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# BOYS & GIRLS

Many of you young people are going to graduate from high school soon and then you have to think about what you are going to do. The young men will have to find work so that they support themselves and if they marry, to support wives and children.

Now it is most difficult for young men to find jobs in Imperial Valley. So almost all of you will have to leave and go especially to the big cities to look for work. But work is hard to find in the big cities also.

You young ladies will also have the same difficulty. But even more important is that in order to get married, there must be available young men with jobs who can support you and the children. SO YOU WILL BE FORCED TO LEAVE ALSO BECAUSE THERE WILL NOT BE ANY YOUNG MEN HERE TO MARRY.

If you were living in a region like Detroit, Michigan, many of you could get jobs in the automobile industry. If you were living in an area like New York City where there is a big seaport, you could get jobs connected with ships, shipping, importing, exporting, etc. Many would work in businesses connected with the stock exchanges.

If you lived in the oil and gas areas of Oklahoma and Texas, there would be all sorts of work in these industries. For those in the forest areas, many jobs are available in the lumbering and sawmill industries.

But IMPERIAL COUNTY is one of the leading agricultural counties in the United States and ranks 5th in the nation with a yearly production of \$240 millions. WHY SHOULD YOU NOT BE ABLE TO LEARN THE WORK OF FARMING AND THEN BECOME A LOCAL FARMER?

There has been a constant propaganda being told to you that if you go to college, you will be successful in getting a job and that your job will pay more money in wages. Ask any union truck driver, and you will find that he makes more wages than the average teacher and he did not go to college.

AT THE PRESENT MOMENT, THERE ARE 60,000 SCHOOL TEACHERS OUT OF WORK. ASK YOUR TEACHER IF THIS IS NOT TRUE?

Those of you who read the newspapers daily, know that in the airplane and aerospace industries, thousands of engineers who went to college have been out of work for many months. Then you must not forget the highly trained technicians in these industries who are also out of work.

You can make a very good living in farming IF YOU ARE ABLE TO GET THE SUBSIDIES (THE HANDOUTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT GIVES FARMERS). Congressman Victor Veysey got college degrees from the California Institute of Technology and Harvard University and did graduate study at Stanford University. He was smart and became a farmer so that he could "farm the subsidies" and gets handouts of about \$60,000.00 yearly from the Federal Government.

John Benson, the Mayor of Brawley, has a law degree and could practice as a lawyer. But he became a farmer and is now "farming the subsidies" so that the Benson family (the entire tribe of mother, daughter and son) collect handouts of \$250,000.00 yearly.

County Supervisor H. Sperber of the Holtville area used to be a schoolteacher but found out that there is more money in farming. His company of Hawk & Sperber "farm the subsidies" for about \$85,000.00 yearly so you see Mr. Sperber disregarded his college education and became a farmer.



It makes no difference whether you went to college or did not go to college, you can make a good living in it IF YOU GET YOUR FAIR SHARE OF THE SUBSIDIES. Many instances can be given of local farmers who went to college being just as successful. Do not forget that many of businesses, manufacturing plants, etc. get subsidies from the Federal Government. Unless these companies can get their fair share of subsidies, they also CAN NOT BE SUCCESSFUL. A very recent example is the LOCKHEED AIRPLANE CO. which received a subsidy from the Federal Government in the form of a guarantee on a \$250 millions dollars loan from the bankers which would not have been given if the Government had not GUARANTEED to pay the loan if Lockheed went bankrupt.

At the present time, the Federal Government has a program which permits you to buy farmland and the Government puts up all the money to buy the land. You give the Government a mortgage for 40 years at 3% interest. BUT YOU MUST KNOW FARMING. This is not the theoretical nonsense that is taught in 4 H clubs but PRACTICAL FARMING IS NECESSARY.

At the present time, it is impossible for you to do practical farming working for another farmer BECAUSE THE "GREENCARD MEXICANS" WHO LIVE IN MEXICO, CROSS THE BORDER TO WORK IN THE UNITED STATES AND HAVE ALL THE JOBS. Senator Edmund Muskie has introduced a bill into the U.S. Senate TO PROHIBIT THE "GREEN CARD MEXICANS" FROM CROSSING.

As soon as the "greencard Mexicans" are stopped from crossing, there will be plenty of farm jobs to get practical experience farming and at the same time the farm wages will rise to between \$2.00 to \$4.00 per hour depending on the type of work. With such wages a young man will be able to make a living while learning to farm.

The other obstacle in the way of you young people going into farming is that 70% of the farmland here is owned by absentee landowners. They all use the farmland as "tax shelters" to avoid paying income tax or only to pay a small one.

THERE ARE BIG CORPORATIONS LIKE PUREX CORP., IRVINE CO., TENNECO, INC., DOW CHEMICAL CORP., KAISER ALUMINUM AND CHEMICAL CORP., SOUTHERN PACIFIC LAND CO. ETC. WHO OWN LARGE AMOUNTS OF FARMLAND AND FARM IT THROUGH SUBSIDIARIES. THE BIG UNITED FRUIT CO., THE OCTOPUS OF CENTRAL AMERICA, FARMS HERE A BIG ACREAGE BY LEASING THE LAND FROM ABSENTEE LANDOWNERS.

These big corporations and the other absentee landowners must be driven out so you local young men and young women can get the land for farming. Judge William Murray of Butte, Montana, presided at hearings of the lawsuit BEN YELLEN et al. v. THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR about March 23, 1971. This is a lawsuit to enforce the U.S. Reclamation Law so that only bonafide residents can farm here.

Judge Murray will soon give his decision. If favorable to us, it means that the absentee landowners will have to sell their land and get out and you young people can buy the land and become the farmers. But the absentee landowners will have the verdict appealed. ALL THIS COSTS MUCH MONEY.

Up to the present moment, I have been able to pay the legal expenses. But now I need help. Many of you young people are registered to vote since the voting age has been reduced to 18 years of age. I am running for Director of the Imperial Irrigation District from the Brawley area. There is a \$6,000.00 yearly salary which goes with job of Director. If elected I can use the salary to pay the legal expenses of the appeals. In this way, there will be plenty of money for legal expenses.

THE ELECTION WILL BE TUESDAY, NOV. 2, 1971. TAKE THIS PAPER HOME TO YOUR PARENTS AND TALK IT OVER WITH THEM. IF YOU WANT TO BE A FARMER AND NOT LEAVE HERE, THIS IS THE ONLY WAY POSSIBLE THAT YOU CAN ACHIEVE YOUR GOAL. FOR THOSE NOT INTERESTED IN BECOMING FARMERS, THE SALARY OF DIRECTOR WILL ALSO BE USED TO PAY THE LEGAL EXPENSES OF A LAWSUIT TO DECREASE THE ELECTRICITY BILLS FROM \$50.00 TO \$250.00 PER FAMILY YEARLY.