

Farm Women Societies

Lancaster Co. Society 6

A tour of Goodwill Industries, Lancaster, was recently taken by members of Lancaster County Farm Women Society 6. The facilities of the institution

were toured and the work of the place discussed.

After the tour, members met for a business meeting. It was decided to give money normally spent for refreshments on the trip home towards the work of Goodwill Industries.

Lancaster Co. Society 21

On September 8, Lancaster County Farm Women Society 21 met at the home of Mrs. Samuel Groff, Peach Bottom, for the program "Back to School Night."

School teacher, Mrs. Charles Tindall, Sr., Peach Bottom, led the program which consisted of enacting a day at school. Reading, arithmetic, music, and recess were included in the program.

A business meeting was held in the form of a PTA meeting with president, Mrs. Robert Rohrer in charge. It was decided to send money to the Farm Women Societies of the Johnstown area.

Refreshments were brown bag lunches each member brought and exchanged.

Next meeting will be a Lancaster County tour Day scheduled for October 13.

October 20, a craft night is planned at the home of Mrs. William Arrowsmith, Peach Bottom.

Lancaster Co. Society 25

Lancaster County Farm Women Society 25 recently met at Historic Strasburg for a banquet dinner. Twenty-two members were present and husbands were invited. Program for the evening were slides of the West

shown by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hudson.

The next meeting will be October 8 at the home of Mrs. Ada Rice, Millersville, Pa.

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Ida's
Notebook



Ida Risser

Mills have always been one of the centers or hubs of community activity. Recently, I visited the Rome Mill, also known as Compass Mill, which was built in 1757 by the Moravian Brethren. It is located east of Lititz in Lancaster County and was recently opened as a tourist attraction. It had been a combination grist and saw mill. Milling was profitable in the early days, as in 1777 the profits made by this mill were \$2500.

When Philip went to Canada with other 4-H youth last month, he had a very nice family to live with there. He tells us that it was on Sunday that he worked the hardest. It seems that his host was a part-time farmer and had to work the land on the sabbath.

One outstanding feature of the mill is the five ton water wheel which stands a high 22 feet in the center of the building. With three sets of millstones it could produce 25 barrels of flour daily.

They have very flat marshy land which needs tile to drain it for farming. So, a bridge had to be built in order to get into a field to make hay. They put a lot of ground over a very large pipe and it was hard work.

In researching this property, I was surprised to learn that my great, great uncle A. W. Shober owned the property in 1883.

He had an unusual experience of showing a goat at the Huntington Fair. It seems the family had two animals in the same class and so he was pressed into service. And, his animal won first prize—a red ribbon. Yes, he tells me that in Canada a blue ribbon is given for 2nd place.

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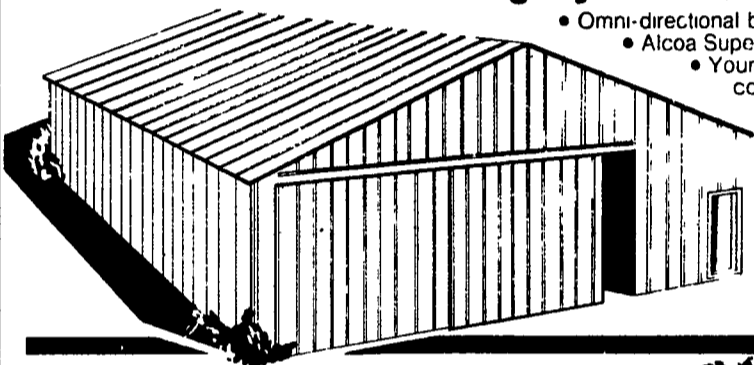
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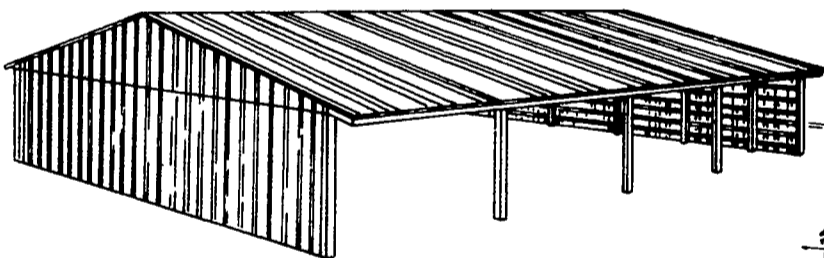
Two Car Timber Column Garage.

Big 24' width plenty of room for two cars and extra storage space besides



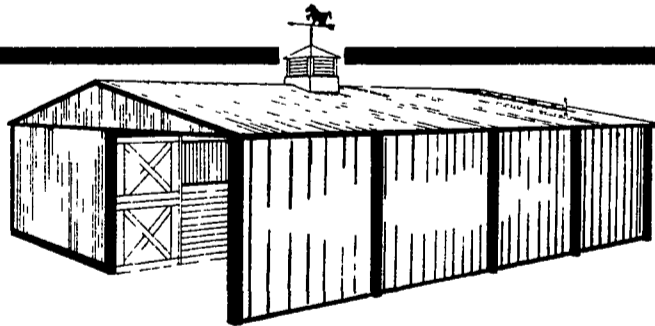
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