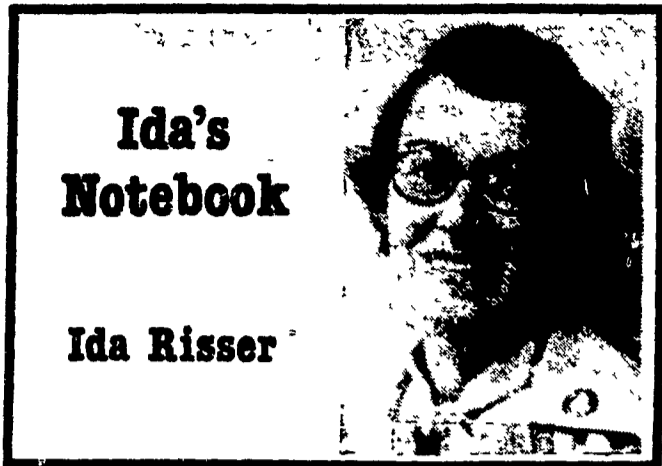


Economist to speak at Farm Bureau meeting



Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser

The other week I went deer hunting with my husband. But this time, I was armed only with a camera and he carried the gun.

We went to the State Game Lands in northern Lancaster County after the morning milking was finished.

I've gone hunting off and on over the past 30 years. In those early years, when I stationed myself on a hillside overlooking a wide area, I'd at least see numerous small herds as they crept through the woods. Often they were completely unaware of my presence and would play and nibble quite close to me.

With them to watch, I didn't mind the cold wind, rain and sometimes heavy snow. It was all worth it. But last year I did not see a single deer when we went to Perry County and so I decided not to even purchase a license this year.

However, with a little encouraging, I consented to go along for the ride. The weather was beautiful and even a bit too warm for climbing hills as I'd borrowed my son's heavy underwear.

Just standing there with my camera, I found myself following the same pattern as though it were a gun. Quiet! Look! Watch!

The first living thing I saw was a pale yellow moth. Next were two Downy Woodpeckers feeding on a tree trunk. They were fun to watch. And then, I think I saw a bird which is usually

only heard - a Whip-Poor-Will. It was almost impossible to see when it sat on the dry leaves of the forest floor. It only flew short distances at a time.

Later, while looking over my shoulder, as I leaned against a large ash tree, a tiny bird with a long beak landed 12 inches from my eyes on my tree and slowly pecked his way up the trunk. That shows that I can stand motionless.

I took several pictures of fungi on dead cherry trees and later in the day one of the dams at Speedwell Lake.

We didn't see any deer but it was nice to have a few relaxing hours away from the farm and share a thermos of coffee and some turkey sandwiches with my husband.

PARK RIDGE, Ill. - A prominent economist, known for his contention that "big intrusive government" threatens America's free enterprise system, will address the 61st annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Phoenix, January 6-10.

Murray Weidenbaum, director of the Center for the Study of American Business at Washington University St. Louis and a former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, will be a principal speaker at the general session, Tuesday, January 8.

Weidenbaum, who holds a Ph.D. from Princeton University and is a former corporate economist of the Boeing Aircraft Company, currently is on sabbatical leave from Washington University until next May to serve as resident scholar for the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, Washington, D.C.

Other principal speakers scheduled to address the Farm Bureau meeting include Sir Nicholas Henderson, new British ambassador to the United States whose writings have figured prominently in the conservative administration

of Margaret Thatcher, Great Britain's first female Prime Minister.

Dr. Joyce Brothers, noted psychologist, television and radio personality, will address the Women's Conference during the meeting.

The meeting opens Sunday, January 6, with a vesper service. The next two days will be devoted to

general sessions and special interest conferences, followed by two days of voting delegate policy debate and business sessions.

A highlight of the meeting will be the annual recognition and awards program, January 8, featuring comedian Bob Hope.



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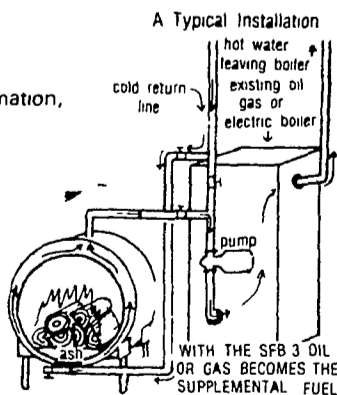
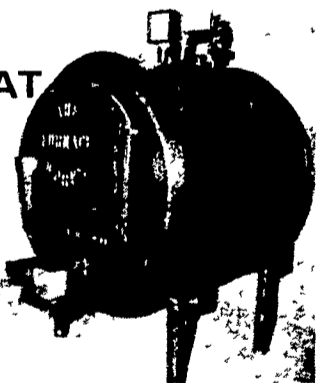
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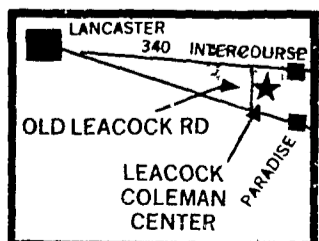
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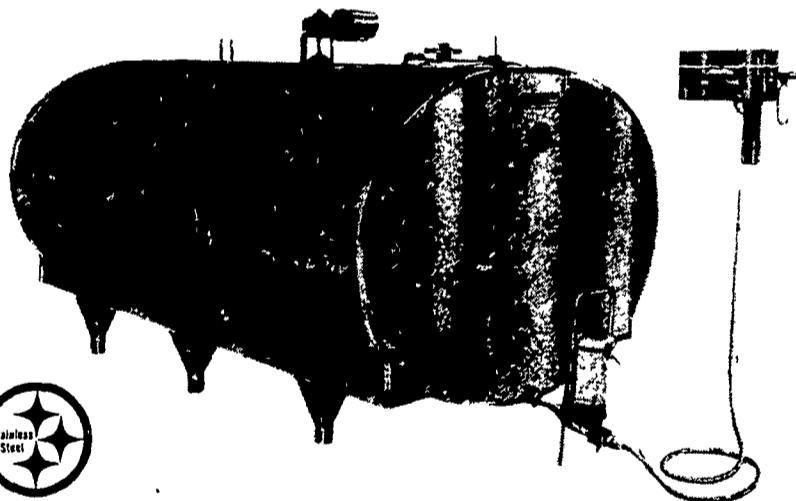
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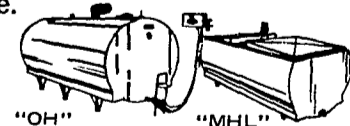
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