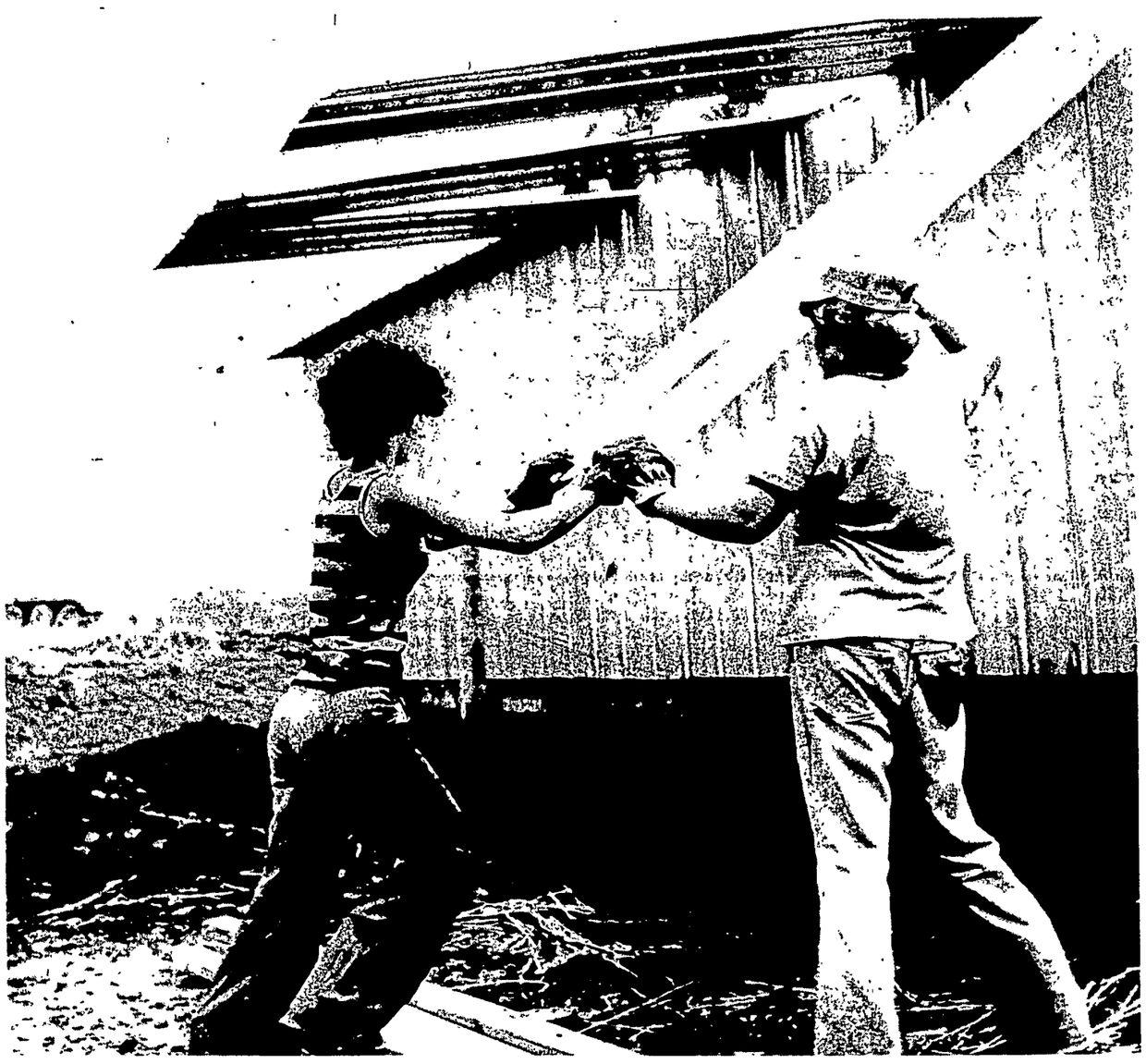


Kristy and cousin, Jerry Kastens, lift steel sheets of roofing up to top of shed.

"Dirt Builds Character," is Kris Kasten's motto

By DORENE DUFFEY

"Dirt Builds Character" is the motto of Kristy Kastens, Otoe, this summer.

Kristy, who was 18 on Saturday, July 26, has been helping her father, Richard Kastens, in the building of a new cattle shed and feed lot on their farm. They have approximately 600 head of cattle of various breeds and cross breeds, including Angus, Herefords and Charolais.

"I have been doing a 'flunky's' work all summer," she said. She has helped dig the post holes by hand, pour the concrete for the drive between the two sheds being built which are approximately 25 feet by 125 feet. The sheds will be on both sides of the drive. All of the building has been done by her father, his father, Harry Kastens, Otoe, relatives, friends, neighbors and Kristy. Also assisting has been Kirk, the seven year old son of Mr and Mrs Richard Kastens and brother of Kristy

The first time Kristy got up on top of the rafters of the shed she said "Mom, why didn't I get an office job this summer?" Her mother replied, "Because you said you didn't want to work in any office this summer, that you wanted to stay on the farm and help 'Dad' with the building and work on the farm." Kristy said she sure had butterflies in her stomach that day But after the first time up, it wasn't so bad.

"I have enjoyed most of the work, even though it has been hard and I get a lot of teasing from my family and friends. My friends say "Hey, Kris, what's the name of the perfume you're wearing tonight "ala manure." But Kris, being a good sport, doesn't seem to mind all the kidding.

Tuesday she was helping put the steel roof on the shed. She and a cousin, Jerry Kastens, unloaded the steel roofing sheets from the truck and put them up up on the roof. She also helped fasten the roof to the rafters.

Her father and mother said Kris has really been a big help. There isn't anything the men have done that she hasn't had a hand in, including sorting the cattle, pouring the concrete and shoveling the gravel for the base for the floor of the shed.

One day when Kris was on the concrete truck an oil line broke and she got sprayed with oil. Another time she had concrete poured into her boot while laying the drive.

Another thing that is being built on the Kastens farm at the edge of the feed lot and concrete drive is a slurry storage tank. The tank will hold about 300,000 gallons of manure. It will be approximately 65 feet high, and will be open on top.

Mrs Kastens said this will be used to put on the fields next spring as fertilizer so they won't have to purchase fertilizer. They will pump the fertilizer into the slurry. Then next spring the fertilizer will be pumped from the slurry into the wagon to be put on the fields. The pit is being dug at the present time and it will be concreted.

This fall Kris plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences as she is not sure what she wants to major in. A 1975-graduate of Syracuse - Dunbar - Avoca High school, she was on the yearbook staff as well as the school paper staff. She thinks she might like to major in journalism.

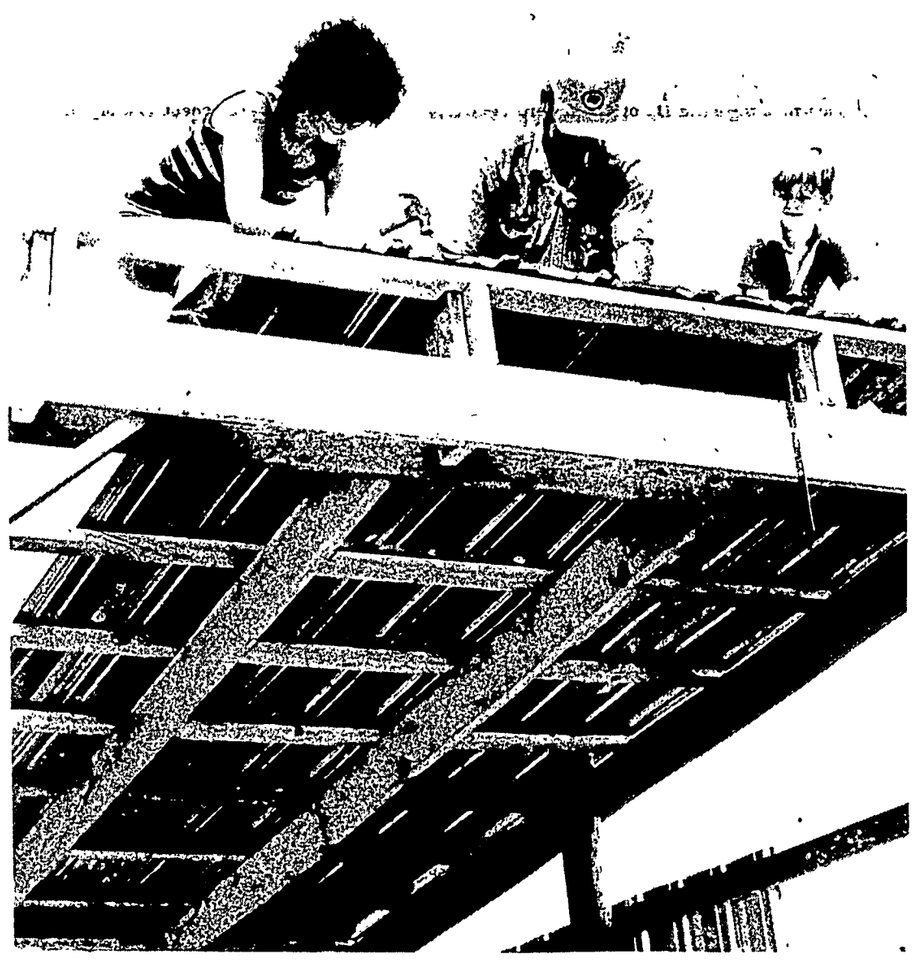
She was one of the S-D-A seniors to go to Germany this year with their instructor Cathryn Kieffe, the German, English, and journalism instructor and yearbook advisor. Kris hopes to return to Germany and Europe sometime as she found it very interesting. They toured much of Germany and some of Austria.

One of the things that Kris has a fancy for is "hats."

Grandmother, Mrs Allen Paap, Otoe, makes her all kinds of crocheted hats. Her mother said you will very seldom find Kris without a hat in cool and cold weather. Grandmother Paap said she has a collection of them.

Kris also loves to fish and she has a great time fishing with Grandmother and Grandfather Paap at their lake on their farm.

During the Revolutionary War more than 100 battles were fought in New Jersey, one of the 13 original colonies.



Climbing up on the rafters and helping to nail the roof on is nothing for Kristy now. With Kristy is her father, Richard Kastens, and brother, Kirk, seven.

The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

Congratulations

Dr. and Mrs Carroll Prouty will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary August 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the St. Paul United Methodist church at 12th and M Streets in Lincoln.

Dr Prouty was pastor of the Nebraska City Methodist church for a number of years. The Proutys are frequent visitors to Nebraska City. They also attended the Chautauqua

We won't be here to attend their wedding anniversary, but we send along our best wishes.

The Prouty address:
Dr. Carroll Prouty
3610 Vine St.
Lincoln, Nebr. 68503

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We're anxious to load up our Maverick "6" and get rolling down the highway in a couple of weeks for Los Angeles. Manny Weinman fixed us up with some heavy duty shock absorbers, Bill Gangel outfitted us with tires and Bill Winkler of Gangel's tuned the wheels and alignment.

With all that mechanical savy out of the way, all we need is time and cool weather. The trip will be brief, but we figure on "mobiling" long hours with early starts each day.

The little Maverick has buckets and you know who is going to sit in front. . . .yeah. . . .the King and his Queen Bee.

Meanwhile, in the back seat there could possibly be overtones of a Muhammad Ali-Joe Frazier fight with Billie Jean King as the referee.

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There may be an ever-so-little effort by No 1 son to antagonize two sisters to the point where he gets to sit in the front seat. . . .depending on Queenie's patience.

As for me. no sweat. I can sing louder than the kids and I have a few choice songs like "You get a line and I'll get a pole, we'll go down to the crawdad hole," or "Beg Your Pardon," or Johnny Cash's "I'll Walk The Line," or pure delight in "Shine on Harvest Moon."

Boy, I'll tell you. .if you really want to control an audience and soothe things, all you have to do is warm up the vocal chords and unload with a peach of a tune. The kids may not enjoy it, but. . .it takes two hands to cover their ears.

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This trip hopefully will be the first of annual trips to the coast My dad has been retired for a number of years and doesn't care to travel It may be a working vacation, because the folks hope to be moving to another area in Los Angeles.

We have three licensed drivers in our family and a growing towhead with a learner's permit.

The seating arrangements in the car will be the first round of fun.

"Yes," said No. 2 daughter, "and I suppose you'll make me sit on the 'hump' because I'm the smallest."

"I'm not going to sit by HIM," said No. 3 daughter pointing to the towhead with the clunky feet "

"You don't have to worry about that. (censored). .I'd sooner ride on top with the suitcases "

"Awright. . .awright, hush. We haven't even started packing yet and you guys are at it again," observed the wise King. "I have a suggestion. . "

"Lookout, Keat," said No. 2 daughter, "here comes his curve. go ahead, daddy "

"My suggestion is that we rotate over a given distance so that anyone with a hot seat won't have to squirm too long before he or she gets a chance to switch."

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"What's the matter with you, Clarissa?" the boy said. "It sounds great to me. Only. . . .dad, will it get too hot for Jeannea in the trunk?"

"Now cut that out!" exclaimed the master. "Jeannea. . . .belt him and he'll quit saying things like that."

"She better not lay a hand on me. . . ."

"That's enough!" up perked the Queen Bee and the conversation quieted.

"Ivan. . you stop teasing the children."

"Clarissa. you stop fussing about sitting in the middle."

"Jeannea . . .just don't touch him if he's so finicky."

"Keaton. .get up on your big feet and come here and help me."

(Does this sound like your home?)

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"Psssst, daddy," No. 2 daughter said.

"Huh?"

"Do we have to share driving?"

"Uh-huh."

"How long?"

"100 miles nonstop."

"You wouldn't dare. . ."

"Try me, kiddo."

"M-O-T-H-E-R!"

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The bald headed preacher reprimanded a fat woman for going around in a bikini.

Her retort· "I'll have you know I'm no more nude than you without a hat "

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Scott Simms. . . .the finest

Bub Conley, chief of the Kearney Hill Road Commission, has watched Scott Simms pitch and hit for the Legion Midgets and says the ball player is "the finest 'kid' pitcher in my time " Scott is the son of Mr and Mrs Jack Simms

"He can pitch as well as hit How many Big League pitchers can hit? My guess is 1 out of 20 This 'kid' will make the big time if he so desires. He has the smooth delivery — cool — and knows the game which is Out to Win.

"I'll bet all we people of Nebraska City will someday be proud of Scott in the Big Time "

Denniston is ousted by deputy

Lyle Denniston, Supreme Court reporter for the Washington Star, was bodily removed from a Raleigh, N.C., courtroom recently, according to the Associated Press.

Mr Denniston, founder of the Reporters' Committee for Freedom of the Press, was speaking to researchers for the defense team in the murder trial of Joan Little when Chief Deputy Lester Kelley ordered him removed from the courtroom. Kelley also ordered several other reporters barred from the courtroom.

Miss Little, a black woman, is charged with stabbing Clarence Alligood, a white male jailer. She claims that Mr Alligood tried to rape her.

When Mr Denniston challenged Kelley's authority to police the courtroom without orders from trial Judge Hamilton Hobgood, Kelley flushed and thrust a badge in his face. A deputy then grabbed Mr Denniston and pushed him from the courtroom.

Mr Denniston is the son of Earl Denniston of Nebraska City. He is a former News-Press reporter and spoke on freedom of the press at the chautuaqua here in June.

NEHAWKA

Mrs Willis Knake

Kevin and Mike Knake members of Nehawka Swine 4-H club, Duane, Duanelle, and Dale Uhe attended Quad. County Poultry judging Tuesday at Springfield. There were 38 contestants.

Diane Glassoff, Kevin Knake, Mary Stander and Alan Stander took the Poultry traveling trophy home Tuesday from Quad Poultry judging at Springfield. Cass County will keep it permanently for winning it two years straight. Mary Stander placed fifth and Duane Glassoff sixth in top 10 placing.

Mrs Audry Dodson of Hastings is visiting a few days with the Willis Knake family.

Mrs Margueritte Haith of Riverview Terrace called Sunday on the Lawrence Haiths

Sharon Knake served refreshments Thursday night at the Rebeccah Lodge.

Imo Heebner spent Wednesday with Mr and Mrs Elmer Stoll. Sunday dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Terry Briley and daughters of Lincoln, Brenda, Lisa and Diane Kay spent several days with the Stolls.

Dinner Theater damaged by fire

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—A two-alarm fire caused extensive damage to the Firehouse Dinner Theater in downtown Omaha's Old Market district early Saturday.

Firemen said the cause of the blaze was not determined. It was brought under control in about 30 minutes.

Dick Muller, owner-manager of the dinner theater, said he was called to the establishment about four hours before the blaze by policemen who said there had been a breakin.

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