

the selection of the settlers, and as follows:

- (a) Settlers representing the most aggravated cases of high governmental expense for roads, schools, relief and public health services, and where relocation would eliminate in part or in whole such excessive governmental costs and be in the interest of the public welfare.
- (b) Settlers who are so located as to be a constant fire hazard to areas of merchantable timber on which local governmental units depend for revenue, local industry depends for raw materials, and local people depend for employment.
- (c) Settlers located on land of low agricultural value, on land too hilly, stony, swampy, or sandy to maintain a farm family under any type of agricultural use.
- (d) Settlers who because of physical or mental conditions will in all probability never "make a go" of it and who ultimately will be "on the town" for assistance. Although such cases may not meet the requirements for rehabilitation under the present program, if left in their present location, they will mean an unnecessary waste of both human and financial resources.
- (e) Settlers too far removed from a market town, for example, those left stranded as a result of removal of a railroad which provided a close market outlet for bulky products like potatoes.
- (f) Settlers who have permanently lost or are about to lose all outside sources of additional income upon which they were formerly entirely dependent and who, therefore, must look to a new location for a new future.
- (g) Settlers who do not now represent an excessive burden but who in the near future will cause such a burden for roads, bridges, or schools, (ie) families located many miles from an established school with one or more children who will be of school age in a short time.

VI. RELATIONSHIP OF RURAL RESETTLEMENT DIVISION TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

1. Cooperation with County Resettlement Committee.

All applicants for relocation under this project are to be considered by the Resettlement Committee of the County in which they are located. The report of this committee with respect to any applicant will be advisory in nature and will be used by the Rural Resettlement Division as a basis for the negotiations with the applicant.

2. Cooperation after Resettlement.

Continued cooperation with the settler is necessary in order to promote the best management plans designed to produce maximum income. The rural advisor and county agricultural agent will give special attention to this phase of the program. An objective of 25 acres cleared and in use within two years will be sought.

3. Cooperation with State Departments in State Codes and Laws.

In the development of this resettlement program the Rural Resettlement Division will observe and conform to the regulations established by the Wisconsin Conservation Department for brush burning, the Wisconsin Industrial Commission General Orders on explosives and to the Works Progress Administration in the employment of relief labor on project work.

4. Cooperation with other Division of the Resettlement Administration

The Rural Resettlement Division will confer regularly with the representatives of the Land Utilization Division engaged in the optioning of sub-marginal lands in Wisconsin. It is necessary that the Rural Resettlement Division staff be informed as to the progress of the land retirement program in order that they may know in advance the resettlement needs of isolated families in each county. It is equally important that the staff of the Land Utilization Division be informed as to the program of the Rural Resettlement Division.

5. Cooperation with the College of Agriculture.

It is proposed that wherever it is necessary or desirable to secure specific assistance in order to carry out this program that the Rural Resettlement Division will consult with members of the staff of the University of Wisconsin College of Agriculture and the Agricultural Extension Service.

6. FINANCIAL OPERATIONS WITH THE RESETTLEMENT CLIENT

One of the most important services which the Rural Resettlement Division can render to relocated settlers is in working out a complete financial and management program for the repayment of the new property. All efforts of the Rural Resettlement Division will be directed toward making the relocated settler an independent self-reliant citizen as rapidly as possible. To this end it is proposed to give financial and advisory assistance to the settler in developing his property to a point where he will become eligible to secure a Federal Land Bank loan. The Rural Resettlement Division will accept the settler's equity in his original property as first payment on the new property. The balance due, representing the amount which the Rural Resettlement Division has expended for land, materials purchased and services provided, other than that provided by labor secured through W.P.A., will constitute a first mortgage on the property.

In no case shall the obligation of the settler for the new property be more than the appraised value of the developed property as represented by a complete appraisal by the Federal Land Bank, nor less than the amount of capital expenditures.

Many isolated settlers have not enough machinery or livestock to handle the new farm unit. An increase in crop land leaves him with inadequate equipment and livestock to utilize his increased acreage. The financial service rendered to these relocated settlers will include not only financing the new property (land and buildings) but also, where necessary, livestock, machinery and seed loans as well as loans for maintenance during the first year on the new property, as indicated on a balanced farm management.

Repayment plans, covering all moneys advanced by the Wisconsin Rural Resettlement Division, will be worked out for each individual settler on a basis of the ability of the settler and his family to repay their new

obligations. Interest rates will be 5% per annum on all loans other than real estate. Interest rates on real estate loans as yet, have not been officially announced.

ENDORSEMENT

At a meeting of the Land Use Advisory Committee of the Wisconsin State Planning Board held in the offices of the State Planning Board on September 14, 1935, the above program "A Proposed Program for Resettling Isolated Settlers now located in Restricted Use Districts in Zoned Counties in Wisconsin" was submitted to the Committee, discussed and formally approved.