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The RESETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION has helped over 950,000 farm families—more than FOUR MILLION people.

#### The RESETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION has:

- Made loans to **386,000** farm families amounting to **\$94,000,000**.
- Made grants to 468,000 farm families amounting to \$19,300,000.
- Made additional emergency loans and grants in the drought area amounting to \$8,300,000 to 256,955 farm families.
- Brought about a reduction of \$32,820,000, or 25.6 percent, in the debts of 41,480 farmers.
- Loaned \$1,700,000 to enable 55,000 farmers to participate in cooperatives.
- Purchased 9,100,000 acres of substandard land.
- Started the development of this land for useful purposes.
- Completed 19 rural resettlement projects; built 2,695 good rural homes. Construction going on in 44 additional rural community projects.

N. B.—All figures as of November 1, 1936.

• Begun construction in three greenbelt towns for housing **3,000** low-income industrial workers and farmers.

#### LOANS

The RESETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION has made loans to **386,412** farm families.

These loans amount to \$93,783,598.

These *loans* have been made for the purchase of seed, feed, and equipment, for rent, taxes, doctors, food, and clothing.

Loans have been made for periods of from two to five years with interest rates of 5 percent.

Farmers who received these *loans* were unable to obtain credit anywhere else.

They were considered good credit risks by the Resettlement Administration because of their willingness and ability to do for themselves and because of their cooperation in planning intelligent farm and home management in order to get the greatest possible benefits from their loans.

These farmers have proved themselves good credit risks by *repaying* their loans. They have already paid back \$6,503,896.

With the average loan (\$280) to a family amounting to less than the cost for relief for a year, over 1,000,000 farm people are again self-supporting. They are able to carry on without further aid from any government or local agency; they are again paying their share of taxes instead of being a constant drain on their local communities.

#### GRANTS

The RESETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION has carried 468,470 farm families through emergencies by subsistence grants.

These grants amounted to \$19,316,700, averaging \$18 a month per family.

They were given to farm families who were made destitute by flood, extreme cold, tornadoes, forest fires, and other catastrophes.

Grants were made to farm families who needed *im-mediate* assistance to tide them over until their loan contracts were approved and their farm management plans worked out.

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The RESETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION has made emergency *drought* grants to **221,427** families, totaling **\$3,512,617** (not included in general grant program).

Emergency drought feed and seed loans have been made to 35,528 families, totaling \$4,866,118 (not included in general loan program).

This was possible because the Resettlement Administration, with an efficient set-up already in the drought area, went to work *immediately* to give *aid* to drought-stricken farmers.

Those who were near enough to work projects and able to work were certified to Works Progress Administration for work relief.

Those who had a chance to raise late, quick-maturing forage crops were given *seed loans* so they could get their crops in in time to provide some feed for their livestock during the winter.

Feed loans were made to keep foundation herds and flocks and family livestock alive.

To those who could get no other help, the Resettlement Administration made grants for *food* and other immediate needs.

#### DEBT ADJUSTMENT

The RESETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION has helped to scale down the debts of 41,479 farmers to what they are able to pay.

A reduction of **25.6** percent in their original debt was obtained.

Their original debt was \$128,120,942. It was reduced to \$95,299,181. This is a reduction of \$32,821,761.

In addition to this reduction many farmers have secured a reduction in the rate of interest or a longer time in which to pay.

These reductions were brought about by *voluntary* farm debt adjustment committees, appointed by the Governors of the States.

These committees work without salary; the Resettlement Administration pays their out-of-pocket expenses and provides general supervision and guidance.

All agreements between debtors and creditors are made willingly; the committees have no means of enforcing their recommendations.

The cost of this program is less than 1 percent of the indebtedness involved.

Such adjustments have enabled farmers to pay \$2,350,969 in back taxes, thus relieving the tax burden in their *local* communities.

Thousands of farmers who once paid every cent they could scrape together on old debts, are now able to buy some of the things they want and need. Creditors who needed their money desperately are now getting it as a result of these agreements.

#### **COOPERATIVES**

The RESETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION has made loans which enabled **55,000** farmers to take part in cooperatives.

Loans amounting to \$1,700,000 have been made to cooperative associations or to individuals to participate in cooperative activities.

These loans are of three types—loans to cooperative associations to which farmers being aided by Resettlement belong; loans to individual clients to

Farmers out of the reach of large-scale cooperatives have gotten together and applied for Resettlement loans for community and cooperative services.

Rural Rehabilitation Supervisors have *helped* these farmers plan the cooperative services they needed by studying their farm management plans.

The results have enabled farmers to obtain *necessary* equipment and services which they could not have afforded alone.

Money loaned for these community and cooperative services will be *returned* to the Government with interest, a *sound* investment in a better life for the low-income farmer.

#### LAND PURCHASE

The RESETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION has purchased **9,100,000** acres of sub-standard land to remove it from crop farming.

Families stranded on such land struggled, with practically no chance of success, to make a living from worn-out acres.

The fertility of the soil had been decreasing steadily, the *people* sinking to a lower and lower subsistence level.

Over half of the land which the Resettlement Administration purchased has been tax-delinquent for two years or more.

Cost of keeping up roads and schools for the sparsely settled population is greater than the value of the land.

The land is subject to wind and water erosion which cause dust storms and floods.

When used for crop farming these lands are *destructive* of the natural resources, of property and human *life* in floods and dust storms, and of the human resources of the people stranded on these lands.

### LAND USE

The RESETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION, however, is *not* permitting these **9,100,000** acres of land to lie idle; they are being used for *valuable* purposes.

Land which is too dry for crop farming is being used for grazing land. The original cover of soil-binding grass is being *restored* to prevent wind erosion and consequent dust storms.

Other land is being *developed* for parks, wild life preserves, migratory waterfowl refuges, additions to Indian reservations, and various erosion-control projects.

Thus, the development of this land is furnishing demonstrations of valuable uses for land which cannot be used profitably for crop farming.

Thus, the development of this land is providing examples of how our land resources can be conserved and used properly at the same time.

The development of this land has provided employment for an average of **55,000** workers daily.

#### RURAL RESETTLEMENT

The RESETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION is purchasing **500,000** acres of good land for good farms.

Eighty-six projects are being set up where about 10,000 farm families will have new economic, social, and educational opportunities.

More than **4,000** rural *homes* are now under construction.

Houses being built come up to all standards of good rural housing.

There are **2,143** farm families—more than **11,000** people—already occupying new homes built by the Resettlement Administration.

These farm families are buying their own homes on a long-term, easy-payment plan of forty years at 3 percent interest.

Monthly payments on occupied homes are 93.34 percent paid up to date.

This is a strong indication that the tenants recognize their obligations and will be able to meet them.

Occupants for these communities were selected from farmers who have received Resettlement loans and proved themselves *capable* of operating a farm of their own; families living on sub-standard land purchased by the Resettlement Administration, and *young couples* with farm background who are seeking a place to start farming.

#### SUBURBAN RESETTLEMENT

The RESETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION is now constructing 3 large suburban communities.

Homes for **3,000** workers and farmers will be provided in these communities.

These communities are located near Washington, D. C.; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Cincinnati, Ohio.

These are *carefully* planned towns, surrounded by a *greenbelt* of forests, parks, and small farms.

The communities will have their own stores, schools, and community building.

Residents will enjoy the advantages of both town and country.

Rents will be within the reach of a group whose income ranges from \$1,200 to \$2,000 a year.

The community property will be *taxable*; development of these communities will add to the income of the *counties* in which they are located.

Construction work is furnishing daily *employment* for over **7,000** workers.

These communities provide homes for a group that are badly in need of *decent housing*; they provide work for thousands of unemployed; they serve as *demonstrations* of high-grade housing for people with modest incomes; and they provide examples of modern town *planning* which can be followed to advantage in all types of suburban development designed for the *average* urban family.

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The RESETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION has kept the families aided off the relief rolls and placed them in a position to buy more goods. It has removed unprofitable land from cultivation. It has relieved local communities of tax burdens for roads, relief, and education costs of families stranded on these lands. It has shown profitable uses for land in problem areas. It has taken long steps toward the conservation and restoration of land resources throughout the nation. And it has begun town planning in America.

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Arkansas	315.	38, 830		7, 182	
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