Political Farm Planks Are Reported

Republicans (Continued from Page 1)

this loss

the administration and its Con- debtedness increases. a weighted index of only 104. American From the 1958 index of 100, interest was up to 259. taxes 178, labor costs 146, and farm machinery 130.

THE COST-PRICE SQUEEZE has been accompanied by a dangerous increase in farm debt up.nearly 24 billion dollars in the last seven years In 1967 alone, net debt per farm increased \$1,337 while net income per farm went down \$605. While net farm equity has increased, it is due mainly to inflated land values.

WITHOUT ADEQUATE net reduce the high interest rates; income to pay off indebtedness,

but to liquidate some of his American agriculture from unequity or go out of business, fair foreign competition while farmers, from taxes paid by con- Farm tenants are even worse increasing our overseas commo- wages rise with productivity. sumers, have far from offset off. since they have no com- dity dollar sales to the rapidly parable investment for inflation expanding world population; INFLATIONARY policies of to increase in value as their in-

gress have contributed greatly. THE REPUBLICAN PARTY to increased costs of production. is committed to the concept Using 1958 as a base year with that a sound agricultural econoan index of 100, prices paid by my is imperative to the nationfarmers in 1967 had risen to a al interest. Prosperity, opporweighted index of 117, whereas tunity, abundance, and efficienthe prices they received were at cy in agriculture benefit every

> TO PROMOTE the development of American agriculture, we pledge:

> --Farm policies and programs which will enable producers to receive fair prices in relation to the prices they must pay for other products:

> -Sympathetic consideration of proposals to encourage farmers, especially small producers, tion;

-A truly two-way export-im-

the farm owner has no choice port policy which protects

-Reorganization of the man-Credit Corporation's inventory operations so that the Corporawith the marketings of farmers; tribution of food and milk to years. schools and low-income citizens;

-A strengthened program to export our food and farm technology in keeping with the Republican-initiated Food For Peace program;

tives including rural electric grams are properly funded, but 000 niles per year and telephone cooperatives, consistent with prudent develop- ly scrutinized with a view to imment of our nation's resources provement and rural needs;

-Greater emphasis on reto develop their bargaining posi- search for industrial uses of agricultural products, new mar--Sound economic policies kets, and new methods for costwhich will brake inflation and cutting in production and marketing techniques:

> -Revitalization of rural phasizing vocational training, into export. economic incentives for industrial development, and the de- programs to America's poor and velopment of human resources;

-Improvement of credit programs to help finance the heavy capital needs of modern farming, recognizing the severe credit problems of young farm families seeking to enter into successful farming:

-A more direct voice for the American farmer in shaping his

Democrats

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At the same time, market prices should continue to reflect supply and demand conditions and agement of the Commodity American farm products must continue to compete effectively in world markets In this way, tion will no longer compete markets at home and abroad will continue to expand beyond -Improve programs for dis- the record high levels of recent

TO THESE ENDS, we shall

-Take positive action to raise faim income to full parity level in order to preserve the effici--Assistance to faim coopera- faim piograms when these prothese programs will be constant--Actively seek out and de-

velop foreign commercial mar- ing course Dave Shirk is presikets, since international trade dent of the Paradise auto dealin agricultural products is a ers major favorable factor in the nation's balance of payments In expanding our trade, we of free speech, whether we say shall strive to ensure that anything worth saying or not farmers get adequate compensa-America through programs em- tion for their production going to purchase farms on long term,

-Expand our food assistance our Food For Peace program to help feed the world's hungry

sure adequate supplies for ex. giam port markets, as well as to pro-This reserve should be insulated ments to faimers If necessary from the market

ers to bargain collectively in the tremely large colpoiate faims market place on a commodity that participate in government by commodity basis Labor and piograms industry have long enjoyed this right to bargain collectively un- the public interest in the issue der existing legislation Protec- of health and tobacco at all tive legislation for bargaining levels of the tobacco economy should be extended to agricul- We recommend a cooperative ture

punitive taxation

Pequea FFA Has Truck Use For Activities

The Pequea Valley FFA Chapter has received a Chevrolet 1/2 ton pick-up truck from Shirk Chevrolet in Paradise The truck is for use in all FFA activities

Ralph Horchler, Vo Ag teacher, reports they have used the truck to take hogs and other exhibits to shows, transported projects to and from school and gone to sales to purchase student's projects

Each year a new model will ent, full time family faim This be given to the school when the can be done through present used one is returned They expect to use the trucks about 10.-

> Shirk Chevrole also supports Pequea Valley High School with two cars for their driver train-

> In America, we have the light

low interest loans.

-Support the present federal crop insurance program

-Reaffirm our support of the -Establish a strategic food rural electrification program, and feed reserve plan whereby recognizing that rural America essential commodities such as cannot be revitalized without wheat, corn, and other feed adequate low-cost electric powgrains, soybeans, storable meat er We pledge continued supand other products will be post of programs to assure fistockpiled as a safeguard again nancing to meet the growing st crop failures, to assist our na. generating and distributing tion and other nations in time power needs of iural areas We of famine or disaster, and to en- support the rural telephone pro-

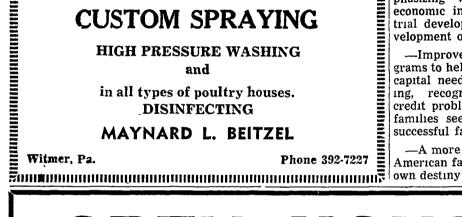
--Support a thorough study tect our own farm industry of the effect of unlimited paywe suggest graduated open-end -Support the right of farm- limitations of payments to ex-

-Take a positive approach to

effort in health and tobacco re-Continue to support and en- search by government, industry courage agricultural coopera- and qualified scientific bodies, tives by expanded and liberal to ascertain relationships becredit, and to protect them from tween human health and tobacco growth, curing storage, and

-Support private or public manufacturing techniques, as credit on reasonable terms to well as specific medical aspects voung farmers to enable them of tobacco smoke constituents

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