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The motion pictures you have just seen tell in graphic form something of what farmers have been doing, over the whole United States, to make farm life more secure, more comfortable, and more satisfying.

We all know that for many years farmers have practiced cooperation. Perhaps more than any other group of our American people, they have known what it is to be good neighbors. In the earliest pioneer days, farm folks used to help each other in husking bees, quilting bees, home building, and barn raising.

That spirit has not been lost. Even in this day of modern machinery, farmers often "change work" with each other. Farm families share their toil and their play, their joys and their sorrows, their aspirations and their achievements with their neighbors.

In recent years farmers have carried this spirit of neighborliness into broader fields. Through the National Farm Program the farmers have joined hands to improve their incomes, conserve their soil, gain greater security, safeguard the nation's food supplies, adapt credit facilities to their needs, bring electricity to their homes, and protect their markets against the effects of war.

Things on the farm still are not as good as they should be, and will be. The farmers already have accomplished much. As we think

The choice farmers will make this fall is especially vital in view of the serious world situation and its effect on farmers' export markets. The welfare of fifty million people living on farms and in towns that serve the farms is at stake. Their welfare depends on meeting that situation courageously, wisely, sympathetically, and effectively.

I am confident that the people of America recognize the gravity of our future and are determined to take whatever steps are needed to safeguard the millions of American homes.