

family moment



JIM PROTIVA (father):

“Our family are Brethren [Anabaptists, like the Amish and Mennonites]. This photo was taken at our Missouri farm on my birthday. We piled straw onto a cart for a hayride, but because it was warm that afternoon, my family stretched out and napped.”

JUDY PROTIVA (mother):

“Our children, Eli, four, Kristin, seven, and Beth, nine, enjoyed their rest. That evening, two families joined us. It was a clear night, and we rode the cart under a large moon, singing hymns together as we wheeled down the dirt road.”

BETH PROTIVA (far right):

“After the ride, we built a campfire and sat under the stars. An older boy pushed the littler children on a swing that hung from an old oak tree. I went so high, I felt as if I could almost touch the branches.”

—as told to
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