

# New barn a reminder of farm structures of the past

It looks like an old barn, sort of, or at least it will when it's finished.

In these days of metal farm buildings with straight angle roofs, the gambrel roof barn of Laurence and Helen Bartle now under construction on their Cass City Road farm, east of Cass City, presents a reminder of the old days.

It is being built by Bartle,

son-in-law Roy Tuckey and sometimes help from brothers and employees from his (Tuckey's) concrete business.

Although the 36-by-60 foot structure will resemble an old barn, it isn't like them, which were all-wood with normally a loft on each end.

The first floor is constructed of concrete block. The upper level has a solid floor, with storage capacity for 4,000 bales of hay.

The decision to build a barn with an old style gambrel roof was a joint one between Bartle and Tuckey, they said. "I'm just old fashioned," the latter explained, adding, "I like to build stuff." Tuckey drew the plans.

The lumber was cut from trees on property they own. (Tuckey lives next door to his in-laws.)

The new barn is a replacement for an old one on the property, which was torn down.

The project fits into Bartle's retirement plans to raise Hereford cattle. The barn will have capacity for 30-35 of them, who will be able to wander outside to graze. He presently has two of them plus some Holstein steers.

Bartle retired Jan. 1 after 30 years at Saginaw Steering Gear.

He and his wife own 200

acres. Raising cattle will allow him to switch to hay and corn, less tasty to the numerous deer in the area that feed on the dry beans he grows now.

Construction of the barn began a few weeks ago. There is no timetable for its completion, other than that Tuckey would like to get it enclosed before winter comes.

## Trucker objects to board ruling

The Elkland township Board Monday evening granted a variance to Tom Kostanko to allow him to operate a diesel and truck repair business on his property on M-81, east of Cass City.

The land is zoned agriculture-residential and the township Planning Commission had rejected his request to have it zoned

commercial as that would have been spot zoning.

The variance contains certain restrictions, according to Township Clerk Carol Ware, among them that he cannot sell the business with the variance zoning.

Kostanko indicated to the board he probably will appeal the Planning Commission rejection of his rezoning request to the Zoning Board of Appeals instead of relying on the variance.

The board approved the request of the Tuscola County Road Commission that Elkland pay one-fourth of the total \$8,000 cost for a new bridge over the Shebeon Drain on Huron Line Road, west of Ritchie Road.

The Road Commission will pay \$6,000 and construction will probably be done this year. The present bridge is closed to traffic.

Transfer of \$26,500 from the general fund to the fire fund for the last of two annual payments for the fire department's newest pumper truck was approved.

Granting of a Farmland and Open Space preservation Act agreement with William and Rosa Krohn was approved for their 164 acres in Sections 11 and 14, east of Schwegler Road and north and south of Daus Road.

The past and the future count—but not as much as today.

## Shed saved from fire Saturday

Gary Spencer almost got rid of more than he wanted to Saturday.

The resident of Seeger Road, northeast of Cass City, was burning a junk pickup behind his house. The winds picked up, and he was afraid the flames would spread to a closeby shed.

The Elkland Township Fire Department was called at 12:25 p.m.

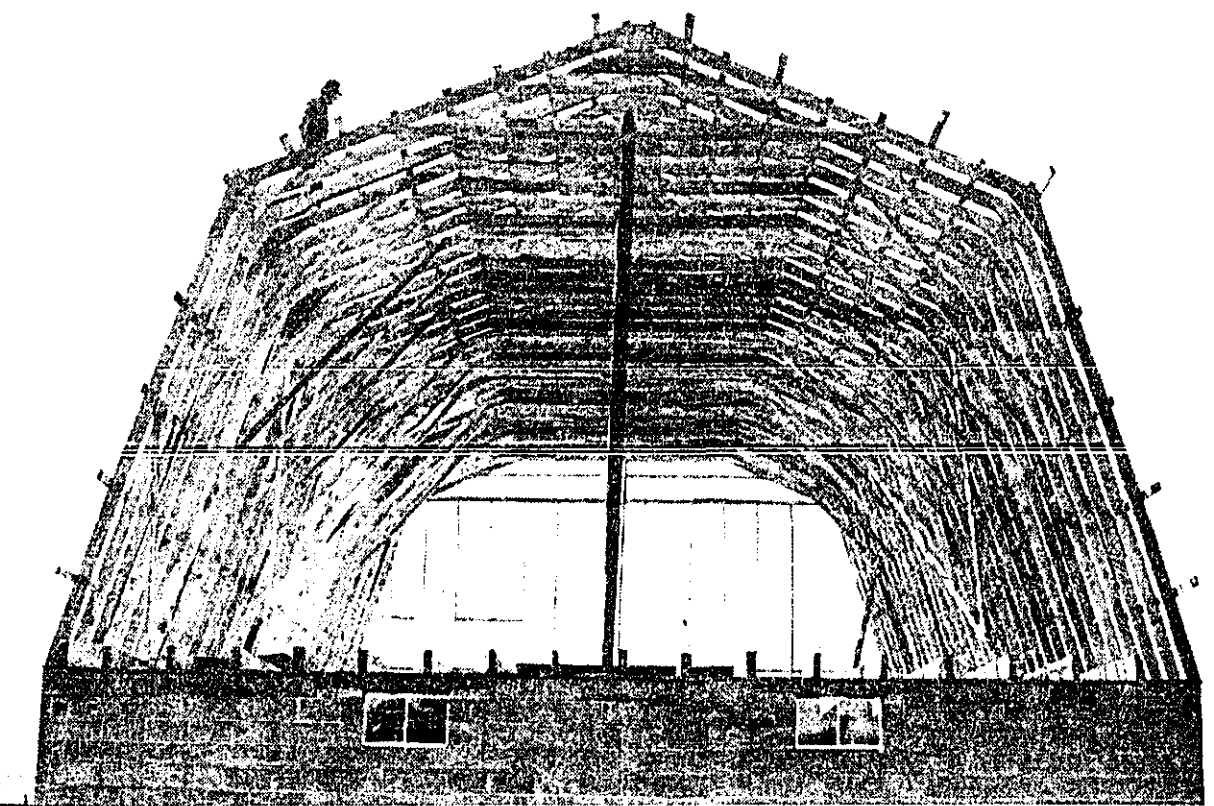
Until firemen arrived, Spencer used a garden hose to keep the shed wet.

After they arrived, they sprayed water on the burning camper to cool down the flames.

The only damage was some tarpaper on the roof which melted from the heat.



**WOOD WORK** -- Nailing on a temporary brace, high up on the rafters, is Roy Tuckey. Holding it is Lawrence Smith. The barn of Laurence and Helen Bartle measures 36-by-60 feet. It is located on M-81, east of Cass City.



**THE GAMBREL SHAPE** of the roof of the barn can be clearly seen in this end view, as well as the intricate bracing needed. The lower level will have room for 30-35 cattle; the upper level will have storage capacity for 4,000 bales of hay.

## GK sets quarterly dividends

The Board of Directors of GK Technologies, Inc., has declared a quarterly dividend on its \$1.94 Cumulative Convertible Preference Stock, 1978 Series, for the period ending Sept. 30, of 48½ cents per share.

The board also declared a dividend of \$2.1875 per share on the \$8.75 Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series A, for the quarter ending Sept. 30.

GK Technologies, which in 1979 reported record earnings on sales of \$1.1 billion, is the parent company of General Cable.

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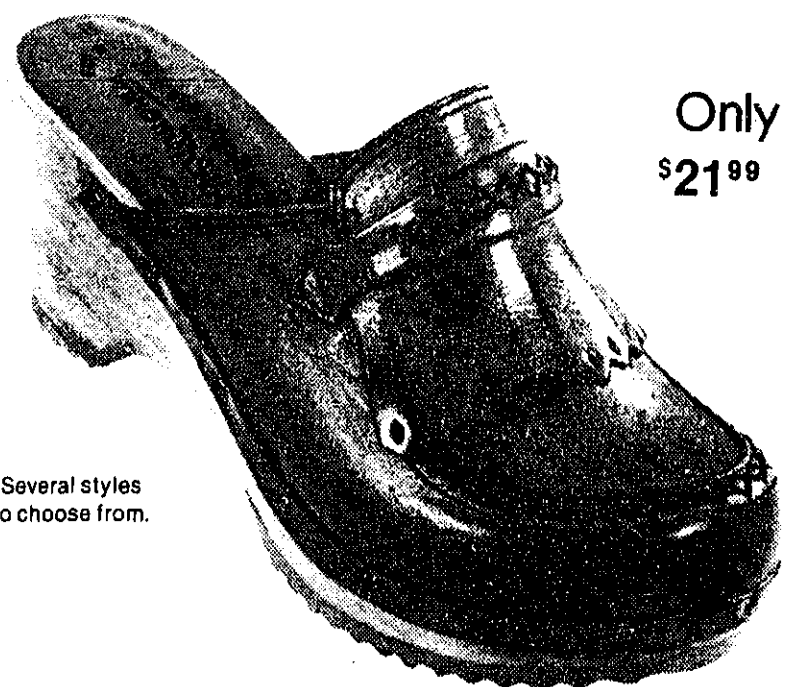


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