

# *Dabo*: A Form of Cooperation between Farmers among the Macha Galla of Ethiopia

## Social Aspects, Songs, and Ritual

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### 0. Introduction

This paper is a result of research carried out in the field, during 1973, among the Macha Galla living in the vicinity of the small town of Dembidollo in south-western Ethiopia (ca. 8° 30'N, 35° E).

The Amharic government (since 1888), the establishment of the Ethiopian Church, the influence of catholic and protestant missions, the relatively great