

Family-Type Farmers Unite In Co-operative

HAMMOND, LA.—Over 3,500 farmers, comprising all of the fruit and vegetable growers in this southeastern Louisiana area, have organized a union affiliated with the AFL National Farm Labor Union and are pioneering in an experiment that may result in wedding the family-type farmer to the industrial worker and halting the trend to large-scale, corporate farming.

Through the work of their organization — Local 312 of the Louisiana Fruit and Vegetable Producers Union — farmers in this section are receiving a fair share of the profits from their products that are sold on the markets.

The development was different from anything farming groups have initiated before. It marked the first time that small fruit and vegetable growers became associated directly with the American labor movement. Local unions of dairy farmers are of a different character.

Union Men Lead Way Before organizing, the small farmers were going

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broke, the middlemen were getting rich and the consumer was paying high prices at the grocery store. Many family farmers were driven out of business, the number dropping from 10,000 to 3,500 in the last 7 years.

Following a few unsuccessful attempts by small farmers to organize and head off bankruptcy, certain farmers who had been trade union members took the reins and established the union despite bitter opposition from produce buyers.

They received help from the Louisiana State Federation of Labor, the AFL Southern organizing staff, and the National Farm Labor Union.

The union meets the needs of the farmers here by doing three things: Selling produce co-operatively; buying co-operatively, and financing co-

Unions Are Financing Israel Woodworking Mill

(Special Correspondence)

CHICAGO.—On a recent Saturday evening, at the Covenant Club in Chicago, something happened of importance to the carpenters of Israel, to wit, a banquet sponsored by Carpenters Local 504, AFL, of Chicago.

About 500 banquetees paid \$50 a plate to attend. The object was to raise money to put up a woodworking mill in Beersheba, where door frames and window sashes are a scarce commodity right now.

Beersheba is the place mentioned in the Bible as the southernmost point of Jewish ancient territory "from Dan to Beersheba." It is an old city in name and location, but a new one in everything else.

Four years ago, after 3,500 Arabs left, there was practically nobody in Beersheba. Today there are 18,000—from Bulgaria, Romania, Poland—French Morocco, etc.—but nobody from Local 504 of Chicago or Local 1073 of Philadelphia.

But Locals 1073 and 504 proposed to finance the build-

operatively through a credit union.

Seek 100 Per Cent Union Utilizing trade union methods and techniques, a solid marketing organization was created.

The union, with headquarters here in the strawberry capital of the United States, has anchored itself firmly by securing written agreements with every handler of fresh produce in the area. Agreements with all the canneries provide that these companies buy produce only from union members.

The small farmers, seeing the benefits of union organization, are making plans to organize other family-farm operators in other Southern states. Plans also are being laid to make all the rural parishes (counties) in Louisiana 100 per cent union.

The union is co-operating with Labor's League for Political Education, Secretary-Treasurer George Forstall said the members realize the champions of labor are the champions of all the plain people, whether they earn a living off the land or in stores and shops.

ing of the first woodworking mill in Beersheba. The Philadelphia carpenters are paying for the machinery, the Chicago carpenters for the building.

Ted Kenney, president of the Carpenters District Council of Chicago, is chairman (Continued On Page 7)



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