

**OUR READERS WRITE,
AND OTHER OPINIONS**

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per tree, that's a whopping \$25,000.

That's a high price we farmers and landowners pay so that the sportsmen and Game Commission can freeload on us for fun. They are freeloaders just as bums on the street are freeloaders. No one would accept bums to demand the housewife to have the pantries and kitchens ready and available so that they can feast anytime, but the sportsmen, Game Commission and poachers do.

I say that it is the most unjust, unconstitutional, unfair form of taxation that is imposed on the landowner and farmer that there ever was — to force us to raise and feed the deer, bear, and all the game. It's time the lawmakers stop that.

In other countries, farmers and landowners get a big share of the license money for raising the game. Not here in Pennsylvania. In fact the Game Commission has had the guts to press for legislation to make it illegal for farmers to disturb game cover or groundhog holes on their own farms; and to futher harass farmers and fine and jail those who destroy game that destroys their crops.

They want to enslave farmers to be servants to the Game Commission and sportsmen who have never thanked the farmers and landowners for the game. In fact the farmers are treated like pigs by them. I know first-hand because I was shot at and cattle and livestock were shot and killed in the past. The Game Commission never did a thing.

It's time the Game Commission pay the farmers and landowners most of that license money for raising the game; and it's time that they stick their noses out of the farmer's business and let him reduce or eliminate the game as he sees fit.

There are more deer in Pennsylvania than there are livestock and people in many countries. That's insanity. If the Game Commission will not bend, then abolish it and let the Department of Agriculture take over. The days of the Game Commission and such free-loading foolishness must not go on any further. It's too costly and there is no more room in this crowded, hungry, and energy-short world for such foolishness.

I've never made a cent from feeding wild game and neither has

*Without
your help...*

In the past year, the announcements of the Delaware Cooperative Extension Service programs have been published in Lancaster Farming. As a result of these announcements, the audiences attending the programs have increased steadily.

I wanted to let you know that I appreciate your cooperation and that this effort has greatly benefitted our Cooperative Extension Service programs. Without your help, it would be impossible to inform people in the community of what is happening. With this type of support, I look forward to continued growth of our audiences.

Deborah J. Amsden
Home Economist
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any other farmer. Those farmers who have cover-free and plowed-up farms have the least trouble with hunters. But while the crops are growing and until they are harvested the Game Commission robs them with the deer and game.

Paul Holawka
R4 York, Pa.

New awareness

Dick Angelstein's series, "Farming in a Shadow," (November issues) has given us a new awareness of simple living, friendly and honest people. The unassuming Mennonites, for the first time in Lancaster County, are becoming visible and occasionally vocal opponents of this threat to their heritage.

Change is a part of all our lives, and, is often difficult. The responsibility of becoming an adult when yet a boy was so simple and uncomplicated; to witness the change of one's neighborhood as houses and industry alter forever the landscape of yesterday. These changes all of us accept, however

reluctantly, as part of the progress of man.

However, when this progress has the potential to adversely impact not only the Mennonite farmers of Mr. Angelstein's series but possibly much of the eastern end of our county, it behooves us to thoroughly and cautiously explore every alternative. Landfilling is not new technology—only the terminology has changed...a dump is still a dump.

My thanks to Lancaster Farming and Mr. Angelstein for thought-provoking human interest reporting.

John A. Chute,
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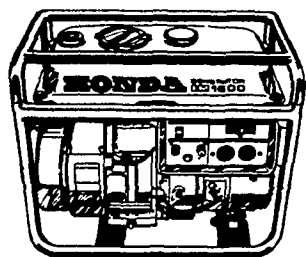
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