

Children of John & Clara Kasperbauer

Ewoldt No. 3 attendance

Michael	1935-43	MHS 1947
Marian (Mary Ann in school)	1937-45	MHS 1949
Patty	1939-48	MHS 1952
Larry	1941-50	MHS 1954
Jim	1942-51	MHS 1955
Gerald "Jerry"	1945-54	MHS 1958
Patrick	1948-56	MHS 1961
Lonnie	1951-56	MHS 1965
Linda	1951-56	MHS 1965

Below are excerpts from the memoirs of Clara Kasperbauer about her children's school experiences.

At age 4 1/2, Michael was a very conscientious babysitter. In spring, while I was out gardening or tending the chickens, Michael would take care of Patty. It worked best when I took Marian, age 2 1/2, along with me.

In the summer of 1935, we took our three children, Michael, Marian, and Patty to their first annual Children's Day Celebration in Manning, and had their picture taken at Lyden Studios in town.

Michael started school in our country school that fall 1935. The one-room country school was located 3/4 mile south of our home. The first few days, John took him to school in our car. After a few days, he walked to school with the Hargens' boys, Merlyn and Wayne, who lived with their parents in the living quarters of the "3 Mile House," 1/4 mile north of our home.

One lady teacher taught all 9 grades, primary through 8th grade, all in one room. There was no plumbing in the country schools. The children and teacher had to use an outdoor toilet and the teacher had to bring a can of water to school everyday for drinking and washing hands.

Starting wages for a teacher was \$35.00 per month. No formal education was required to teach country school. If she or he took a normal training course in high school, they were eligible to teach after high school graduation.

Michael and Louie Schwiesow were in kindergarten until March 1st, when Louie moved away and the teacher moved Michael into 1st grade with Glen Kuhse, Marjorie Hansen, and Maxine Hinners.

At the-end of the school year, the annual school picnic was held at the school house. All parents and younger brothers and sisters and the teacher and her husband attended. Each family brought a basket of food and their own table service. The teacher furnished the coffee and lemonade. It was a fun time for all present. After the noon meal, there was visiting and card playing for the parents and outdoor games for the children. Before the close of the afternoon, ice cream was furnished by the teacher and left over cake from the noon meal was served. This annual event was in effect until the country school closed in 1957.

School buses furnished transportation to school in Manning beginning in the late 1940s for high school students and later for all students when the country schools closed.

John served as school director of our country school one year. I remember two of his special accomplishments. One was to get our teacher's wages raised. The other was to get new shingles on the school house roof. He asked all the fathers in our school district to donate a day's labor. Everyone cooperated, and the job was finished in one day.

In the winter of 1935-36, there was a lot of heavy snowfall. Some country roads were completely snow blocked for some time. This severe cold and snowy winter was followed by a very hot, dry summer. It was called the Drought of 1936, when the corn stalks turned dry in August as they normally do in mid-October.

Between the winter storm and summer drought, our son, Larry, arrived on April 30, 1936.

I was picking clover by the roadside for the goslings around 7:00 PM when I suddenly felt it was time for me to quit picking clover, then feed the goslings and get back to the house, in time for the baby's arrival. He was born at 9:00 PM

Former students of Ewoldt No. 3, a one-room Country School
Kasperbauer family

The nine children of John and Clara Kasperbauer all began their formal education at the same one-room Country School, about 3/4 mile south of their farm home.

Mike (the oldest of the Kasperbauer children) and another boy began kindergarten at Ewoldt No. 3 in the autumn of 1935. The teacher, Miss Lucia Rohr, taught all subjects and all grades in addition to supervising the "study area" (of course, some grades had no students, some had one or two, and a very few had as many as four or five students).

A big advantage of the one-room country school was that after they finished their own assignments, younger students at their desks in the "study area" could listen to more advanced class discussions or see examples written on the blackboard by older students. On the other hand, if students in higher grades did not completely understand (or remember) something they had a few years earlier; they could listen as the teacher explained the material to a younger class. Also, when students in higher grades completed their assignments early, they could help younger students who had difficulty with their math, reading, etc. Without realizing it, they gained teaching experience.

In early March of Mike's kindergarten year, the other kindergarten student moved out of the school district. Therefore, Mike was the only student in his class until the teacher asked him to join the students in the first grade. The next year, that group (including Mike) was in the second grade. They continued as classmates through 8th grade in the Country School. After completing 8th grade, Mike and his classmates (Marjorie Hansen and Glenn Kuhse) entered 9th grade at the old Manning Grade School where they had many classmates and more teachers. The following year, they moved on to Manning High School where they

completed grades 10, 11 and 12. During high school, Mike followed the Agricultural Curriculum with the goal of becoming a farmer or an agriculture teacher. During high school, he was active in Future Farmers of America and the Win-or-Grin 4-H club. His agriculture projects were purebred swine and market lambs (which he showed at the Country Fair).

During high school, Mike was encouraged by Superintendent Kenneth B. Koch, Principal Miss Marie Perkins, Agriculture Teacher Paul Johnson and classmate Louie Muhlbauer to go on to college right after high school. However, Mike decided to help his father on the farm until his brothers were old enough to help. When that time arrived, he sold his livestock and enrolled in Agricultural Education at Iowa State College in Ames with the intent to become an Agriculture Teacher in Iowa. During those early years at Iowa State, Mike worked part-time as a lab helper for professors and graduate students doing research in swine nutrition. Mike was fascinated by research and working with scientists. At the same time, he was learning about plant sciences and agronomy in classes.

After completing his BS degree in Agricultural Education and serving in the army, Mike returned to Iowa State where he studied toward his Masters degree in Ag. Ed., and also taught Crop Science half-time to college students. After the Masters degree was completed, the Professor-in-Charge of Crop Science in the Agronomy Department invited Mike to continue teaching part-time in Crop Science while working toward a Doctoral Degree. He did research on the role of light in the control of shoot and root development in legume plants used to improve soil productivity.

After about a year of teaching, research and study in the Crop Science Program, Professor W.E. Loomis (a world leader in Plant Physiology) arranged to have Mike share teaching Plant Physiology with him and serve as his main assistant. This was very important for Mike because in addition to having daily direct communication with a world-renowned scientist, he was invited to visit with international scientists who came to Ames to visit Dr. Loomis.

Mike completed his Ph.D. in Plant Physiology/Crop Science in February 1961 and continued teaching at Iowa State until June when he began postdoctoral research at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Pioneering Research Lab for Plant Physiology at Beltsville, Maryland. The two senior scientists were world leaders in research on the role of light in affecting chemical pathways that regulated how plants developed. Mike quickly became involved in the basic research and was selected by the National Research Council of the U.S. National Academy of Science to remain with the Pioneering Research Group for another year. The research done at the Pioneering Lab was recognized internationally, and drew many visitors.

After the two years at the Pioneering Lab, Mike was selected for a newly created USDA research position on the campus of the University of Kentucky to do research on the two major crops of the state. This involved a combination of research on physiology and genetics. In addition to studying plants in controlled-environments, Mike added cell culture as a research tool to learn more about the effects of color of light at the cellular level. He also developed procedures that allowed him to obtain plants directly from immature anthers of fescue (an

important forage grass in Kentucky). Because these plants developed from pollen (in the anthers), they had chromosomes from only one parent and were not fertile (i.e. haploids). He cloned the individual haploid plants and then evaluated them for heat tolerance, cold hardiness, yield and nutrient content before selecting the best genetic lines. He then developed a cell culture procedure to cause the chromosomes to pair and produce fertile doubled-haploid plants with the selected characteristics. The Program Chair of the International Grassland Congress (who knew Mike's work) invited him to present his research findings to a packed auditorium at the Congress, in France. Mike presented data, photographs, and his logic for doing the experiments as he did. The audience applauded an "international first".

In 1983, Mike moved to a USDA Research Center in South Carolina to work on a whole range of food crops to apply basic concepts that he developed while at Beltsville and Lexington. Basically, he reflected the critical wavebands (colors) of light from something on the soil surface upward to developing plants that were growing in full sunlight for photosynthesis. The objective was to act through the natural phytochrome system within the plants to regulate how they use the new photosynthate. The concept was highly successful and showed that plastic sheets containing a mixture of pigments that reflected the effective combination of photons could improve yield and flavor of field-grown tomatoes, strawberries and other food crops.

Science writers who specialize in "cutting edge" breakthroughs that extend science to our everyday lives frequently interviewed Mike to get information and photos for their stories about his application of his own basic research to improve yield, flavor and nutrient content of food crops. Such articles have appeared in Readers Digest, Science News, New York Times (science section), National Geographic (in English, German and French Editions), Wall Street Journal, Boston Globe, Baltimore Sun, Washington Post, The World and I, German Gourmet Magazine, and many others that pickup "Associate Press" releases. A paper in progress in mid-2007 involves regulation of antioxidant content of strawberries.

Since Mike's retirement in 2003, the Senior Research Scientist at the University of Michigan Integrative Medicine (MIM) program persuaded him to help the MIM group with some experiments to determine whether one can use color of light to act through various chemical pathways to improve content of desired end-products in medicinal plants.

Marian was never a timid person, even as a young child. Her schoolmates, 1st grade through 8th grade, were two neighbor boys, Bill Opperman and Lyle Hansen. She, however, could keep up with them on the playground as well as in school. Marian, Bill, and Lyle were put right in first grade instead of primary. The reason was because the new teacher did not have credits for teaching primary through 8th grade.

In October 1938, which was Marian's second year of school, she decided to have a surprise birthday party for her brother, Michael, at our home. It was also a surprise for me. This birthday was on a Saturday.

We were eating our noon meal in the dining room. The table was next to a window facing south. Marian's place was in front of the window. I couldn't figure out why she turned around and looked out of the window so much during the meal time. By the time we finished our meal, five or six of the youngest children from country school were walking up our yard and each one had a nickel (5 cent piece) as a birthday gift for Michael, and they wished him a happy birthday. Michael was surprised but happy about it. He, however, had to leave within the hour to attend his weekly Catechism classes at our church. The nuns from Templeton came over to Manning to teach religion on Saturdays.

Marian and her guests and Patty and Larry went out to play in the back yard. I had to decide quickly what to serve the children as a birthday treat. I decided on cupcakes (from scratch). The cupcakes would cool off faster than a regular cake would have. While the cupcakes were baking, I made boiled white icing for the frosting. After the cupcakes were cooled off, I brought a pan of them and a pitcher of Kool-Aid and plastic cups out to the backyard where the children were playing.

When John and Michael returned from town, around 3:30, they brought along a half gallon of ice cream and a bag of candy for each child. We served the ice cream and more cupcakes at our dining room table, and Michael gave each one a candy bar before they left for home.

After the guests all left, I asked Marian why she invited kids to a party without telling me. Her answer didn't make sense. She said, "Mom, because you always work so hard, I wanted to give you a surprise." I couldn't be angry at her because she meant well. All of the young guests and her brothers and sister had a lot of fun and I must admit, John and I even enjoyed her little party.

Following Marian's little surprise party, we gave a birthday party for each of our children (except possibly Lonnie and Linda) at one time or another while attending country school. These parties however, were planned with games and prizes and just playing around the yard. This was followed by a lunch and birthday cakes with candles and ice cream in the dining room. The guests all brought gifts. I remember Mrs. Margaret (Gruhn) Ohde, their teacher, was present at some of the parties. Due to the large enrollment at our country school, Marian and Patty only invited girls and our sons only invited boys to their birthday parties. We parents invited the teacher.

Patty started country school in September 1939. She had four classmates: Ruth Schmidt, Waldean Jackson, Donald Jackson, and Phyllis Genzen. We then had a teacher who qualified to teach from primary through 8th grade.

Our fifth son, Patrick, was born on September 23, 1942. This was within the first year after the bombing of Pearl Harbor by Japan, which was the start of World War II. Pearl Harbor was a U.S. Naval Base near Honolulu.

Many young men from Manning had to enter military service. Before the war ended in 1945, two high school seniors, Willie Hoffman and Leo Rostermundt, were called into service. Fifteen young men from the Manning area were killed in action during World War II.

Even our country school did their part in the war effort. These were the years before weed sprays were used on the farms or on the roadside to kill the weeds. The milkweed, a product used in the war effort, grew rampant on the road sides. The children from our country schools were asked to pick milkweed pods on their way home from school each evening. The pods were then sold and defense stamps were bought with the money. There was a special need for the plumed seeds in the pods for use in the war.

In the spring of 1943, Michael graduated from 8th grade country school with high honors. All the 1943 8th grade graduates from the Carroll County rural schools met at the Carroll Public High School for their 8th grade graduation ceremony.

The year, 1947, was the year of twins on our farm. It started in March with twin lambs, which was nothing unusual. Then one sow only had two pigs (twins) instead of a large litter. That was followed by twin colts from our sorrell mare, and one of our cows had twin calves. The twin cycle continued with twin goslings in a large double yolk goose egg. The incubation period for a goose egg or gosling is 30 days. On the 30th day, when the other four eggs in the nest were hatching, I could hear pecking in this large egg. The twin goslings, however, were not strong enough to peck their way out and, subsequently, died in the egg shell.

The twin cycle on our farm for 1947 ended on Aug. 16, with the birth of our twin children, Lonnie and Linda, who weighed 8 1/2 and 9 1/2 lbs. respectively at birth. As big as they were, we were not expecting twins, but just one very big baby.

As we were only prepared for one baby, it was necessary for their father, John, age 51, and sister, Marian, age 15, to go to town the next morning to buy another complete layette.

The oldest child, Michael, graduated from Manning High School in May 1947, with high honors. During his 4 years of high school, he was on the Honor Roll consistently and a member of Quill and Scroll Honorary Literary Society. He was elected treasurer of the local FFA chapter. He served as vice-president of the Southwest District of FFA and was awarded the Iowa Farmer Degree at the State FFA Convention. He was the first Manning High School winner of the De-Kalb Award for the student rating highest in vocational agriculture based on high scholarship, 4 years of vocational agriculture project with carefully kept records, fine leadership in the FFA Chapter, He was unanimously chosen by the State FFA Committee as a candidate for the American Farmer Degree.

Michael did not take part in any sports for his first 3 years of high school when practice took place after school hours. As he was the oldest boy in the family, he had to come home from school right after classes were dismissed at 4:00 PM to help with the farm work.

Manning did not have school buses to transport students to and from school at that time, so Michael had to walk. We lived 3 miles from high school. In the 1940s, there were only a very few students who had their own cars to drive to

school. Our 3 miles had quite a bit of auto traffic, which was lucky for Michael in getting rides part of the way to and from school most of the time. In his senior high school year, we allowed him to stay for football practice after school. He got to play enough to and was a member of Manning's undefeated football team of 1946.

After attending a one-room country school for 8 years, Marian and her two classmates, Bill Opperman and Lyle Hansen, enrolled in 9th grade at Manning High School. Throughout her 8 years of country school, she never had a girl in her class.

Marian took a commercial course in high school. She made the honor roll consistently and was a member of the Quill and Scroll Honorary Literary Society. She was a Pep Squad Member for 3 years and Chosen for the student council in her junior year and a Homecoming queen attendant in her senior year."

Marian was a member of the State Student Council Interim Committee to assist in the organization of the State Student Council and the formation of their State Constitution.

In her senior year, she was appointed by the executive secretary to lead a discussion group of the eastern division of State Student Council at Washington, Iowa, going there by train.

In 1948, Marian was chosen by the Manning Legion Auxiliary members as their delegate to Hawkeye Girls' State. While there, she was elected their state treasurer. She served as president of Manning's Junior Auxiliary of the Legion and assisted in teaching sewing to the girls in the unit.

Marian was a charter member of the Manning Cadets 4-H Club for 3 1/2 years and held office in the local club every year. She participated in the 4-H health program every year. She was a delegate to District Camp and State 4-H Conventions. She also led the club in various activities and aided in raising funds for the club treasury.

Louis Bohnsack, an athletic junior, had the distinction of being a member of the state basketball championship team. Never can this class forget the excellent ball "Louis" played throughout the entire season. Twelve other junior boys added their skills to this year's squad, and they will be the leading factors in next year's team.

A great many juniors were in step in the pig skin parade last fall. The season was successful, the fans were satisfied, and Manning high found more rough and tough fellows to enhance the gridiron next season.

Mary Ann Kasperbauer and Bill Opperman were elected to the student council. Mary Ann was nominated for a state officer post, and a few weeks later was on the committee that formed a state constitution.

One of the most esteemed heights to be reached in school is the Quill and Scroll. The many qualifications were fulfilled by thirteen juniors. This honorary society, together with the senior class, is sponsoring "The Comet."

The class of 1949 has made a place for itself in school history, and they will undoubtedly surpass this mark and reach for a higher goal next year.

In 1946, Marian was on the Carroll County Champion Junior Demonstration Team with a demonstration on "Refinishing Wood." Her teammate was Phyllis Jensen. In 1947, her home efficiency exhibit won a blue ribbon at the Iowa State Fair.

In 1948, Marian, with clothing as the 4-H project, was Carroll County's Style Revue winner and runner-up in the State Revue at the Iowa State Fair. She also won first in the "Best Groomed" girl contest in the county and won first for best posture in the state, as well as first in clothing achievement.

In the 1940s, the 4-H girls had to make all of their own clothes they wore in contests, and they had to pick the correct accessories to wear with the garment, like hat, shoes, gloves, etc., all by themselves.

Although she was only a 4-H member for 3 years, she was chosen as a state delegate to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago with an all expense paid trip for a week's stay. Twenty-four Iowa 4-H boys and girls were selected for the trip. Marian was the first Carroll County 4-H member ever to be chosen as a delegate to the National 4-H Club Congress. The 4-H group of 13 girls and 11 boys made the trip to Chicago by train with the state 4-H leaders. All members of the group wore name tags for identification.

In May 1948, at the close of her high school career, Marian was awarded a State Farm Bureau Scholarship. The 36 finalists were interviewed at Des Moines, Iowa. She was one of 18 selected for a two-year scholarship at Iowa Teachers' College at Cedar Falls, Iowa. Marian, however, was not too interested in a teaching career and notified the scholarship committee in time, so the scholarship could be awarded to the runner-up.

From the time Marian was still a very young girl, she had a nursing career in mind. I did not encourage her in a nursing career, but I definitely did not rule against it.

About a week or two after high school graduation, she started work at Bankers Life Insurance Co., in Des Moines, as a stenographer in the Beneficiary Department. After working at Bankers Life for a year, the Manning Trust & Savings Bank offered her a job as bookkeeper in their Manning bank. She worked there for 5 years, then decided at age 23 years, 9 months to go into nurses' training at St. Anthony's School of Nursing at Carroll, Iowa.

On June 8, 1958, Marian graduated valedictorian from the St. Anthony's School of Nursing at Carroll, Iowa. Bishop Joseph Mueller presented the award for valedictorian to Marian at the commencement exercises. Her closest friend and future sister-in-law, Carmen Artero, was also a member of the graduating class. Most members of our family attended the graduation.

Patty graduated from 8th grade country school with 3 classmates, Ruth Schmidt, Waldean Jackson, and Donald Jackson, classmates in May 1948. She entered her freshman year in Manning High School in September 1948. Patty, the same as her brother, Michael, and sister, Marian, was consistently on the honor roll throughout her 4 years of high school. Patty was a member of Quill and Scroll, and served as president of the club in her senior Year. She was a member of

Pep Squad and participated in Declam in her sophomore, junior and senior years. She also took part in a speech contest and was elected a homecoming queen attendant in her senior year. She was elected to the school's annual staff and to the Spotlight staff. She was a member of G.A.A. and served as its officer. Patty was also an active member of the Manning Cadets 4-H Club for 3 years. She joined the club as a charter member at age 12. Her local and county fair exhibits and champion team demonstration were all in the junior division. The junior division winners were not eligible for State Fair competition.

One of her top accomplishments in her 4-H career was in being the junior winner in the 1948 County Style Review with a dress she completely made by herself. In March 1949, in observance of National 4-H Club Week, Patty wrote the history of the Manning Cadets 4-H Club for the Manning Monitor. (If a copy of her story is still available, at the Monitor's office, I will enclose it in the back part of this book.

Patty resigned from the 4-H Club in June 1949, to allow herself more time in organizing a Catholic Youth Club in Manning. She-discussed her plans with our local pastor, Father Achatz. He was delighted with her enthusiasm for such a project.

Larry graduated from Ewoldt No. 3 Country School as the school's lone graduate in May 1950. After having a classmate in kindergarten, she moved with her parents to another school district, which left Larry without a classmate throughout the next 8 years of country school until 1950.

He enrolled in the Manning High School college preparatory and agriculture course in September 1950. He was on the school's scholastic honor roll throughout his four years. He was active in community and church affairs, as well as school events. On graduation day, Larry, along with Marie Johnson and Lyle Frahm, won the highest awards in various branches of activities.

There were 41 graduates in his class.

Larry received the highest awards in the Vocational Ag. Dept. He received a \$200.00 tuition scholarship from Sears-Roebuck Ag. Foundation to attend Iowa State College. He also received the De-Kalb Award. He was active in FFA work, as well as in 4-H, where he served as the club's president. He was a member of the FFA parliamentary procedure team. He was also a member of the champion 4-County 4-H Demonstration Team.

Larry was president of the student council and was a member of the concert and marching band for four years and was a member of the Boys' Glee Club and a member of Quill and Scroll.

In his junior year, he was the Legion's delegate to Hawkeye Boys' State. He was selected Christmas king by the student body in his senior year.

He was also a member of the Cadet Teachers' Corps and served as assistant business manager of the school's yearbook, The Comet, as a senior. He was also a charter member of the C.Y.O.

He played both basketball and football for three years and competed in track for two years.

In late spring John and I and a few members of our family attended the graduation of 4 of our children. Our oldest son, Michael, received his B.A. Degree in Vocational Education at Iowa State College, Ames.

He also was an advanced R.O.T.C. student and received his Second Lieutenant Commission in that organization.

Patty graduated from a two-year course at Iowa State Teachers' College, Cedar Falls. She started her teaching career at Tipton, Iowa, as a kindergarten teacher.

Larry graduated from Manning High School in 1954.

Jerry received his 8th grade diploma at the Country School, Ewoldt No. 3.

Larry enrolled at Iowa State College in September 1954.

Jim started school at Manning High School in September 1951. As a freshman, he played on the Jr. High Football Team. He was listed as 5'1" and wt. was 100 pounds which was about average for a 13 year old. He grew three inches and gained 20 pounds during his freshman year.

Jim was only 16 months younger than Larry. We started him in country school just one year after Larry, when Jim was not quite 5 years old. With being only one grade behind Larry, he felt he was going through school in Larry's shadow. It just so happened that Larry grew to be the tallest of our sons, which seemed quite a difference in height when there was only 16 months difference between the two boys. Jim would have liked graduating from country school a year later than he did.

Jim, however, did well in high school, regardless of his young age. He lettered in high school football and basketball and was also on the track team. He was an officer of the "M" Club and the Glee Club and was elected Student Council Vice, President in his senior year. Jim enrolled in the agricultural course, which included agriculture, English, driver's training, typing and biology. He was active in FFA, where he played basketball in his freshman and senior years.

Jim graduated from Manning High in May 1955. He spent the summer doing farm work at home and at the neighbors and detasseling corn for the Pioneer Seed Co., at Coon Rapids. At the end of the summer, Jim and a friend, Ronnie Irlbeck, decided to enlist in the Air Force. They left for the USAF Training Center at Park Air Force Base, California, on November 3, 1955. At that time, no one, not even Jim, himself, could foresee that Jim would remain in the USAF for the next 28 years and retire with the rank of Lt. Colonel and a doctoral degree in education. After five years employment at the Manning Trust and Savings Bank, Marian decided to follow her childhood dreams of becoming a nurse. She enrolled in the St. Anthony's School of Nursing in Carroll, Iowa, in August 1955.

After completing the three-year course in nursing, Marian graduated with highest honors as Class Valedictorian in a class of 25 students in 1958. In order to qualify for highest honors, a student nurse must have received outstanding ratings, not only in her academic work, but in nursing practice, professional attitudes and behavior, loyalty and interpersonal relations.

After her graduation, Marian was employed as office nurse for Dr. John Hornberger of Manning for two years until the birth of her son, Jeff.

Jerry had only one classmate throughout his nine years of country school. The classmate was Larry Hansen. The Hansen's lived about one-half mile from our home.

Right here I must tell you something that will seem ridiculous and hard to believe, but never the less, it is true. Jerry and Larry Hansen were born a week apart. The Hansen's had 3 children of school age the same as we did. Neither family knew the other was expecting a baby. Larry Hansen was born on April 2nd and our son, Jerry, was born on April 9. A pregnancy was something you did not talk about to your family or neighbors. We two expectant mothers both were at the school's Christmas party less than 3 1/2 months before Larry and Jerry were born, but no one was aware we were pregnant. So, we learned about Hansen's baby through the birth column in the Manning Monitor. The Hansen's learned about our baby from our children in school the day after Jerry was born.

Anyway, Jerry enrolled in the agricultural course in Manning High in September 1954. Jerry, the same as his older brothers, was active in school, 4-H and church activities during his 4 years at Manning High. He was also runner-up in the Children's Day "Rifle Shoot Contest."

Jerry served as class secretary in his junior year. He was a member of Student Council for four years and was elected to Student Council office each year. He was a member of the winning FFA Judging Team. Jerry also was a member of the high school football team and lettered in football. He was a cast member in their junior class play, "We Shook the Family Tree."

Jerry has the rare distinction of being elected to three school offices within one week. He was elected Student Council Treasurer, Home Room Vice President and Class Secretary.

A senior classmate, Judy Kuhl, and Jerry were voted in as attendants to the king and queen, Carl Saunders and Barbara Vollmer, for the annual Christmas Snowball Dance in his senior year.

At the end of the summer, Jerry followed in his brother, Jim's footsteps by enlisting in the U.S.A.F. Jerry left for basic training at Lackland AFB on Oct. 13, 1958. He remained with the Air Force for a 28 year military career. He retired with the rank of Colonel and a bachelors degree in Psychology from the University of Nebraska and a masters degree in Personnel Management from Webster College at St. Louis, Missouri.

Patrick started country school in August 1948, when he was almost 6 years old. There was a two-fold purpose in waiting that extra year before starting Pat to school.

The first reason was that we did not want to make the same mistake we did with Jim, by sending him to school before his 5th birthday, a fact that Jim regretted very much after his first years in school. Jim and Pat both have mid to late September birthdays.

The second reason for keeping Pat at home another year was possibly a bit selfish on my part. Pat was a fine baby sitter for his brother and sister, Lonnie and Linda, throughout their first year. This was by no means an easy job for a 5 year old who had been the baby of the family, himself, for almost 5 years. That

extra year of maturity, however, did help Pat a lot throughout his 12 years of school.

In fifth grade country school, he was awarded a five dollar cash prize for scoring the highest grades in the County Achievement Tests.

Pat completed 7th grade at the end of the 1955-56 school year. At this same time, Mrs. Ohde, our teacher of 12 consecutive years, decided to accept a teaching contract to teach in the Manning Junior High School.

It was a sad farewell to Mrs. Margaret Ohde by the parents and pupils of Ewoldt No. 3 during their annual school picnic at the close of the school year in May 1956. A farewell letter and gifts from parents and students were presented to Mrs. Ohde. She also gave prizes to students for special awards. Pat received the highest award for having read the most library books.

After Mrs. Ohde resigned, a qualified teacher to teach kindergarten through 9th grade could not be found. A teacher then was hired to teach kindergarten through 6th grade.

Pat, having completed 7th grade at that time, was the first of our children to receive his eighth grade education at Manning Junior High.

The new country school teacher taught school at Ewoldt No. 3 for one year. After that time, most country schools closed and all school students were taken by bus to attend school in Manning.

The transition from country school to town school was great for Pat. He made friends easily. He was elected class president of his 8th grade class. Pat played football and basketball in 8th grade. Their football and basketball teams went undefeated for the season.

After attending Iowa State Teachers College for two years and eight weeks of summer school at Colorado State College, Patty received her elementary teaching diploma at commencement exercises in June 1954, at Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Her father, Marian and I attended her graduation.

Her first teaching job was as kindergarten teacher at Tipton, Iowa, for two years. She then signed a contract to teach at the Oelwein Public School, where she taught kindergarten for 1 year.

After her two years of teaching at Tipton, she met her future husband, Wally Sheets.

Wally was a junior student at the State University of Iowa. His parents lived in Tipton.

Wally received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education on June 3, 1957. At age 21, Wally was a member of the Iowa Rose Bowl football team of 1956.

September 1956 brought a new experience for Lonnie and Linda. By this time, all country schools had closed and all rural students were transported to the Manning Schools by bus, as Pat had been the previous year.

Lonnie and Linda entered 5th grade. They seemed to enjoy the change from country school. They enjoyed having more classmates in school and meeting new friends on the bus.

Their first teacher in town school was Mrs. Leonard Sextro, a farm mother. At this writing (1992), Mrs. Dolores "Laurie" Sextro is still teaching school in the Manning School System.

By the spring of 1958, Larry graduated from Iowa State College with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural education. This was the first college graduation in our family that Lonnie and Linda attended. Before this, they had to stay home with their brothers who were not yet in college or in the military service.

I have the feeling that Lonnie and Linda enjoyed staying home on the farm more than they did sitting through the presentation of over 1,000 diplomas at the graduation.

Jerry enlisted in the Air Force, October 13, 1958, and received his basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas.

Meanwhile, Mike had received his Master of Science Degree in Agriculture Education attended summer school and continued as part-time student and instructor at Iowa State College, Ames.

Jim, who enlisted in the USAF on November 1, 1955, and received his basic training at Parks Air Force Base, California, was then assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas, as a student in the accounting specialist course. After completing this course, he was assigned to 3 years duty in England. His first assignment in England was at Northpickenham as a finance clerk.

By 1957, Jim was promoted to Staff Sergeant. His new assignment was at the London Air Logistics Office.

Jerry, who enlisted in the USAF in Oct., 1958, received his basic training at Lackland AFB, Ill. After completing the 17 week advanced aircraft maintenance training course, he qualified as a mechanic on the B52 bomber. The B52 was the largest bomber used by the Air Force in 1958.

At the home front, we still had Pat in high school and Lonnie and Linda in Junior High.

Pat enrolled in the combined agriculture and college prep course in Manning High School in September 1957. He was on the Scholastic Honor Roll throughout his four years at Manning High.

He played right guard on the high school football team in his sophomore-junior and senior years. He made the All Conference Second Team as a junior and the All Conference First Team as a senior. He was on the Des Moines Register's All State Honor Roll as a guard in his senior year. Pat was offered a football scholarship to Grinnell College.

He was a member of the M Club, mixed chorus and vocal solo in his junior and senior years. He was the homeroom secretary in his junior year.

After graduation, Pat rented our farm for 1962-63 crop years and attended Iowa State on a part-time basis. In January to March 1964, he worked for the A.C.S. measuring farm land for diverted acres in Carroll County.

Pat followed his brothers, Jim and Jerry, into military service. He entered the U.S. Army in April 1964. After 20 years of military service, he retired from the Army

with the rank of Major and a bachelors degree in business from the University of Nebraska and a masters degree in education administration from the University of Southern California.

Larry received his Master of Science Degree in Vocational Education at graduation at Iowa State College in June 1959. Dad and I, Mike, Pat, Lonnie, Linda and Larry's uncle, B.J. Kasperbauer, attended the graduation and the reception that followed at the Memorial Union. Larry's wife, Carmen, entertained the group at a 1:30 PM dinner at her home in honor of Larry's graduation. Larry continued his graduate work towards a PHD in Rural Sociology when classes resumed on September 11, 1959.

Jim returned from his 4-year tour of duty in England in June 1960. My best memories of his two week's vacation at home is his insistence and help in getting a bathroom and running water installed in our home. It didn't cost all that much, but it took that extra push. Only one farm home in our neighborhood had those modern conveniences at that time.

Jim's next military assignment was with the Air Force ROTC Detachment at the State University of Iowa.

When Jim returned from England in 1960, he was the proud owner of a little red sports car. It was the first car he ever owned. Needless to say, Lonnie and Linda, age 12, loved it.

Jerry urged us to attend his graduation as an honor student from the Harlingen AFB Texas Navigator Program. He ranked 4th out of a class of 102 graduates. To qualify for high honors, a cadet had to maintain high academic standards. After the graduation, Jerry was stationed at Castle AFB, California, for advanced navigator training.

Linda was a member of Mrs. Sanders' Home Economics Class at Manning High for 4 years. Under the guidance of Mrs. Christine Sanders, Linda learned the art of sewing at its best, the same as Marian and Patty did.

During Linda's high school days, Manning did not have an athletic program for girls' competition with students from other towns in basketball, tennis, volleyball, golf, etc. However, Manning did have intramural basketball games. I was not aware of this until my research on Linda in the Manning Monitor files. I found that Linda's team won most of their games even over the team of teachers. Linda played forward and was one of the high scorers. Linda was on the school's Scholastic Honor Roll throughout her junior high and high school years. She was also a member of the National Honor Society. On graduation in May 1965, she was awarded a \$100.00 home economics scholarship to Iowa State University at Ames.

Michael received his Ph.D. Degree from Iowa State University on February 25, 1961, with a double major in Plant Physiology and Agronomy. After graduation, he remained on the faculty at Iowa State until the end of the spring quarter. In June, he began a year's post-doctoral studies at the University of Maryland and Washington DC, under a fellowship. He was awarded a National Science Foundation post-doctoral fellowship at graduation.

Following the graduation and reception at the Memorial Union, John and I hosted a dinner in Mike's honor for 27 relatives and friends at the Solar Inn in Ames. Linda and Lonnie attended Manning High School as freshmen in September, 1961. Linda took the college prep course. Her academic subjects included chemistry, English IV, advanced senior math, and American problems. Linda participated in many extra activities, such as Quill and Scroll, Pep Squad, Spotlight staff, Girls' Glee Club, Sacred Heart Youth Club, Manning 4-H Cadets and the Manning Win-or-Grin 4-H Club. She served as the Pep Squad secretary and reporter on the Spotlight staff. Linda was chosen by the Youth Club as one of the two queen attendants at the May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Lonnie enrolled in the agriculture course in high school. His subjects included vocational agriculture, advanced algebra, English, and American problems. His extra activities included FFA, Student Council, Win-or-Grin 4-H Club and Sacred Heart Youth Club. He was elected reporter and president during his 4 years in FFA. Like most clubs, money had to be raised for their club treasury. The club members decided to have a "Slave Auction", the same as when Pat was a member of the local FFA. The auction was held in Manning in early summer. Meryl Kerkhoff, a local auctioneer, donated his services. The services of members and their advisor, Mr. Edward Henkenius, were sold for an average of \$6.80 for an 8 hour day, or 850 per hour. Each boy was allowed to keep 40% of their earnings, and the other 60% went into the FFA treasury. This 850 per hour wages was in effect for the sale in the early 1960's, which was 30 years ago.

Lonnie was a member of the FFA judging team that placed 4th highest out of 44 teams in a livestock judging contest in Ames.

He was a student council alternate and class president in his sophomore year. Lonnie was a 5'8" right guard on his high school football team, where he lettered for 4 years. When he played football in junior high for two years, his team was undefeated.

After high school graduation, Lonnie enrolled at Northwest Missouri State College for one year before entering the U.S. Army in 1966.

On November 23, 1965, John and sons, Capt. Jerry of Omaha and Lt. Jim of Charleston, South Carolina, drove to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, to attend their son and brother, Pat's, graduation from the Officer Candidate School at the Artillery and Missile Center. Pat, age 23, was commissioned an Army Second Lieutenant after the graduation.

On November 24, 1965, our son, Larry, of Buffalo, New York, graduated in absentia from Iowa State University, Ames, at the fall term graduation. He received his Ph.D. in Sociology with minors in Statistics and Education. Larry had joined the faculty of Canisus College in Buffalo in 1963 as an Assistant Professor of Sociology.

On November 1, 1966, Lieutenant Pat left from Oakland, California, for military duty in Viet Nam.

In early 1967, Captain Jim received the Air Medal for his meritorious achievement as a C-141 Starlifter Navigator. He was cited for his outstanding airmanship and courage on successful and important missions under hazardous conditions in Southeast Asia.

Captain Jerry had been awarded the Silver Pilot Wings upon his graduation at Williams AFB, Arizona, in 1967. Following specialized air crew training at Randolph AFB, Texas, he was assigned to Williams for duty. He was a member of the Air.

Training Command, which operated the world's largest technical school system to train personnel for Air Force duty. Jerry's new assignment was as an instructor pilot in the Air Force's supersonic jet trainer, the T38 Talon, at Williams AFB.

Lonnie entered military service on October 30, 1966. Following his initial training, he entered Officers Candidate School at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

In November 1967, Patrick returned from his 12 month tour of military duty in South Viet Nam, where he served as a forward ground observer, battalion signal officer and aerial artillery observer with the 3rd Brigade, 4th Division. His next assignment was at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, where he attended the Signal Officers Career Course.

Lonnie graduated from the Artillery Officers Candidate School at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, where he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant at age 4, on November 21, 1967. His brothers, Captain Jim and Jerry and 1st Lieutenant Patrick, his sister, Linda, and his fiancée, Julie Monson and Pat's fiancée, Kathy Meiers, attended the graduation.

Five days following his graduation from the Artillery Officers Candidate School, Lieutenant Lonnie Kasperbauer married his former high school classmate, Julie Monson.

While four of our sons were actively engaged in the Viet Nam War, Linda was about to graduate from Iowa State University.

Mike, Marian, Patty and Larry all were busy in their chosen professions and raising their families.