

OUR READERS WRITE, AND OTHER OPINIONS

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including an assessment of their reliable yields."

Pennsylvanians now have inherent Constitutional Rights to certain water on their property under 'Common law' and riparian rights that would be abrogated by HB 1483. These rights would be replaced with permits issued by bureaucrats.

The editorial says, "this however is not such a great threat to the freedoms farmers and homeowners now take for granted."

The whole insidious purpose of HB 1483 is to take away the right of homeowners to their water without permission from the "STATE."

The editorial says "HB 1483 does set up stringent rules for anyone using more than 10,000 gallons of water each day."

This is a false or half truth propagated by the bill's author and those proponents who haven't read or care to ignore the real intent of HB 1483. For example, the author of HB 1483 very cleverly and succinctly delineates that there shall be no limits to the power the legislature shall lay on the "board." Throughout the bill the phrase "plans and regulations may include but shall not be limited to" the following.

So it is with the 10,000 gallon 'permit reference.' Page 27 lines 17 and 18 specifically state that the 'regulations' shall not be limited to the specific section covering the 10,000 gallon limit.

The whole controversy over HB 1483 rests solely on the philosophy of Socialism versus Americanism.

I and the thousands of Pennsylvanians who have responded to my letter and advertisements choose Americanism. We choose individual freedom over state's rights.

And, what about the sponsors of HB 1483? To the best of my knowledge, not a single sponsor has stated flat out that he or she read the bill before allowing their names to be used as sponsors.

And, what about the sponsors who quickly removed their names when confronted with the confiscatory language of the bill? Do you write them off as not understanding the merits of HB 1483?

As a matter of fact, I have not seen a single response from a legislator, including the prime sponsor, which does not say that the bill must and will be amended to remove many if not all of the blatant powers and dangers referred to in my letter. One representative said "he will fight the legislation tooth and nail if sweeping changes are not made in it."

HB 1483 is the very antithesis of our Bill of Rights — it rejects and transgresses the very cause of freedom for which thousands of Americans have paid the supreme sacrifice.

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Editor's note: Quoting from HB 1483, page 15, lines 2-10, "In order to provide accurate information as a basis of future water planning, the board (Environmental Quality Board) may by regulation

Farm Calendar

Today, Oct. 10

National Trotting Pony Sale, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg.
Stream Protection Measures Workshop, Lancaster Farm & Home Center, 7:30 p.m.
Animal Rights Conference, Ocean

City, Md., continues through Monday.

Dauphin Farmers Association annual dinner meeting, 7 p.m., Lower Swatara Fire Hall.

Ag in Action Day, Hunterdon County, N.J., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 11

York County 4-H Achievement Day, 2 p.m., 4-H Center.

Monday, Oct. 12

Lancaster County Farmers Association annual banquet, 7 p.m., Harvest Drive Restaurant.

establish requirements for: (1) The registration of existing and new ground or surface water withdrawals which equal or exceed an average rate of 10,000 gallons per day in any 30-day period; (2) The maintenance of records and submission of periodic reports on actual water withdrawals and uses by persons responsible for withdrawals subject to registration;" and page 20, lines 7-15 "Limitation on withdrawals and rights — where the department (D.E.R.) finds that the quality of existing withdrawals exceeds the reliable yield of the affected water resources or that water rights held by two or more public water supply agencies are otherwise in conflict, the department may require adjustments in the quantities withdrawn, condition withdrawals and modify the water rights as necessary to assure that the water resources are equitably shared and efficiently used in the public interest."

The bill states on page 10, line 30 that the State Water Plan shall include: "A complete inventory of the water resources of this Commonwealth including an assessment of their reliable yields for instream and withdrawal uses during periods of drought."

Farm Equipment Manufacturers' Association meeting, 6:30 p.m., Sunnyside Restaurant, Carlisle.
East Canton 4-H meeting, 8 p.m., clubhouse, Bradford County.
York County Lamb Roundup, (Turn to Page A17)

Note

In the October 3 issue of Lancaster Farming, page B25, the word "created" appeared concerning a calf cart produced by Raytec Manufacturing of Ephrata. According to Raymond Zimmerman, president of the company, the cart was refined, polished and manufactured by Raytec, but not "created."

Now Is the Time

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contributes to international understanding and increased world food production.

The national theme "4-H Pathways to the Future" is an appropriate and challenging one. Four-H has provided an important pathway for many youth.

Beware of Spiny

Pigweed in Pastures

Redroot or redroot pigweed is a common, easily recognized annual weed of gardens and cultivated fields. We are now seeing a first cousin of this weed - spiny redroot - appearing in many areas of the county, points out Arnold Lueck, Agronomy-Horticultural Agent.

If you do not know what the spiny redroot looks like, you can sure tell real quickly what it feels like by carefully rubbing your fingers along the stem. Two-needle-sharp spines occur at the juncture of

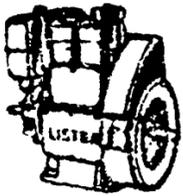
each leaf with the stem.—These spines prevent all grazing animals from eating these plants. Consequently, we are seeing tremendous numbers of these weeds appearing in many upland pastures along cow paths, in open spaces or loafing areas. Some have been found in alfalfa fields, a bad situation. These weeds now have mostly red stems and can easily be spotted.

CONTROL. Use Banvel or any of the 2,4-D type herbicides. Apply when the plants are small. This would be just about the time in May when corn planting time is over or very soon thereafter. The important thing is to spray the pasture. A second application to kill late appearing weed seedlings would likely be needed.

This pigweed in pasture needs attention or we will continue to lose valuable grass space.

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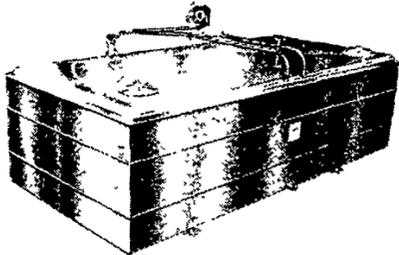
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