

1 the rural areas, but the Sun gave it very strong backing,  
2 and the amendment was passed by the vote of the people  
3 over a 3 to 1 vote. Now, the only other thing that has  
4 to be known about this is that in a more recent case,  
5 coming from upper Montgomery County, the Court of Appeals  
6 ruled that the test was how the land was used, which is  
7 what the amendment really said, and not what the person  
8 who owned the land was or where he lived or whether he  
9 was the person who liked to live on a nice estate and  
10 look out at the cows grazing or a fellow who actually got  
11 out there and did the work himself. But if the land  
12 was used, it was "actively devoted to farm or agricul-  
13 tural use", then the land was, or could be assessed for  
14 this purpose and should be assessed for this purpose and  
15 not at any higher valuation.

16 Now, the solution that the Committee came to  
17 with respect to this problem, I will discuss in a moment,  
18 but suffice it to say that the Committee did have a  
19 number of hearings with the people who are interested in  
20 agriculture in the State, the Farm Bureau and the Grange,  
21 both appeared at public hearings, strongly supported the