

In the Nov. 16, 1987 issue of the local newspapers, this item appeared. There was a picture above it showing 3 women and several packages. This was a staff photo by Paul J. Noden.

## Farm-City Week <sup>BRAWLEY NEWS</sup>

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*Members of California Women for Agriculture (from left) Dee Ann Hindman, treasurer, and Ruth Snively, Farm-City Week chairwoman, present Linda Stephens, director of WomanHaven, with farm products from CWA, local farmers, Mayfair, Cook's and Safeway markets. Food baskets are being presented also to Victory Outreach Men's Ranch in Westmorland, the Imperial Valley Blind Center in El Centro and Calexico's Neighborhood House in observance of Farm-City Week Nov. 18 through 25.*

*(Staff photo by Paul J. Noden)*

Now this is an attempt by the Big farmers-Big cattlemen to make you readers believe that they give charity. This is a big lie. Notice that the article does not say how much money this propaganda organization gave to charity. If it gave any money, it would be a surprise to me. These women just went down to Mayfair, Cook's and Safeway and pressured them to make up the food baskets. They gave the charity, not the CWA women.

Now here is some charity that you and I and even the receivers of the food baskets, gave to the Big Farmers-Big Cattlemen Complex. It ran into millions of dollars in 1987. In another leaflet, I printed the article of the Washington, D.C. Post of Oct. 21, 1987 which tells about these handouts of charity that the Complex receives.

Do you know that John Benson (Director of the IID) family for many years received \$250,000 for not growing cotton? Or that Don Cox whom the local newspapers quote as an expert in farm problems all the time, mooched \$110,000 yearly for many years for not growing cotton? And how about the Eunice Fleming family? Eunice believes she does public service by being a trustee on the Brawley High School. Her family collected \$115,000 yearly for not growing cotton. I could go on and on but lack of space forbids.

The local newspapers never print what I print. How about Paul Noden printing a photograph of these people receiving their "no growing" checks from the letter carrier? I am sure the people would like to know especially those people who received the food baskets from Safeway, Mayfair, and Cook's.

But this is not all. From time to time, you see in Probe where people write that they are going to get their electricity cut off because they can not pay. They go to to Campesinos Unidos and are told the government did not send enough money to give these poor people. The Imperial Irrigation District swindles the people out of \$53 millions yearly by charging 3 times the correct price for electricity so that the big farmers can get irrigation water for 1/4 the correct price. And How about the Tax Swindle?

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