

Shuman Speaks To Senate Ag Committee Hearing

The current "cost-price squeeze" is the central factor in farm policy discussions, the president of the nation's largest general farm organization said recently. In a statement prepared for presentation at a Senate Agriculture Committee hearing, Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said there is no issue "on which farmers are in more complete agreement."

"Whether or not we continue to have galloping inflation in this country will be decided by the Executive Branch and the Congress," the farm leader said.

"The key is whether these two branches of government will work together to achieve meaningful reductions in expenditures."

Shuman — whose grain and livestock farm is in Sullivan, Illinois — was accompanied at the hearing by James Graugnard of Baton Rouge, president of the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation and a member of the Board of Directors of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

"I am confident that members of this Committee realize that government spending policy will have more to do with farmers' opportunities to earn good incomes in the future than will any and all decisions in the area of government farm programs," Shuman said.

"A similar point can be made with respect to the importance of policies affecting international trade," he declared.

"Any action — governmental

or nongovernmental — which reduces farmers' markets at home and abroad, directly affects both the 'volume' and 'price' elements of the farm income equation."

The Farm Bureau president called on the Senate Agriculture Committee to reject a proposed extension of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965. He suggested alternative programs for cotton and for wheat, feed grains, and soybeans.

He said a bill (S 318) recently introduced by Senator Abraham Ribicoff (D., Conn.) is "consistent in principle with our recommendations for wheat, feed grains, and soybeans."

"However," he said, "Amendments would be required in this bill to make certain that (a) soybeans are eligible for recourse loans, (b) cropland retirement programs are available, and (c) P L 480 purchases are made in the market."

"Farmers are in a serious cost-price squeeze. Farm Bu-

4-H NEWS

GARDEN SPOT COMMUNITY

The Garden Spot 4-H Community Club met in the Hans Herr Elementary School on Thursday evening, April 4, 1968 to re-organize and plan projects

The re-organization committee is interested in reducing this pressure and in increasing net farm income," Shuman said.

"Instead of continuing down the dead-end road of government supply-management, price fixing, and subsidies, farmers need a broad-based program to expand markets, increase prices, cut costs, and thus provide the basis for increased net farm income," he concluded.

for the summer. The election of officers was held and the following were elected:

President: Kenneth Risser, V. President: Averil Royer; Secretary: Jeffery Risser; Assistant Secretary: Jay Weaver; Treasurer: Lynn Royer; News Reported: Rickey Burkhardt; Song Leaders Rhonda Burkhardt, Dale Weaver; Game Leaders: Dwight Houser, Judy Risser. County Council: Kenneth Risser, Jay Weaver.

Following the election of officers members decided what projects they would take for the summer. It was decided to hold meetings the first Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 2, 1968 at 7:30 in the Farm and Home Center.

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