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EDITORIAL **Rural America And Civil Defense**

Farm folk throughout the nation re showing a definitely increased interest in Civil Defense - which is as it should be, because they have ch at stake in event of enemy

'Unfortunately, as the St. Louis Post - Dispatch noted in a recent editorial, many state legislatures, dominated by rural delegations, have erroneously assumed that Civill Defense is not a matter of concern to rural areas. This assumption has relarded state participation in city civil defense programs. The Post-Dispatch further observ-

es that farmers are awakening to the fact that a bomb dropped 100 of Civil Defense as it is now carmiles away, could stop the flow of ried on by all government subdivdectricity which draws water from heir wells, milks their cows, separ



ates their cream, provides refrig-eration and lights their homes. The ame bomb could cut off their supplies, transportation, markets, comnunication and labor supply. Farmers are also giving thought to the possibility that refugees by he thouands from bombed - out cities would stream into rural localities,

seeking food, shelter, clothing and medical care. The National Association of Coun-

ty Officials in annual convention at warning is obtained is a sound pol-Omaha Nebraska, June 11, passed icy; and two pertinent resolutions taking

cognizance of the new and difficult change in the approach hitherto tasks which the Civil Defense new made in Civil Defense plans for the dispersal policy (moving people safety of urban residents; and from critical target areas to support areas) will impose upon rural areas. The resolutions pledge the ty Governments in rural areas forassociation's membership to re- merly classified more or less vaguenewed efforts in support of Civil ly as "General Support Areas";

Defense and urged upon the Congress the necessity for strengthening, through Federal Civil Defense Administration, the entire program

North Carolina's farm women, acoffice, have been engaged in an Civil Defense Authorities be urgeducational program sponsored by ed to give, similar immediate specthe Home Demonstration Clubs and ial consideration to the needs of have pushed active participation in Association does emphasize to each

lize that a bomb dropped on a ci 100 miles away could stop the flo of electricity which draws wat from their wells, milks their cow cools their milk, separates the cream, provides their refrigeratic and lights their homes. They re lize that this same bomb could tu off their supplies, their transpor-tation, their market, their commun-ication, their labor supply. They are ware that thousands of refu bombed - out cities w tream into their rural lo eking food, shelter, clothing nedical care. Mr. Thompson, in writing the SUN'S articles, was guilty of no overstatement when he said, "Few people have ever given this series ught." The fact that farmers the New Market Community Maryland are giving their most serious thought, and are carrying on in the sixth year of doing so, may lead other farmers - to re-examin the idea that civil defense is no con cern of theirs.

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Resolutions Approved By The National Association Of County **Officials** in Annual Convention

Resolution No. 1- Whereas, the awful efficacy of modern weapons is now apparently such that the Federal Civil Defense Administration has concluded that a policy of

County Officials has taken cognidispersal of the inhabitants of urance of this fact and pledges its ban areas and incorporated cities nembership to renewed efforts in support of the Federal Civil Dein time of attack when advance fense agencies wherever and whenever possible;

Whereas, this is a most basic And, be it further resolved, that this Association urged upon the Congress the necessity of strengthening, through the Federal Civil Whereas, such plans will impos Defense Administration, the entire new and difficult tasks upon Counrogram of Civil Defense as now carried on by all subdivisions of

Government. Now, therefore, be it resolved by Officials that the Federal Civil De-fense Administration be urged to give immediate special study to the problems, including those of emergency highway policing of Ameri-

ca's rural Counties which are proximate to urban areas; and Be it further resolved that State ther rural Counties; and Be it further resolved that this County in the United States of America that its duties in a time of

changed from the "settled" concepts of one year ago and that revaluation of Civil Defense plans with respect to neighboring areas' is now in ord-

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There fore, be it resolved:

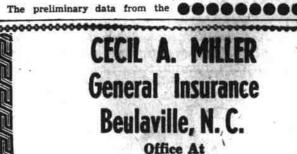
reported increase for curn of 10 per and security of the United States cent or 8,000 acres more than offset the 8 per cent decline in tobacco That the National Association of acreage which was approximately 1,900 acres shorter in 1953 than for the previous year. Other increases were reported for cotton, wheat oats, sweet potatoes and other vege-

tables while declines were noted fo **ART & CAMERA**

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anded Tourist B vities of the State tising Division in p he tourist industry.

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These include services to resorts ambers of commerce and realton n connection with vacationists homeseekers and persons seeking to enter the tourist industry through establishment of hotels or othe acilities.

Mr. Douglas said that the expand ed Tourist Bureau would continue to be a section of the Division of Commerce and Industry, which he aid "is in itself well merited recognition of the tourist business he huge industry it has grown be." He said that the functions of the Tourist Bureau would in no way duplicate services of the State Advertising Division, which under peanuts, soybeans and all hay crops. No major shifts occurred in live-stock numbers during the 1953 calendar year. The extra column on the census schedule was used to obtain the number of home freezers n the county. The summary shows that 910 freezers were reported.

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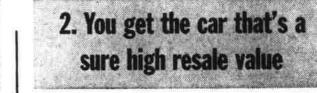


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