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Kent City Farm Bureau Speech - 12/8/48

Introduction

"Way of welcome" story

Desire to live in N.W. Kent or Ottawa counties.

Patterson bargain.

Farm Legislation - affects $\frac{1}{3}$ of population

1. Question: 1) Price supports at 90% of parity, or History
2) Price supports on a flexible basis of 60 to 90% of parity?

Parity?

Present bill - higher price supports ^{on a} more rigid production controls.
Hope - Arthur bill

Farm support not responsible for high prices.

2. Agriculture Dept. reorganization.

Hoover Commission report.

Presently a sprawling organization. Rep. Cortely has to streamline + simplify.

3. Soil Conservation

Debatable duplication { Extension Service (Farm Bureau)
Soil Conservation Service



4. Crop storage facilities
Commodity Credit Corp - 80% ~~prohibited~~
CCC from renewing leases or acquiring new facilities.

5. National fertilizer program

6. International Wheat agreements
Export market of 18.5 million bushels.