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JOSEPH A. ACKERMAN

June 17, 1969

Joe Ackerman, as he is affectionately known by his co-workers, was born and was trained in the Mid-west. He has since become a national and international influence in Agricultural Economics.

Joe worked first in the area of farm management in his home State of Illinois. In 1939, he joined the staff of the Farm Foundation and from this base has helped restructure the agricultural economics profession. Under his guidance, the Foundation has assumed a role of coordinator, innovator, and educator with the goal of "...multiplying the Foundation's efforts...by supplementing and coordinating the work of other agencies." The regional committee system developed by the Farm Foundation has improved the quality of research, teaching, and Extension activities by increasing communication among the workers in these divisions of agricultural economics. At all levels, he has sponsored and guided programs which have brought complementary forces and organizations together in the interest of advancing our science.

Joe has filled numerous posts in the field of agricultural economics where the goal has been to improve communication and professionalism among his fellow scientists. He was Vice-President and President of the American Agricultural Economic Association and Secretary-Treasurer of the International Association of Agricultural Economists. Administrative leadership was also contributed by him to such groups as the Country Life Association, and the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. In addition, his capacity for leadership was recognized when he served as the President of the National Association of School Boards.

Joe is the author of many publications. He is co-author of the book, Town and Country Churches and Family Farming, and co-editor of two books, Family Farm Policy and Agrarian Reform and Moral Responsibility.

It is our privilege to recognize Joe Ackerman as an outstanding agricultural economist and elect him as a fellow of the New England Agricultural Economics Council.