

# OUR READERS WRITE

## Doggone bill

We read with interest the article in *Lancaster Farming* on page A38 of the Nov. 13 issue ("Ag legislation moves in lame duck session") on House Bill 2535, as well as the comments that legislator Vice Chairman Noah Wenger made concerning this bill. Since our organization has been

active since the early 1960s, we cannot support this bill for the following reasons:

- ✓ The Department of Agriculture's Dog Law Enforcement Bureau has been inconsistent for many years. A 60 percent license sale percentage is not very efficient.

- ✓ A budget of \$2,250,000 yearly would be adequate to supply their needs. Since they sold 1,045,432 individual licenses and 1,604 kennel licenses in 1981, why would they need a 500 percent increase? A \$1 or \$2 increase per individual license would suffice.

- ✓ It seems to be their intent to fund the SPCA and humane groups

with this 500 percent increase. We have no quarrel with any of these groups, but a private organization should not be funded with state monies. Who will be the next to ask for the same thing?

- ✓ The sporting dog people (the beaglers, foxhound coon hound and bird doggers, and the working terrier group) have had no input

into this bill whatsoever. We just might also be the largest continuous license buying block in the state who had no consideration.

We also feel the puppy mill issue is just a smoke screen and the real issue in House Bill 2535 is for the SPCA and humane groups in the continuous funding they so much desire. Remarks made by James

C. Greenwood (R-143rd), chief sponsor of House Bill 2535, and those of other concerned individuals to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee on Tuesday, Nov. 9, bear this out.

Since Lancaster County has been the hub of most of this controversy,

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## Correction

In the Nov. 13 issue of *Lancaster Farming*, Lebanon 4-H dairy awards on page B12, Michelle Mase was incorrectly identified as the daughter of Gary and Eileen Mase. She is the daughter of Ken and Eileen Mase. Photo captions showing Dale Balmer and Marcy Barnhart were inadvertently interchanged with Daryl Balmer and Laura Harding.

## Farm Calendar

**Saturday, Nov. 20**  
Montgomery County DHIA Banquet, 6:45 p.m., Christopher Dock School

Hunterdon County, N.J. Board of Ag annual meeting, Quaker-town Fire House, 6:30 p.m.

Hunterdon County N.J. Sheep Breeders Lamb Dinner, Stanton Grange, 5 p.m.

**Monday, Nov. 22**  
1982 Forage and Seed Conference, J.O. Keller Conference Center, Penn State Main Campus, continues tomorrow

**Tuesday, Nov. 23**  
Irrigation Conference, Sheraton Inn, Dover, Del.

York DHIA Awards Banquet, 7 p.m., Avalong Farms Restaurant

**Thursday, Nov. 25**  
Happy Thanksgiving!

**Friday, Nov. 26**  
Uniontown Poultry and Farm Products mtg., Uniontown, Fayette County, continues through Sunday

## Now is the Time

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finished for this year. I also know that every farm has machinery that needs repair and service. If you are planning to have this done at your machinery dealer, it would be wise to contact him in the near future so it's on his work schedule. I'm aware of the spring rush next March and April; and I know your local service man will appreciate the work during the fall and into the long winter days. It can also save time in case parts need to be ordered to complete the job. The objective is to be planning for this repair work now. Have it done so you're machinery is ready to go early next spring.

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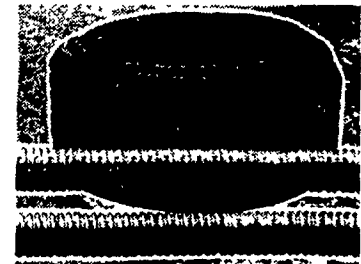
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