

Maryland, like the rest of the country, is now enjoying a period of the greatest prosperity in its history, and the farmers of our State, as they should, of course, are sharing in this overall good fortune

And now, it is my privilege and my pleasure to present certificates to the farm families of Maryland which have been selected, because of their achievements in farm and home practices, for recognition as Master Farm Families.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. Berkman Norris and family, of historic St. Mary's County, where the colony of Maryland was planted more than three centuries ago.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cecil K. Holter, Sr., and family, of Frederick County, the birthplace and cradle of some of Maryland's most illustrious sons, including the author of our national anthem, Francis Scott Key.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clifford B. Smith and family, of rich, progressive, forward-looking Harford County.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shockly, Jr., and family of Wicomico County, the agricultural and industrial center of our great Eastern Shore area and known as the Sweet Potato County.

And to Mr. and Mrs. Marion L. Holland and family, my Eastern Shore neighbors of lovely Worchester, our only seashore county, also known as the Inland Game and Fish County.

To all of you, I offer my sincere congratulations and encourage you to accept this award as a challenge to do even greater things in the future.

One again, may I express my profound appreciation to the publishers of *Progressive Farmer* for their graciousness and their hospitality.

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You were most gracious and kind to ask me to attend this 1966 convention of the Future Farmers of America. And I am at a loss to find words to express the deep gratitude that I feel for the special