



OPINION

The Family Depends On It

The bill to help keep future generations from the need to sell the family farm for estate taxes was introduced in the US Congress last week by Representative Dick Schulze (R Chester Co.). The federal estate tax is levied on a farm when its ownership is transferred due to death or through a gift.

"The tradition of family farming in America is being threatened by the spiralling value of farmland in proximity to urban areas," Schulze said in a statement. "As the value of land rises with increased development, the ability of families to pass their farm on to succeeding generations is being eliminated by enormous estate tax burdens."

Of special note is that one individual with a real desire to protect his family's farm provided the impetus for Representative Schulze's bill. Bob Lange in Malvern proposed the federal legislation to Schulze so that he and other farmers would not need to sell 25 to 75 percent of their land to pay the federal estate taxes. Lange farms a 207 acre farm that has been in the family since 1896.

The bill would cut the federal estate tax by 20 percent on any family farm owned and operated for 10 years. Qualifying farms must be located within 50 miles of a city. After each subsequent five year period, the tax payment would drop another 20 percent. After 30 years of owning and operating the farm, the family would not need to pay any federal estate tax. So the Lange farm would be exempt. And that's the way the family wants it.

"We don't want to sell any ground," Lange said. "We want it to stay as it is."

So we have a perfect example of how one person with a sincere desire to protect family farms can influence national policy. The bill has already attracted at least 11 other sponsors across the nation. And we believe this bill should be passed by both the house and senate. The family farm depends on it.



NOW IS THE TIME

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To Prevent Fly Problems

There is considerable increase in fly population in many of our operations this spring. Keep in mind that one of the best ways to prevent fly problems is to eliminate fly breeding opportunities. Flies are almost impossible to control with the use of chemicals only. However, chemicals are helpful if combined with other management practices. To help prevent flies from breeding, clean-up accumulations of manure and spilled feed along feed bunks and at the edge of feed lots. Design lots and alleys so they can be scraped thoroughly and frequently. When manure is hauled to the field, incorporate it before flies have a chance to hatch.

Your fly control program should integrate several different control techniques and insecticides, if you are going to be successful. Flies will become resistant to a particular insecticide if exposed to the same material several times in succession. For best

results, use a wide variety of insecticide formulations (space sprays, mist sprays, baits, residual sprays, etc.) and different classes of insecticides.

Always follow label directions when using any pesticide.

To Be Alert For Corn Pests

We are into the season for cutworm damage and this includes the black cutworm. Just a reminder to keep a close check on all corn fields for the next few weeks. Damage symptoms will be plants cut off just above the ground level. The culprit will be hiding in the soil a few inches from the cut plant. We suggest a rescue treatment if 2-3% of the plants are cut and you can find more than 5 larvae in 100 plants. Remember the black cutworm is the one with the granular skin. The control materials, listed in the 1989-90 Agronomy Guide include Sevin, or Lorsban, or Pydrin, or Ambush, or PennCap, or Dylox. Be sure to follow all label directions.

To Clip Pastures

Mowing permanent pastures at this time of year is a very good idea. Many of the plants will be heading out and some will go to seed; this means that the plants should be mowed. This practice

will help control weeds and encourage new growth of grass.

Livestock will consume the dry clippings. Pastures should be clipped several times during the season. In addition, the clipped area will look much better to the general public as they travel through the county.

To Reduce Rural Crime

Rural crime has become a sad fact of life. Most facts and figures that we read indicate an increase in rural crime. There are many things you can do to "make crime more trouble than it's worth." That would include installing and using locks, bringing your equipment inside, or putting it in a well-lit area at night. Also, do not keep loading chutes near gates. One of the most important things you can do is to establish "crime watch" with your neighbors.

You also may be able to borrow an engraving tool from your local police department to mark your equipment with your driver's license number. Do not use your social security number because it is not retrievable.

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also asked a different standard of treatment for children: "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger..." (5:4). Following the attitude in secular society, Paul could have called the wives to obey their husbands. Instead, he counsels them to "be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord" (5:22). And note that, when he asks of the wives, he asks of both husbands and wives: "Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ" (5:21).

I rather imagine that when men read these admonitions in the letters of Paul, some of them were incensed. Paul's picture of the Christian family was quite different from the usual family model. Some of them probably had trouble understanding what being a Christian had to do with such radical views. Those who felt this way had time and tradition on their side. This is the way it had been as long as people could remember. Why should there be any changes in an institution, which, as far as they were concerned, had worked well just the way it was?

THE PROFOUND MYSTERY

But Paul knew that, when people took Christ into their lives, nothing could ever stay the same. The old models were no longer good enough. The only model worthy is the model presented by Christ in his love for the church — a relationship of self-giving, self-sacrificing love. Since Calvary, nothing else would ever be good enough to define the relationships between husbands and wives, parents and children.

So let us be subject to one another as Christ willingly bore his cross for us.

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Background Scripture:

Ephesians 5:21 through 6:4.

Devotional Reading:

1 John 4:7-12.

Today, Paul takes a lot of heat for his view of the family. In a time when Christians have struggled to rid themselves and the church of male chauvinism, some of Paul's advice, particularly his admonition to wives to "be subject to your husbands" (5:22), seems out-of-date at the very least.

I think, however, that Paul is getting a bum rap. For one thing, we must keep in mind the nature and state of the family in the day in which he wrote this letter. Except in Christian homes, the man was the undisputed head of the family — a virtual dictator and tyrant. Women had virtually no rights and children were often regarded as justified targets of adult prejudices and vices. Fathers did not worry about not provoking their children. Husbands didn't have to be concerned with loving their wives, because basically they owned them. Wives had to take whatever consideration and kindness they could get.

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So, Paul's letter was revolutionary. To Christian men, Paul counseled loving their wives "as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her..." (5:25). Paul

Bucks County Dairy Princess Pageant, Richland Mall, Quakertown, noon.

Centre County Dairy Princess Pageant, Logan Grange Hall, Pleasant Gap, 7:30 p.m.

Tioga County Dairy Princess Pageant, Tioga County fairgrounds, Whitneyville, 7:30 p.m.

Southern Maryland 4-H/FFA Spring Show, Charles County fairgrounds, LaPlata, Md.; runs through June 4.

Thursday, June 8

Adams County Christmas Tree Growers meeting, working tour at Paul Denlinger's Red Bridge Rd., Hunterstown, 10:00 a.m.; working tour at Alex Kessel's Seven Springs tree farm, Cash-town, 1:30 p.m.; educational meeting at Penn State Fruit Lab, Biglerville, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 9

Pennsylvania Polled Hereford Association Junior Preview Show, Penn State Ag Arena, University Park; runs through June 11.

Bedford County Dairy Princess pageant, Northern Bedford High School, Loysburg,

Saturday, June 10

Franklin County Dairy Princess pageant, Kauffman's Community Center, Kauffman Station, 7:00 p.m.

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Farm Calendar

Saturday, May 27

27th Kentucky National Jersey Show & Sale, Kentucky Fair & Expo Center, Louisville, Ky., 9:30 a.m. show, 1:00 p.m. sale.
Third annual Baltimore Herb Festival, Leakin Park, Baltimore, Md., 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; call 301/448-0406 for more information.

Northwest Pennsylvania Keystone Junior Beef Classic, Crawford County fairgrounds, through May 28.

Sunday, May 28

Pennsylvania Fair sheep show, Philadelphia Park Race Track, Bensalem, 12:30 p.m.; for more information, call Susan Smith at 215/679-0321.

Tuesday, May 30

Steps In Settling An Estate, Penn State Allentown campus, Fogelsville, 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; for information call 215/740-1970.

Thursday, June 1

Bradford County DHIA Directors meeting, Bradford County Extension office, Towanda, 8:00 p.m.
Annual Meeting of Mid-East

UDHIA Radisson Inn, Columbus, OH

Friday, June 2

Washington Sheep & Wool Field Day, Washington County fairgrounds, Washington; runs through June 3.

Vermont Dairy Festival, Enosburg Falls, Vt.; runs through June 4.

Saturday, June 3

Cecil County 4-H Breeders Fair, Cecil County fairgrounds, Fairhill, Md., 9:00 a.m. to noon.
Carroll County, Md., farm ponds tour, Ag Center, Westminster, Md., 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Herb Fest, Herb Hollow, East Otto, N.Y., 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; continues June 4. Call 716/257-5105 for more information.

Berks County Spring 4-H Festival, Berks Heim Annex, Leesport, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; continues June 4.

Seventh annual Franklin County beef and market lamb preview show, Shippensburg fairgrounds, Shippensburg, beef show at 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., lamb show at 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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