
David McIntyre builds big barn 1961

A big cement block and aluminum barn has risen on the farm of David McIntyre of Admaston. A couple of pails of cold water to refresh the workers who were toiling in the hot sun.

The framework was finished and the rafters went up Thursday. Perhaps it wasn't like the old fashioned barn raising. There wasn't the rush and the noise that marked the raising of 50 years ago when two sides were chosen and vied with each other, each working at top speed and cheering their helpers on to get their side of the rafters in place first. Yet there were some features that recalled the old days. Men clambered all over the frame, nailing supports and braces to keep the rafters in place until the roof is completed.

Sixteen men were on the job and everyone of them had a particular job to do. Even Mr McIntyre's daughters Heather and Ann had their part in getting the job done. Heather was "water boy". She appeared on the scene every half hour with

The new barn is 80 feet long and 36 feet wide. It will provide shelter in the winter for 31 head of cattle and have two box stalls in addition. The cement block walls are 10½ feet high and the peak goes up 13 feet to 23 feet, four inches, from the ground.

Gothic Pitch Roof

The roof is a Gothic pitch type with seven ply laminated rafters. The rafters were made by Jim Dean of Shawville, an old hand at such work. Five months from now he will be 80 years old and for most of his life he has worked with hammer and saw and square. When the rafters he made were raised, they all fit perfectly. He would have been surprised and chagrined if they had not fitted.

The bottom part of the building will be used to house cattle and the top will be filled with hay.



This is service ! Jerry Larone gets a coating of cold cream from Ann McIntyre right on the job. Did this ever happen at the old time barn raisings ?