

Farm

Tribune

New legislation

Dooms family farm

YORK COUNTY — Is the family farm doomed? Many people feel that it is and base this opinion on a new government proposed estate tax, that became effective Oct. 22 but has not yet been approved by Parliament.

While The Tribune has not yet learned whether the Federation of Agriculture plans to oppose this Ottawa bill, many individual property owners are incensed by its provisions. Many others, perhaps, do not understand what the new legislation entails.

In the Jan. 4 issue of the Free Press Weekly, the suggested result of the estate and gift tax bill are spelled out clearly. Owners of property valued in excess of \$20,000 should study each statement carefully.

In the past an estate worth \$40,000 or less was exempt from estate taxes. Now the exemption is cut to \$20,000. And the tax on the remainder is drastically increased. It will be 50 percent on an estate worth \$300,000 or more.

Very few heirs can pay such a penalty to retain ownership of the family farm. Instead, they will sell the farm to some rich man or a large corporation and cut their losses.

Or, more likely, the farmer will sell it before he dies. Why should he labor into his old age for the benefit of the tax collector?

The new tax is represented as a concession to widows. They no longer will pay any tax when they inherit their husband's property.

But widows do not long outlive their husbands. When they die the estate becomes taxable at sky-high rates to be paid by the heirs.

No consideration is given to the farmer's children, even when they have spent much of their lives building up the farm.

Many people think that the new tax was designed to hit only rich men. This is not true. Most of its victims will be men or women in moderate circumstances.

During the last year of record 5,700 Canadian estates were taxed and 82 percent of them were valued between \$50,000 and \$300,000.

About 70 percent of these estates were worth less than \$100,000.

It is clear from the figures that the main target of the new tax is not the millionaire but the man who has worked hard, saved his money and accumulated a nest egg for his children.

Of these men the most typical is the Canadian farmer. And the chief victim is the family farm.

Residents of York and Ontario Counties, desiring of additional information on this planned federal legislation should contact the representative Member of Parliament in the riding where they reside.

Crop improvement meeting

A. A. Wall, Agricultural Representative for York County, Newmarket.

Friday of this week is the date for our Crop Improvement meeting for York County. This meeting usually attracts a very large crowd, and we think our programme this year will be useful for all farmers.

Starting time is 10.30 sharp, and those who tried new ideas in crops last year will report on their experiences.

The corn growers will be

represented by those who broke the record in yields in 1968. They will be George Robson, Carman Roadway, Walter Brillinger and Murray Cupples. There are two experts on the afternoon program. One, Jack Hagarty, will deal with growing the crops, and the other, Harold Clapp, will discuss the feeding of them.

Things like soybean production, chemical weed control and new varieties will be the main items of Jack Hagarty's talk.

Harold Clapp will be spending a lot of his time

on the use of haylage in rations for cattle. The haylage system is great in theory and good in practice, but there are problems with it that are puzzling to many who use it. So we will have some dairymen to question Harold on some of the problems.

High moisture grain corn is a new opportunity for York County dairymen, and this will be covered on the program too.

The date again for the meeting, is this Friday, January 10, at the Victoria Square Hall, and it starts right on time at 10.30 a.m.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

During the last ten years there have been a vast number of changes made in the quality of The Tribune both in the area of production and content. Major among these improvements was the change to offset production printing, the benefits of which accrued to both readers and advertisers.

While advertising rates continue to rise, the cost to the reader has remained constant. Wages in some departments have increased by more than thirty per cent and with nearly twenty people involved it becomes necessary at this time to increase our price to the reader.

Wages are only one of the many items which have mounted annually in cost. Newsprint and equipment and many other ingredients of the newspaper business have climbed as well.

Subscribers are thus advised that as of Feb. 1, 1969, the annual subscription rate will be \$5 a year and two years for \$9.00. The price on the newsstands and in paper boxes will be 15c per copy. Subscriptions at the old rate of \$4 will still be taken up to Feb. 1st.

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Farm equipment show

The 23rd Canada Farm and Industrial Equipment Show will be held in Toronto, beginning Jan. 22 and extending through Jan. 25.

The location is the Coliseum Building, Exhibition Park.

Dealer representatives from the Markham-Stouffville-Uxbridge areas will attend.

The public is invited to view the displays, the widest range in the show's 23 year history.

Near \$ million savings

The 1968 operations of the largest farm supply cooperative in the province, United Co-Operatives of Ontario, generated before tax savings of \$975,000, reports President Fenton Cryderman of Thamesville. This compares to 1967's unusually low, before tax saving of \$318,000.

A financial review will be featured at UCO's annual meeting, CO-OP Showcase '69, being held at the Western Fair Grounds in London, January 14-15. An estimated 5,000 people and voting delegates are expected to attend. It will highlight new techniques in today's agriculture and combines the annual meeting with an informative trade show.

Income taxes, at \$340,000, reduced UCO savings for the year to \$635,000. Some \$366,000 will be returned in patronage dividends to the close to 25,000 corporate and individual UCO members. Payment of preference share dividends takes \$111,000, and the remaining \$158,000 goes to general reserves.

Sales for the year amounted to \$88,262,000, approximately the same as last year. Assets climbed more than a million dollars and now total \$34,963,000.

How these assets are working for the farm member-owners of UCO and retail co-operatives will be the subject of the "walk-through" look at Ontario agricultural co-operatives — by means of slides and displays — created especially for CO-OP Showcase '69.



Sheep production — there's lots of room for expansion!

In Ontario alone, the on-farm value of sheep and lambs in 1967 was just under \$7 million. There is a vast market in Canada and in Ontario for more lamb than is produced. Last year the Canadian production was 21 million pounds of mutton and lamb. But, we imported about 75 million pounds, mainly from New Zealand and Australia. There is a dual crop with meat and wool, with sheep being a cheap converter of feed to meat. Farmers could find sheep raising profitable, particularly if modern techniques of intensified production are applied.

—Ontario Department of Agriculture

Federation of Agriculture

An improved program

By John J. Dunlop, Director of Information

The past year has been one of intense excitement for all involved in the agricultural community in Ontario as vast changes have come about. The coming year promises a continuation in this vein as even more startling changes will make hopes into strong realities, problems into workable solutions, and differences into points of earnest discussion.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture has a seasoned history based on commitment to the farmers of this province. Its continuing involvement in many various fields has thoroughly disciplined all concerned to the demands and expectations resulting from committed action.

The Federation has now taken on the greatest commitment in its history... to become a bigger, better General Farm Organization programmed to serve

the farmer as never before. This action will soon involve every farmer of this province personally on an individual basis.

As Director of Information for the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, I enjoyed meeting many of you during the annual meeting at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. I have had verbal and written communication with many others of you since that time. It is my sincere hope that this bond of communication will continue and expand in the coming year.

If I can be of any service to you at any time, please contact me immediately.

On schedule

STOUFFVILLE — Last year, a ewe on the farm of W. R. 'Dick' Coffey, R.R. 3, Stouffville, gave birth to a lamb on Jan. 4.

This year, on exactly the same day, Jan. 4, 1969, a second offspring arrived.

Employee centre active

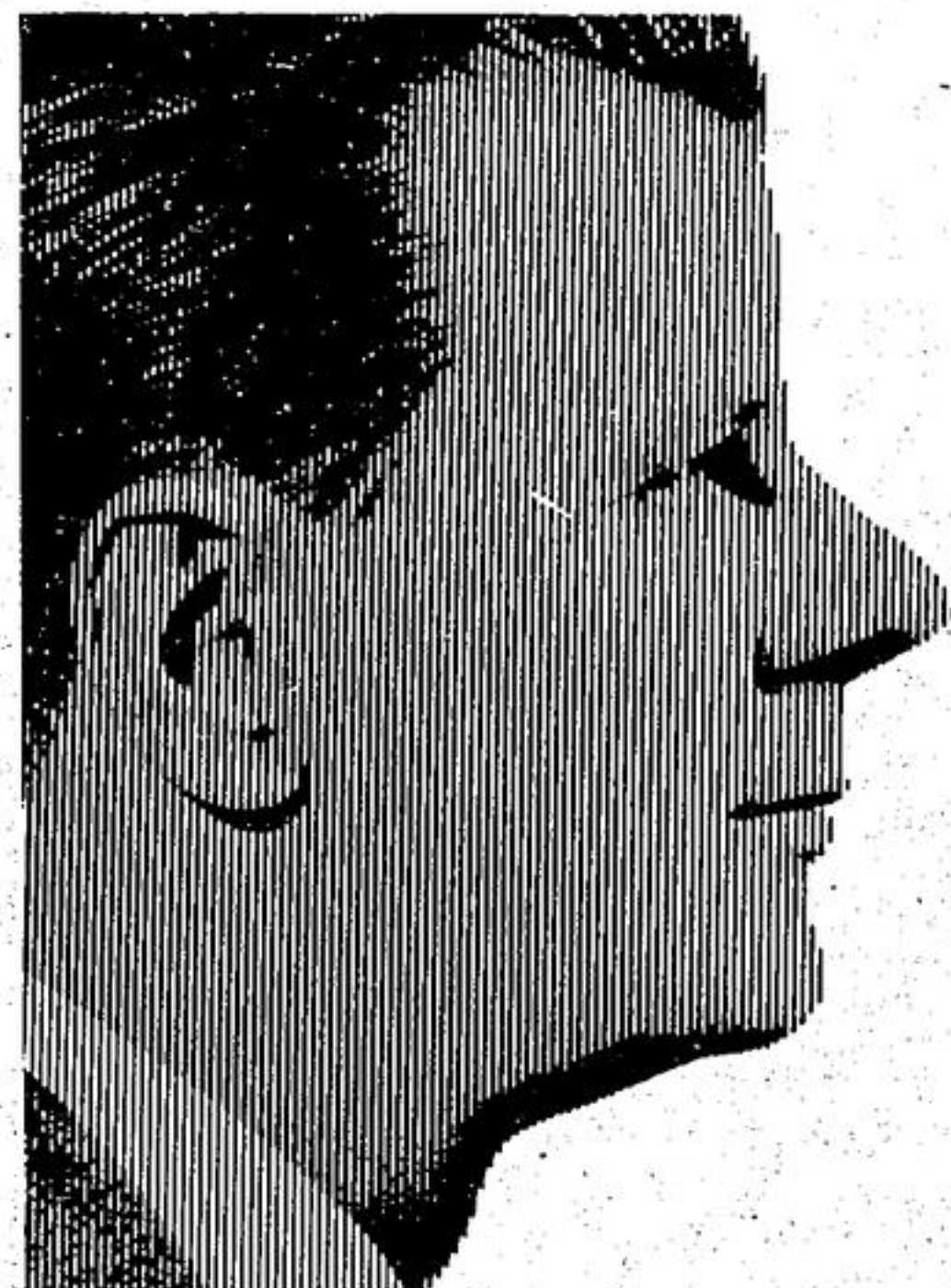
YORK CTY. — The Canada Manpower Centre, with office headquarters at 460

Park Avenue, Newmarket, was successful in placing 1,629 persons in effective employment during 1968.

This, according to manager W. R. McCurdy, represents a 10 per cent in-

crease over the previous year.

In addition, under the Ontario Training for Adults Plan, 148 persons have been so referred with 85 graduates.



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SAVE 6c! — FANCY CREAM STYLE 14-oz. Tins **YORK CORN** 2 for 39c

FEATURE! — LEE BRAND — SLICED — CRUSHED — TID BIT 19-oz. Tins **PINEAPPLE** 4 for 99c

FANCY RED 1/2 Tins **SOCKEYE SALMON** 49c

BONUS BUY! — COMPARE AT \$1.49! 10-oz. Spray Tin **LUSTRE NET Hair Spray** 69c

REG. 49c! — WESTON'S CHOCOLATE each **GUEST CAKE** 45c

BEST BUY! DOLE Brand FANCY FRUIT COCKTAIL 19-oz. Tins 39c

SAVE 8c! DEL MONTE BREAKFAST SIZE PRUNES 1 1/2-lb. Pilo Bag 59c

BEST FOR VALUE! — BEST FOR HEALTH! SUNSPUN COLOURED 1-lb. Parchment Pack **MARGARINE** 29c

BEST BUY! — Save 28c! 14-oz. Tins **YORK FANCY PEAS** 5 FOR 99c

SAVE 6c! — LIBBY'S 14-oz. Tins **Alpha-Getti** 2 for 39c

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SPECIAL! SELECTED — Fresh Picnic Shoulder 5 to 6 lb. Avg. **PORK ROAST** 49c

REG. 59c! — Well Trimmed **PORK BUTT ROAST** lb. 59c

Schneiders — Mild Seasoned **BUTT PORK CHOPS** lb. 69c

Bologna Rings lb. 69c

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SCHNEIDERS FAMOUS — MILD SEASONED **Sizzler Sausage** 4 lbs. \$2.49

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