

its responsibilities, Maryland agriculture is constantly girding itself to do a better job to meet the steadily increasing needs of the age.

All Marylanders might do well to examine the work done at this and past conventions of the Maryland Farm Bureau. It would assure them, as it does me, that a forward-looking agricultural community is one of the strongest bulwarks a free community can have against the spectre of want.

I have endeavored in my Administration to be aware of the problems and issues facing the farmer in today's growing society.

As you know, the last session of the General Assembly passed a resolution recommending a study of the agricultural setup in the State. In accordance with that resolution, I appointed a committee of highly capable people, all well acquainted with agricultural matters. I can report to you that this has been one of the hardest working study committees I have seen in my experience in State government. The members have been burning the midnight oil and have taken close looks at agricultural programs in other states. They have given *freely of their time and the people of Maryland shall long be in their debt* for their dedication to the job they were given.

I feel sure that the report they will submit to me shortly will be thorough and expert. It will receive the closest scrutiny I can give it and I know that its recommendations will go a long way toward assuring that any decision I may make in the field of agriculture will be in the best interests of the people of Maryland.

Again, please accept my warmest greetings and earnest hopes that this convention and others to follow will be interesting and fruitful for all of you. Thank you.

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"FARMERS NIGHT" DINNER

SNOW HILL

November 27, 1961

I am highly honored to be here this evening as the guest of the Rotarians and Lions of this town and this county for the observance of "Farmers Night." These two great service organizations, always sensitive to the needs of the communities in which they operate and