

STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND IN THE SENATE, AUGUST 9, 1957.

Mr. President, in the current issue of Time magazine for August 12, 1957, on page 80 there is an interesting article to which I wish to call attention. The title of this article is "Rural Development--One Farm Program That Works."

With a federal cash outlay of only \$2,100,000 during the past fiscal year, a great deal has been accomplished by the Rural Development program. Congress has approved an appropriation of \$2,500,000 for fiscal 1957-58.

This program deals with approximately 2,500,000 farmers who are in the marginal income category--those who are having a hard time making ends meet. The article to which I refer in Time describes some of the work which has been done under Rural Development during the past year--how this program has helped many small farmers in their specific problems. Rural Development endeavors to study the individual farmer's need and helps him to find some solution to it. It is not a give-away program, but a program to help the marginal farmer to achieve self-help.

Mr. President, in my opinion that is one of the greatest things that could be done for the small farmer. So much of our legislation has dealt with the problems of the large producer and the average producer that the really small farmer has been left out.

Not only that, but a program of self-help and technical assistance is much more important in dealing with a problem like this than even support prices, perhaps.

This article describes how 54 counties were selected in

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the Southeast, the Southwest, New England, and along the Ohio valley, as well as in the Great Lakes area. In certain instances the program has dealt with the problem of helping farmers to make the best use of their land and equipment. In others it has helped to develop jobs in industry as a supplement to farm income. It has assisted still others in the substitution of one program for another as the old program has faded into the past.

Mr. President, this article points up very well the great importance Rural Development is having on the small scale it has been used during the past year and that it can have on a larger scale.

I hope that every member of the Senate will read this article which I ask unanimous consent to have inserted at this point in the body of the record.

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