CANTERBURY COURTS
OTTAWN, KANSAS
SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1970

IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE IN KANSAS WITH YOU TODAY. EACH
TRIP BACK TO KANSAS BRINGS ME AN INCREASED AWARENESS OF THE REASONS FOR THE GREATNESS OF OUR STATE AND THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE,
AND THAT REASON IS THE PEOPLE.

IN CONTRAST TO THE VAST CITIES, WHERE NO ONE KNOWS HIS
NEIGHBOR OR REALLY FEELS ABLE TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION
TO THE WAY OF LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY, HERE IN KANSAS PEOPLE DO
KNOW THEIR NEIGHBORS. THEY KNOW THEM AND CARE ABOUT THEM. MOST
IMPORTANTLY, THEY ARE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP THEIR NEIGHBORS.

THE TRADITION GOES BACK A LONG WAY, BACK TO THE OLD-FASHIONED BARN-RAISINGS WHEN A NEIGHBOR'S BARN MAD BEEN DESTROYED BY FIRE. FIRST OF ALL, THE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY KNEW THEIR NEIGHBORS. SECOND, THEY KNEW WHEN THEY NEEDED HELP. AND FINALLY, THEY KNEW THAT TOGETHER THEY COULD PITCH IN AND REALLY HELP. THEIR EFFORTS DID NOT GET SWALLOWED UP IN SOME SYSTEM, BUT WENT DIRECTLY TO THE SOURCE OF DIFFICULTY -- AND THE RESULTS COULD BE RECOGNIZED.

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