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The Pennsylvania Department of Highways, (PennDOT) hasn't been able to keep up with the thistles this year, as is being evidenced by these pictures taken

Thistles aren't a cash crop

Opinion - by Dieter Krieg

Thistles along Pennylvania's roadsides are more abundant this year than ever before, allegedly because the state doesn't have the funds to keep the noxious weeds under control

But the obvious question that must be asked is



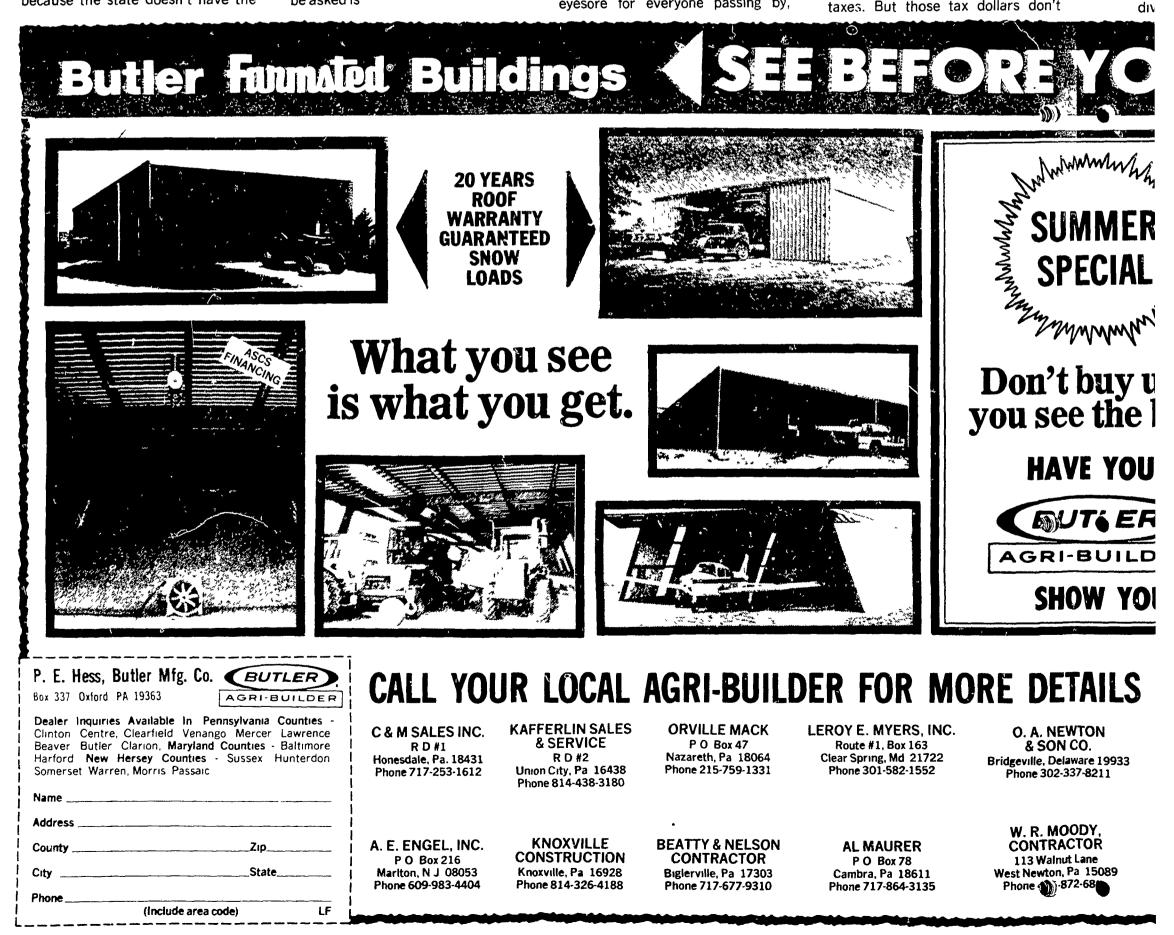
at the interchange of U.S. Route 30 and Prospect Road in Lancaster County. The thistles are all along the roadsides, median strips, and adjacent to farmers'

If the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is claiming that it has insufficient funds to build and repair roads, plow snow in the Winter and keep weeds mowed in the Summer, then what in the world are they doing with all of our money?

The sight of thistles along the Keystone State's roads is not only an eyesore for everyone passing by,

they're a nuisance to farmers and anyone trying to keep a weed-free garden or lawn.

CaCaFarmers try very hard to havenoclean fields, knowing that yields cansebe cut drastically if the weeds are leftFoto go out of controlThey pay dearlyfor their efforts with many hours oftohard work and a sizable portion ofvowhatever money is left over after,taxes. But those tax dollars don'tdiv



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