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## AGRICULTURE

*Maryland, in the 1960's, has undergone rapid industrialization and urbanization. This has altered its image as a predominantly agricultural State. Agriculture, however, continued to form a significant part of the Maryland economy and this role was frequently acknowledged in the addresses and actions of the State's Chief Executive.*

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### REMARKS, RECOGNITION DINNER FOR MASTER FARM FAMILIES

ANNAPOLIS

October 19, 1964

Mr. Elliot, Dr. Aiton, Mr. Larue, Mr. and Mrs. Butler, Miss Sturges, our guests of honor, the Maryland Master Farm Families, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

I am most grateful to the publishers of *The Progressive Farmer* for inviting me to attend this dinner at which we pay tribute to working farm families of the State of Maryland. I recall with great pleasure having attended a Master Farm Family dinner here four years ago, and I assure you that I am honored to be with you at this 1964 recognition dinner.

*The Progressive Farmer*, one of the finest publications of its type in the entire country, is to be commended for the task it performs each year in selecting and giving recognition to outstanding working farm families for maintaining farm and home practices in keeping with the highest standards of American agriculture. Like most people born and brought up in a rural area, I have read for many years *The Progressive Farmer* and I know the great contribution it has made to the progress and development of the sound and healthy agricultural system that we enjoy in this area of our country.

From the very beginning of our American civilization, agriculture has been the bone and sinew of our economic system, and although farming has undergone radical changes over the years, it remains the solid foundation upon which the economy of our nation rests. It is of fundamental importance, therefore, that we foster agriculture, because the prosperity of our country depends upon the well-being of those who till the soil.