

volume buying of his needs to operate the large unit. Local machinery dealers, supply stores, feed and seed dealers will feel the impact of these corporate structures. Many have direct affiliations with industry, be it oil company or tire manufacturer; deal direct in many respects.

What is the effect on the community? The Grange community-oriented organization is tremendously concerned about the community in corporation farm areas. We feel that the family farm has contributed much to the development and growth of this Nation. It is a stabilizing force because of the concern for community development in the areas of church, school, and local government.

In the realm of soil conservation: Soil conservation in many instances is ignored by these operators. As mentioned before in previous testimony, shelter belts to prevent wind erosion are removed. Waterways, contour strips, and terraces to conserve our soil are ignored. Fences are removed to accommodate ever larger machines. I heard one operator say he wished he could have rows 5 miles long. These decisions are prompted by their attempt to become more efficient. Soil stewardship is something that the average farmer is dedicated to, but is not held in very high esteem by corporation operations. I know of instances in my community where a large operator removed the fences, ignored the waterways, and planted the whole farm with one crop. A heavy rain struck and took enough topsoil from that field to fill the road culvert and then buried the road with so much mud that the road grader got stuck in an attempt to remove it. These things are serious, they affect generations to come. Soil conservation is a voluntary program, but it is everyone's responsibility.

What about the young men who are attempting to enter into farming? Corporation farming will have a tremendous impact on the ability of young men to start farming. There will be a limited number of jobs for farm laborers, skilled and unskilled. Some full-time employment, some seasonal, will be utilized. The hope of the young aggressive farm boy is to eventually own his own farm. We must in our society allow opportunity for individual advancement. I would like to quote from our national master, Herschel Newsom, who said:

As we diminish opportunities for individuals to generate their own progress and achieve their own personal security, we thereby compel them to rely upon the provisions of pensions and retirement programs upon which they can capitalize by abandoning their own ideas, no matter how good they may be, and accepting dictates from those who have been elected by the corporate board, for reasons that may embrace other factors other than competence.

Consumer interests will not be protected. Surely as corporation farms gain control, they will place themselves in a position to dictate prices. The Grange favors a free and open competitive market system. Packer feeding of livestock and other forms of vertical integration tend to seriously affect the operation of competitive markets.

In conclusion I would say that given an opportunity to compete on an equal basis, the family farm can compete and continue to provide this country with an abundance of food and fiber and also contribute our share to the needy and starving peoples of the world. Efficiency of farm production cannot be disputed. We sincerely hope that from these hearings will come a sense of urgency on the part of our legislators to correct the tax loopholes that make it advantageous for corporations