

ing in this locality. The aim of the N. L. S. A. must be, that within the first five years everyone of the 100 settlers has 5 ha. with one or more perennial crops under cultivation.

By the end of the first year the village has to be laid out, and each half-hectare lot has to be fenced and a house has to be erected. The house must be uniform and built in such a way that they can be enlarged in one or all directions according to the need and idea of the settler himself.

Within 10 years from the start of the settlement all the 10 ha. must be brought under cultivation. However not more than 8 hectares out of the 10 ha. are to be planted with perennial crops. Status of the Settler: the word "settler" is in this article always included to mean the whole family and also members who are counted to this family, and who are accordingly registered with the N.L.S.A.

The settler joins the N.L.S.A. as a member and binds himself by doing so to the rules of the settlement which he has chosen. He receives free transportation to the settlement he has chosen, free food-supply for the first year, shelter will be provided till individual houses can be built, i. e. when the village is laid out. The working plan of the N.L.S.A. under the direction of same is provided for five years. During this time the settler (and his family) have to give their best for the progress and success of the settlement. These five years are the foundation for the well-being of the settler in years to follow. During this time the settler will from time to time—as is necessary—receive clothing. The necessary implements will also be provided by the N.L.S.A. — the experimental station will take care for plant-material. The husbandry rests in the hands of the N. L. S. A. which will dispose of animals for slaughter from time to time to be distributed among the settlers. The settlers are allowed only to raise some chicken, ducks, geese, and rabbits, after the village is built up. These are considered only for the "pot".

Sunday is a restday. Only the most urgent and necessary work has to be done. Each settler and his family-members have to work on one Sunday out of four Sundays, in rotation.

Records will be kept of the work of each settler by the director of the N.L.S.A., and each settler has also to keep a diary of his work on his own.

A settler who breaks willfully the rules of the National Land Settlement Administration which he signed, can lose his rights on the land and can be sent back to the place he came from.

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For we cannot tarry here in our squat
nipa houses,
The green fields are calling...calling...
calling...

Plough the earth.... Harrow the
upturned earth...
Limber up your limbs.... Stretch your
muscles...

We need action and plenty of it
For our immortality!

* * *

Do not falter in your march fastly
progressward,

Idle lands await your fortitude, your
willing hands;

All these are the meanings of
rehabilitation—

Hardy men of vision, this is our
reconstruction:

From the flowering fields
Are our immortality!

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Ours is a glorious history: of farmers
of the earth—

Pioneers that were of a virile and proud,
brave race;

Bearers of a great tradition—Mactan,
Corregidor, Bataan:

They are our proud inspirations for us
to go on and on

In enriching this legacy
For our immortality!

They were not found wanting—our
great grandsires,
They had conquered tracts of timber-
lands and forests

Into blooming ricefields and cornfields
and gardens,

They left us a priceless heirloom—
swaying, plentiful harvests:

The monument of their industry
For our immortality!

* * *

They were not of the wandering hordes
—our ancestors;

They were with unconquerable visions
and spirits of steel;

Pliant but unbending and look at our
glorious past—

Building us a kingdom—the Pearl of the
Orient Seas;

All for us to love and honor
For our immortality!

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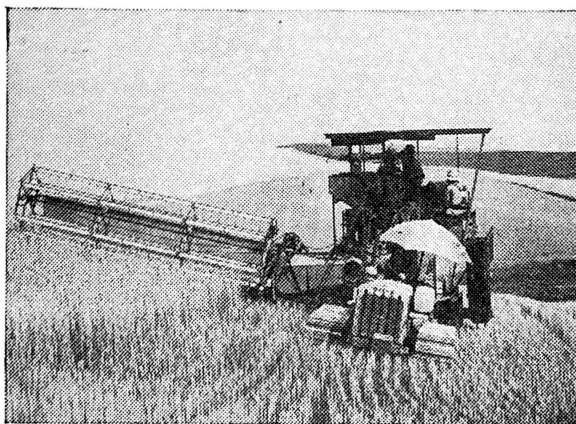
All through the ages and ages it has
always been

A nation proud and strong, unselfish,
sturdy, great;

It has withered revolution and
starvation and wars

But remained indivisible and whole and
proud and strong

Ever in stories of blood and fire,
For our immortality!



Mechanized farming vital in new land settlements. (USTIS cut)