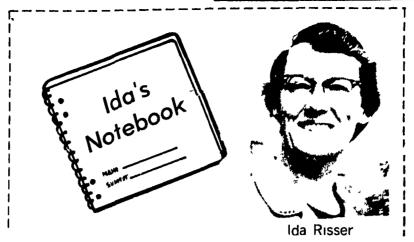
Lancaster Farming, Saturday, July 7, 1973–27





Again we awakened on June 22nd, the anniversary of Hurricane Agnes, to hear water rushing across our meadow. It was 3:30 a.m. and we could see the flickering flashlights of folks across the creek moving their motorboats to higher and safer ground.

We discovered that most of our herd was somewhere in the meadow as only 11 were in the barn. How to get them up to the barn was the question. Running the silage unloader in the middle

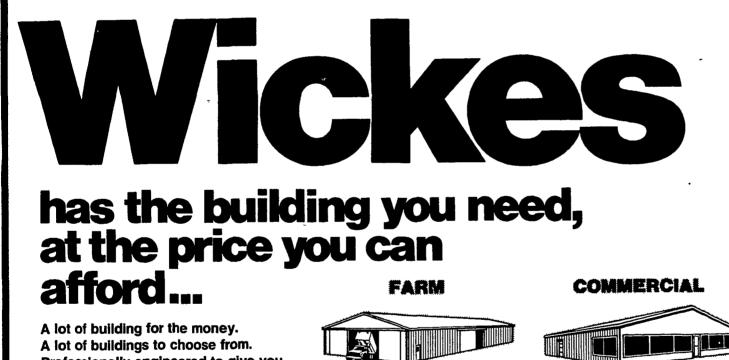
of the night didn't get the usual response. So Allen chased the ones he could reach and as they started for the barn, we heard in the darkness an awful yet wonderful splashing sound as 18 cows swam out of the woods and joined the rest of the herd. It was indeed something to be thankful for.

We only had three-fourths of an inch of rain, but Ephrata had several inches the afternoon before which gave us a flash flood.

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While in Washington, D.C. recently I had the opportunity to visit the massive and impressive National Presbyterian Church and Center. The furniture and rooms are elegant. The surrounding grounds have beautiful plantings and 'large fountains. There are ornate portraits hung in the luxurious halls and a colorful flag display.

However, in their bulletin was a separate sheet which showed they have a problem common to all churches big or small. They were asking for volunteers with special skills in organizing, writing, public speaking, typing, research, interviewing, etc. There were also five committees listed in which there were openings. I wish them luck.

Consumers Need to Know

by LEE LANDIS

Are you upset about high prices? Most people are, but few stop to consider that much of the high cost of living can be charged to the government and increasing taxes.

No doubt you paid your taxes by April 15, but it wasn't until May 2, according to the Tax Foundation, that the average taxpayer started paying himself something. In other words, the equivalent of your earnings from New Year's Day to May 2 went to pay our total tax bills at all levels of government. About 36 cents out of every dollar in national income is now used to maintain and build up more government.

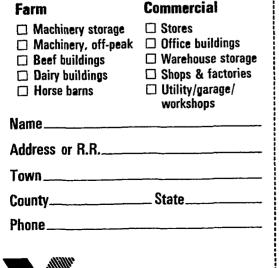
So, how about tax reform? Fine, but a lot of people are arguing about who will carry more of the tax burden. The truth is that income taxes, corporate taxes and other taxes are hidden in the cost of services and merchandise. One way or another, taxes wind up in the prices consumers pay.

Therefore, the most urgent reform should be to reduce the extravagance and waste of the government. For example, how do you feel about paying for the squabbles and lawsuits between one government agency and another, or lengthy conferences on the demands of radical groups, or political witchhunts?

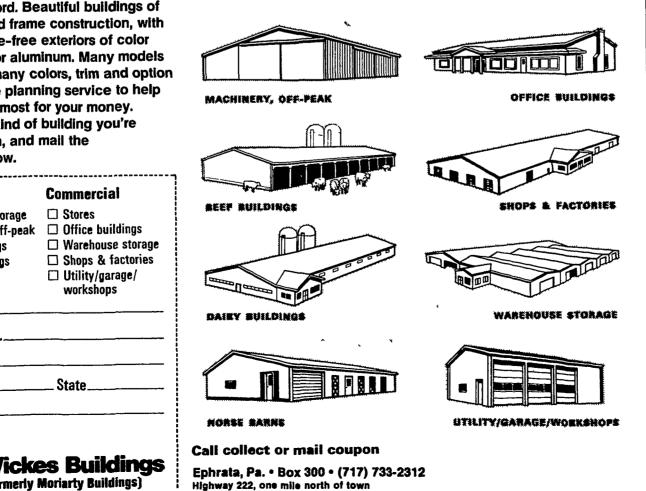
What about the agencies that overlap in most fields as do the 39 or more separate agencies involved in various consumer programs? After all, it's the consumer who pays for all of this in the long run. We must reduce government debts and, in turn, the tax load we carry. That can only be done by demanding that we get a dollar's worth of service for every dollar we send to Washington. And when we are tempted to say "the government ought to take care of that problem (whatever it may be)," we should see how many other ways can be found to solve it.

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