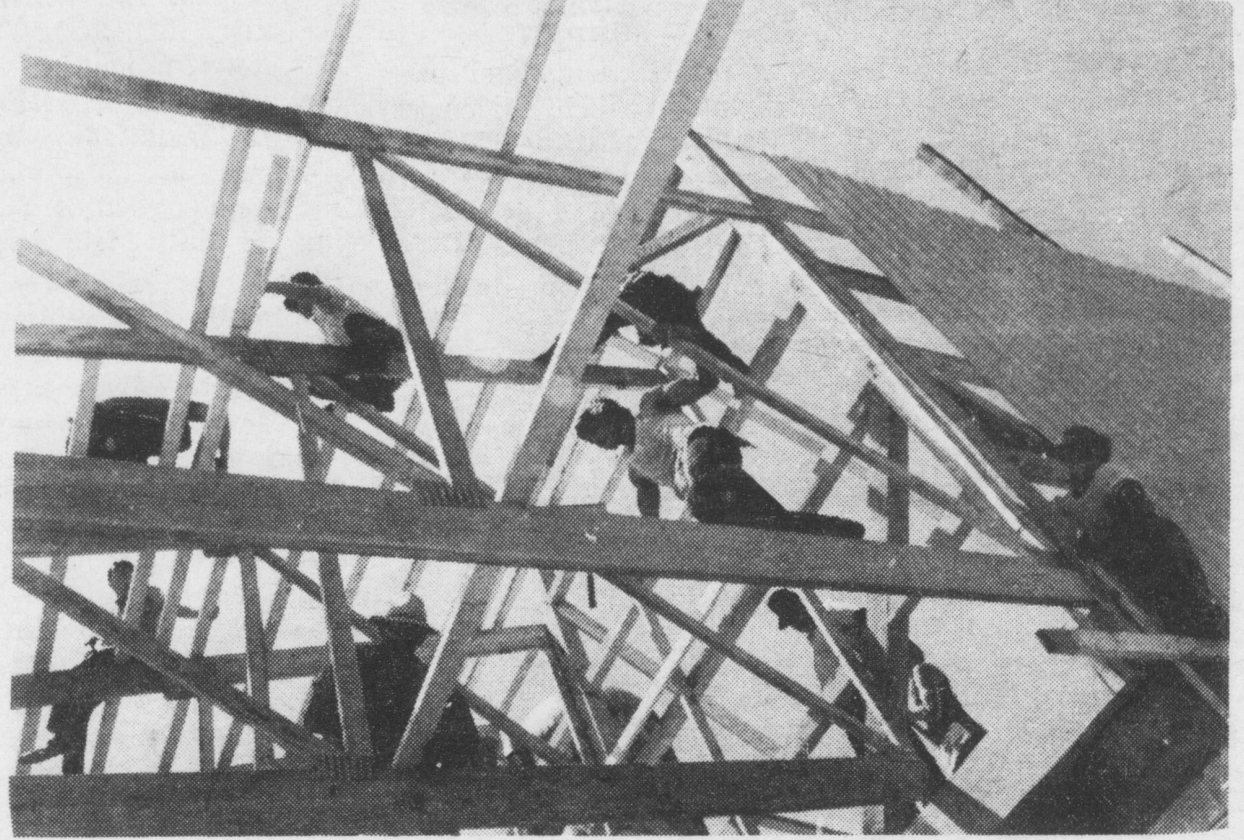


# 100 friends, relatives and neighbors raise Lester Hursh's new barn



Lester Hursh's barn burned down on the afternoon of April 30th. About 100 friends, relatives and neighbors had most of the debris cleaned up by May 3. Another 100 men arrived last week to raise a new barn. Working together, they built the new structure in a day. The women provided a meal at noon and plenty of refreshments during the day.



It takes a lot of teamwork to put up a barn.

## Gunsmith & rug hooker display crafts at Strawberry Festival



Mrs. Harry Boozer with her prize winning rug.

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On Saturday, June 12, Donegal Church held its Strawberry Festival. Before the festival began, two "colonial craftsmen" displayed their wares.

One craftsman was Mr. Richard R. Hamilton, an Elizabethtown resident and a Donegal Church Elder.

Mr. Hamilton says he is not a gunsmith or a craftsman, but anyone who looks at his exhibit will form a different opinion. His Pennsylvania long rifle is an impressive piece of craftsmanship.

Before construction began, Mr. Hamilton sketched out plans for the shape and size of the gun and its carvings, copying his pattern after John Newcomer's rifle made in 1767. The sketches will be shown at craft day next Saturday.

The wood used was a very fine Tiger grain maple that had been air-dried 20 years, and the finish was obtained with rubbing oil and hand rubbing.

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Richard Hamilton with his rifle. photo by Corky Flick



These girls weren't allowed to climb into the rafters of the new barn, but they practiced stepping from board to board near the ground.

## Craft demonstrations coming to Donegal Church next Saturday

Demonstrations by twenty-eight local craftsmen, plus a display of art depicting Donegal Church and Witness Tree will be featured on Saturday, June 19th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., as a part of the church's week of bicentennial celebration.

Coordinated by Mrs. Sonia Forry and Mrs. Catherine Aument, the craftsmen, almost half of whom are members of the church, are as follows:

Mr. Richard Brooks, local Indian history; Mr. Barry McFarland, wood turning; Mrs. Ann Condrack, Mrs. Betsy Myers, and Mrs. Bruce Greiner, quilting; Mrs. Teresa Rissmiller, Williamsburg dried flowers; Mrs. Helen Moyer, crewel embroidery; Mrs. Elizabeth Doner, book marks; Mr. Daniel Heisey, broom making; Mr. William Heisey, candle making; Mrs. Mary Boozer and Mrs. Grace Bixler, rug making; Mrs. Jane Bates, antique buttons; Miss Catherine Stoner, quilting; Mrs. Judy Weidman, Hungarian stitchery; Mr. Stan-

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photo shows Anne Spangler with Rev. Murphy of Donegal Presbyterian Church. Anne is one of craftsmen whose work will be on display at the Church next Saturday. She spins yarn with a drop spindle. She also makes natural dyes with onion skins, golden rod and Queen Anne's lace. photo by Judy Stoltzfus