

Long Term Leases For Tenants Big Advantage

Practice of Moving Each Year Costly to All Concerned, Proctor Points Out

It's land leasing time again for tenant farm families in Moore county, but that shouldn't always mean it's moving time, W. T. Proctor, Farm Security Administration Supervisor, said this week.

"For years many tenants in Moore county have followed the practice or custom of moving each year," he said. "This has become such an expensive custom in the loss of human and natural resources that it has attracted the attention of agricultural leaders of the nation.

"Surveys have shown that it costs the farmer \$50 or more each time he moves and the landowner's loss is even greater. The community also loses by so much moving, because the families do not stay in a community long enough to contribute to its well being.

"In attempting to help the farm families rehabilitate themselves, the Farm Security Administration, in cooperation with the Extension Service and other agricultural agencies, has worked out a flexible farm lease that provides a basis for longer term leases which benefit the tenant owner and community.

"Many of the troubles of farm families are due to shortsightedness. Too often farmers have planned on a one-year basis because of a one-crop system of farming. We have learned that this does not pay because it brings poverty to the people and steals the fertility of the soil.

"Under the FSA's rehabilitation program we are urging the farm tenants to secure long term leases—or leases with renewal clauses—and we are seeking the cooperation of the landowners in this program. Low income farm families need long leases if they are to rehabilitate themselves and the land they farm.

"Owners know that it has been the practice of tenants to mine the soil each year—but with a long term lease, it is to the advantage of the tenant and the landowner to work together to improve the fertility of the soil. The FSA aids too by establishing environmental sanitation programs in some counties where the tenants have long term leases."

Owners and tenants interested in learning more of the flexible farm lease may obtain copies of the lease at the FSA office. Mr. Proctor's office is located in the courthouse at Carthage.

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BY SUSAN THAYER



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He called upon them to remember the greatness of their past and to realize the significance of the battle they were waging. Then in closing that magnificent speech, Winston Churchill turned for a moment from the horror of the present conflict and, looking toward the future, spoke confidently of "the long and better days that are to come!"

If the Prime Minister of Great Britain, in such an hour, could speak with confidence of the Future, how much more hopeful should we be, here in the United States. Not only because we are an ocean away from the actual conflict but because this country of ours was founded for the sake of those "better days" as they were envisioned by our forefathers 200 years ago.

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