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State and local advisory committees and consultants were announced Tuesday from state headquarters of the American Guide in Seattle. Prominent business and cultural leaders of the state have been appointed to these committees and have promised their cooperation.

The American Guide is the chief undertaking of the Writers' Division of Federal Works Progress Administration Project No. 1, its purpose being to give national publicity to the historical, scenic, recreational and commercial advantages of the United States. The Guide is an encyclopedic publication of five volumes, arranged by states. Its purpose is to encourage travel in and appreciation of our own country, and to serve as a source book of reference for students, authors, business men, tourists and others. Most European countries publish similar guides, though none has been published for the United States.

The American Guide project in Washington has put to work approximately 75 unemployed writers throughout the state, all but 10 per cent coming from the relief rolls. Writers have been carefully selected for their qualifications and experience.

Miss Dorothy Edmondson of Seattle, University of Washington graduate and newspaper writer, has been appointed as State Supervisor of the American Guide.

Membership of the State Advisory Committee and Board of State Consultants follows:

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Seattle, February 25, 1936.

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Alaska Building Seattle, Washington

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

American Guide
WPA Writers' Projects



Announcement was made today, by James W. Egan, State Director of Federal writers' projects, that a definite date, May fifteenth, has been set for the completion of the field work on the Washington section of the American Guide.

The State director also stated that recent advice from the National Director, Henry G. Alsberg, gives the information that though the first volume of the American Guide will not be ready for release until in the Fall, many requests for the guide book are being received daily in Washington.

Much of the material compiled by the staff of 75 field workers in this state has been received in the state editorial office and is being rapidly revised, edited and redispached to the Central editorial Office in Washington, D. C.

The vast amount of data collected by the field workers in each state will, after it is coordinated for use in the American Guide, be placed on file in the respective states for the general use of the public. New information, never before available to writers and students will thus be accessible for ready reference. Already, Mr. Egan explained, members of university faculties and librarians are requesting data on various manuscripts for the purpose of using the information in preparation of master's and doctor's theses.

King County Teaching Project Part of New WPA Education Program

STATE WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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Following closely the employment of 250 men on a work project at the University of Washington, unemployed women will be given their turn next week when fifty teachers now on relief will be given full-time employment throughout the school year in the schools of King County.

Under the project, sponsored by Miss Nina O. Buchanan, King County school superintendent, teachers are to be assigned to the rural schools of the county and are to be designated as "progress teachers." The plan, among the first to be approved by George H. Gannon, State Works Progress Administrator, will provide a service not heretofore available to King County students outside Seattle. Children who for one reason or another are not properly adjusted to their classes will be fitted into classroom work so that they may make orderly progress through the regular grades.

This auxiliary teaching service is notable in that it is the first project of this type to be initiated in this state under the Works Progress Administration, and is the forerunner of many of similar nature which will follow soon. This serves to clarify much of the confusion which has arisen out of the fact that the Federal government will administer directly, in close cooperation with state and local school officials, the emergency education program which heretofore has been handled by agencies from earmarked relief funds.

It is felt that the new arrangement will enable the government to deal much more directly with local school authorities than was the case when contact between the federal government, furnishing the funds, and the schools had to be made through relief channels, thus placing this

important teaching service in a position subordinate to the administering of relief.

In commenting on the program, Administrator Gannon said:

"Information has been circulated to the effect that the emergency education program will be continued under state sponsorship. This is not the fact. Authorities in the Works Progress Administration in Washington, D. C., have placed the program under State Works Progress Administrations of the states. Another prevalent misunderstanding concerns sponsorship of relief teaching projects, local school authorities having been erroneously advised that they could not sponsor such undertakings. The fact is that they are not only permitted to sponsor local auxiliary teaching projects, but they are the precise agencies which should sponsor them. I invite them to do so, and am eager to receive all project proposals of this nature."

As rapidly as possible, the program will be taken over by the Works Progress Administration, Dr. Frederick M. Lash having recently been appointed by Administrator Gannon to direct all statewide emergency education activities from WPA headquarters in the Alaska Building, Seattle.

To prepare to initiate the King County teaching project, a meeting of all rural school principals of the county has been called by County Superintendent Buchanan for Saturday, September 14, at 9:30 a.m., in her office in the County-City Building, Seattle.

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Seattle, Washington, September 11, 1935

Gannon Enforces "Buy American"

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All materials and supplies for use in carrying out work projects must be produced by American industry, according to George H. Gannon, Works Progress Administrator for the state of Washington.

"The 'Buy American' provision of the Treasury and Post Office Appropriation Act of 1934, was made applicable also to the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act. This applies to materials purchased with Federal funds and also to those contributed by project sponsors," Gannon said.

District Works Progress Directors are carrying out the "Buy American" requirement in all parts of the state, thus indirectly creating jobs among material producers in addition to the jobs which the projects themselves supply.

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Seattle, Washington, September 18, 1935

WASHINGTON

WPA Provides for Workers' Safety

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Complying with a recent executive order, in which President Roosevelt declared that "All work projects shall be conducted in accordance with safe working conditions, and every effort shall be made for the prevention of accidents," George H. Gannon, State Works Progress Administrator, has created a State Safety Division, which he has placed under the supervision of R. P. Duncan, State Safety Consultant.

"The President's safety mandate is going to be carried out," said Mr. Gannon. "Experience has shown that most accidents are preventable, and the responsibility for preventing them will be placed with the engineers and job foremen, who will be required to cooperate with safety inspectors and follow in all respects the safety measures prescribed. The purpose is not to provide an alibi when accidents happen, but to prevent accidents."

For this state the safety standards that have been developed over the years will be adopted. Safety campaigns, whether conducted by government agencies or by private industry, have always been effective in reducing accident frequency. Furthermore, the safety program of the WPA will be highly educational to many thousands of workers who never knew before what safety meant. A large percentage of these men will take with them a practical knowledge of accident prevention and first aid when they return to private work in their communities.

A national fund of \$25,000,000 has been set apart as compensation for legitimate losses due to accidents, but a possible recipient of a part of that fund is far better off if he remains ineligible.

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Seattle, Washington. Sept. 18, 1935

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Alaska Building
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Wednesday, October 2, 1935

Work was started on seven Works Progress Administration projects this week, two on Monday and five today, it was announced by George H. Gannon, State Works Progress Administrator.

These projects will give employment to 181 additional men at an estimated cost of \$84,842. Of the total cost, the Federal contribution will be \$39,047 and the sponsors' contributions \$45,795, \$38,149 of which is pledged by the Port of Bellingham toward its project.

The projects listed by Gannon are as follows:

Snohomish County -- City of Snohomish: Install 130 feet of concrete pipe; located on First Street between Union and Cedar Streets. Men employed, 12; federal funds, \$615.50.

Whatcom County -- Bellingham: 2-step bulkhead riprapped on channel side of Whatcom Creek Waterway; rebuild parts of Municipal Pier; paint two warehouses. Men employed, 43; federal funds, \$10,303.

Cowlitz County -- Castle Rock: Dike construction on Cowlitz River. Men employed, 55; federal funds, \$15,012.

Cowlitz County -- Castle Rock: Painting and bleacher construction, Castle Rock High School. Men employed, 6; federal funds, \$365.

Cowlitz County -- Longview: Concrete walk and drainage project at Kessler Grade School. Men employed, 12; federal funds, \$644.50.

Cowlitz County -- Longview: Street paving and bridge repair, Hudson Street Railroad Crossing. Men employed, 19; federal funds, \$3,535.

Pacific County -- Raymond: Dike construction along the Willapa River. Men employed, 34; federal funds, \$3,572.

Prompt Aid for WPA Injured

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Seattle, Wash.



Detailed instructions have gone forward to WPA divisional directors, providing for promptness and efficiency in the treatment and compensation of workers injured in the performance of duty, George H. Gannon, State Works Progress Administrator, announced today.

While stress has been placed on "safe jobs" from the beginning of employment on WPA projects, Mr. Gannon pointed out that some accidents will be inevitable, but no worker will suffer needless delay in receiving medical treatment and compensation payments.

The WPA is making the widest possible use of the experience of the Civil Works program, under which about 4,000,000 workers were employed. During that period 50,000 first aid attendants were trained. A majority of these will be available on WPA jobs.

Posters which instruct the workers on how to proceed in case of injury are placed in conspicuous places on all jobs. An accident compensation officer will be responsible for the conduct of the compensation program for the state, and field representatives, empowered to act for the state officer, will visit each district at least once a week.

Compensation payable during total disability cannot exceed \$25.00 per month, nor the aggregate for any case exceed \$3,500. If the injury results in death, compensation is payable to widow, children, or other dependents.

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Seattle, Wash., October 2, 1935

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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October 15, 1935

Deputy State Administrator Algeo to Inspect WPA Set-up with Senators

With indications that the State Works Progress Administration program is entering the operating phase with increasing momentum, a party of officials will leave Seattle Monday, September 21, for a tour of the state to thoroughly inspect the administrative and physical machinery set up to carry out the program smoothly and efficiently.

As the primary purpose of the inspection is to assure that a state of readiness for duty exists in the Works Progress Administration offices and staffs, the party will be led by Herbert W. Algeo, Deputy State WPA Administrator. He will be accompanied by United States Senators Homer T. Bone and Lewis B. Schwellenbach, who will meet officials and the public generally for the purpose of getting their views on work projects especially desirable in each community visited, and to ascertain where and how work may be speeded up.

George H. Gannon, State WPA Administrator, is in Washington, D. C., where he went to urge upon Harry L. Hopkins and other high works program officials the importance of getting the state WPA program under way, and therefore was unable to accompany Senators Bone and Schwellenbach on the inspection trip. However, he expressed the belief that study and public contacts made possible by the tour will result in greater cooperative effort to drive the work program forward, provide a better understanding of its objectives, and fit each project more satisfactorily into community needs.

The itinerary of the official party for the first week follows:

Monday, October 21 --

Leave Seattle	8:00 a.m.
Arrive Cle Elum	11:00 a.m.
" Ellensburg	2:00 p.m.
" Cashmere	4:30 p.m.
" Wenatchee	6:00 p.m.; overnight.

Tuesday, October 22 --

Leave Wenatchee	8:00 a.m.
" Ephrata	11:00 a.m.
" Davenport	2:00 p.m.
Arrive Spokane	4:30 p.m.; overnight.

Wednesday, October 23 -- Spend day in Spokane.

Thursday, October 24 --

Leave Spokane	8:00 a.m.
" Colfax	10:30 a.m.
" Pullman	1:00 p.m.
" Clarkston	3:00 p.m.
" Pomeroy	4:30 p.m.
Arrive Walla Walla	6:30 p.m.; overnight.

Friday, October 25 --

Leave Walla Walla	1:00 p.m.
" Pasco	2:30 p.m.
" Kennewick	3:30 p.m.
" Prosser	5:00 p.m.
" Grandview	6:00 p.m.
Arrive Sunnyside	8:00 p.m.; overnight

Saturday, October 26 --

Leave Sunnyside	10:00 a.m.
" Zillah	11:00 a.m.
" Toppenish	2:00 p.m.
" Wapato	3:00 p.m.
Arrive Yakima	4:00 p.m.; overnight.

Sunday, October 27 -- Return to Coast.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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Disturbed by persistent delay in getting the state works program under way, George H. Gannon, State Works Progress Administrator, has left Seattle for Washington, D. C., determined to secure authority to speed up the process of getting people off relief and on the job in this state.

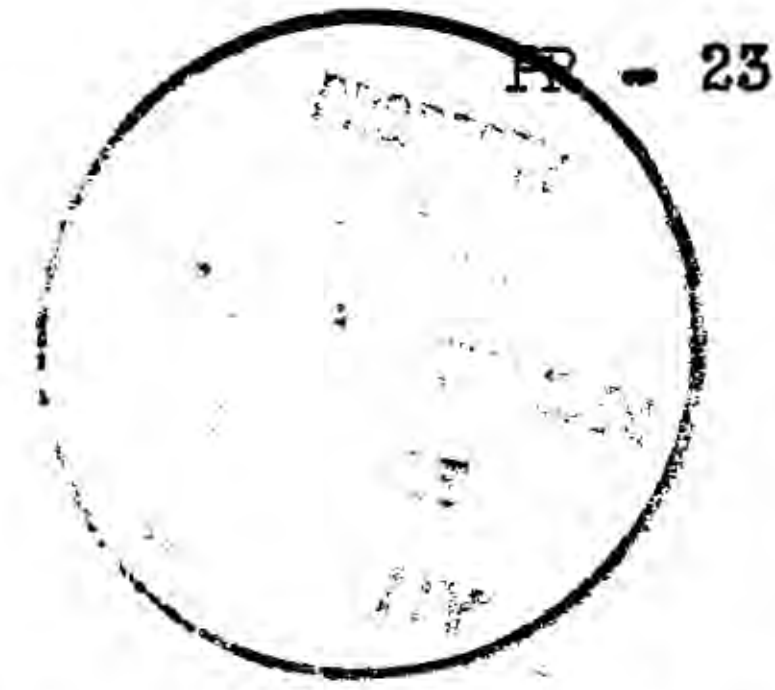
"The delay is not getting on my nerves. The trouble lies deeper--it is getting on my conscience," Gannon said as he left the city. "As state administrator, I am charged with the responsibility of ending the dole in this state. With the help of my staffs, we have done our part--we have sent to Washington more than a thousand carefully selected projects, sufficient to give work to all employables on relief in the state for one year. The President has approved sufficient of these projects to employ all relief labor. We have done everything that can be done from this end. Now I'm going to find out what's the matter at the other end. Those on relief are clamoring for work, they've been promised work, and if humanly possible I shall see that they get work."

Gannon expects to be absent from the state about ten days.

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Seattle, Wash., October 14, 1935

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Seattle, Washington



Continuing a tour of inspection of Works Progress Administration projects and offices, started last Monday, Herbert W. Algeo, Deputy State Administrator, accompanied by U. S. Senators Homer T. Bone and Louis B. Schwellenbach, next week will visit Southwestern Washington points.

Leaving Seattle last Monday, this group has visited, or will visit, all the principal points of Central, Eastern, and Southeastern Washington. Next week's tour will carry them into Southwestern Washington.

Now that Works Progress Administration projects are starting throughout the state in considerable volume, Algeo and Senators Bone and Schwellenbach will particularly interest themselves in public reaction to the Works Program, meeting public officials and the people generally to get their opinions concerning priority of projects and other matters uppermost in the minds of the various communities. They will also interest themselves in labor relations and other matters concerning the human side of the program.

The Southwestern Washington itinerary follows:

Tuesday, October 29--Olympia, noon until 3 p.m.; Aberdeen and Hoquiam (Grays Harbor area), arrive 5 p.m. and remain overnight.

Wednesday, October 30--Raymond and South Bend (Willapa Harbor area), all day and remain overnight.

Thursday, October 31--Centralia and Chehalis (Lewis County), all day and overnight.

Friday, November 1--Kelso and Longview (Cowlitz County), all day and overnight.

Saturday, November 2--Ridgefield and Vancouver (Clark County).

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Seattle, Wash., October 23, 1935.

Gannon Secures Prompt Project Action on Washington, D. C., Trip

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Seattle, Wash.

State headquarters of the Works Progress Administration in Seattle are increasingly active because of a series of wires received October 19 and 20 from George H. Gannon, State Administrator, who last week went to Washington, D. C., to speed up the flow of projects through official channels. As a result, the largest "work order" yet given by the state WPA, covering 47 projects, was forwarded Sunday to the six WPA districts by Deputy Administrator Herbert W. Algeo.

The forty-seven projects, distributed among eighteen Washington counties, will provide immediate employment for an average of about eight months to 2,712 persons. These projects, added to the twenty-six which were already employing 1,015 persons, make a total of 73 WPA projects with 3,727 persons removed from relief rolls.

Outstanding among the projects ordered to begin work at once are:

A park project in Everett, 212 men.

Road work, Skagit County, 104 men.

Road work on Mount Spokane, 114 men.

Road work, Snohomish County, 500 men.

Experimental forest work in Pack Forest, Pierce County, under direction of the University of Washington School of Forestry, 800 men.

The counties, with the number of projects in each, in which work has been started or is to start this week, are: Yakima 2, Jefferson 1, King 3, Spokane 5, Stevens 5, Lincoln 1, Cowlitz 8, Snohomish 2, Clark 3, Skagit 2, Pierce 7, Thurston 1, Island 1, Benton 1, Chelan 1, Kitsap 1, Lewis 2, and Wahkiakum 1.

In a wire from Washington Sunday, October 20, Gannon advised that the board of army engineers had approved a rewritten flood control project for Washington streams. This project, totaling \$3,645,000 and covering twelve counties, is now being

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considered by Comptroller General McCarl after Gannon secured Presidential and army engineer approval. In his message Gannon said:

"This is the only hope for a flood control program in Washington State. It is now up to McCarl."

The counties affected carry the following proposed allocations: Whatcom, \$242,000; Skagit, \$358,000; Snohomish, \$947,000; Grays Harbor, \$291,000; Clallam, \$68,000; Jefferson, \$80,000; King, \$452,000; Mason, \$54,000; Pierce, \$182,000; Thurston, \$85,000; Wahkiakum, \$52,000; Walla Walla \$834,000.

In addition to the 47 "jobs" ordered last Sunday to start immediately, on Monday the six district directors were notified of another long list of projects for which funds were made available that day. The district directors are now choosing from this list the priority of start of the projects authorized thereunder for their several districts.

A summary of the results of Administrator Gannon's trip to Washington, D. C., to press for project approvals and funds shows that proposals calling for an estimated expenditure of \$8,625,000 of federal funds have received presidential approval. Of these, Comptroller General McCarl has either countersigned warrants or has promised to do so for sums in sufficient amount to enable initiation of projects throughout the state which will give a substantial start to the works program in every county where relief labor is available. It is reasonable to expect that in almost all cases where projects have received presidential approval, the Comptroller General ultimately will make funds available. The sum of more than eight and one-half million dollars obtained or to be obtained as a result of Administrator Gannon's personal representations in Washington will cover operations on six or seven hundred WPA projects in the state.

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Seattle, Wash., Oct. 22, 1935

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Relief Load Lightening Gradually.

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Lightening of the relief load throughout the state of Washington is gradually gaining momentum and the goal of the Works Progress Administration, to have relief recipients off the dole and on the WPA payroll by December 1, appears in a fair way to be realized. Attainment of this goal, George H. Gannon, State Administrator, states, depends upon release of funds in Washington, D. C. "If sufficient money is allotted to carry on the projects which we have set up, the matter of placing the unemployed to work is a matter of detail which we are prepared to handle expeditiously," Gannon said.

According to statistical information released by Gannon on November 1, 2,457 persons were being employed by the WPA in the state as of October 31 on 71 projects distributed in 39 counties. In addition to these projects the statistics show 3,415 persons were scheduled to work on projects for which funds were allotted but on which operations had not started on the date of the report, making a total of 5,872 persons employed or to be employed on authorized jobs.

"The cold figures revealed by the report do not accurately reflect the activity of the Works Progress Administration in this state," Administrator Gannon said. "We have been handicapped by many obstacles, but most of these have been overcome, and there will be a very rapid movement of men and women from relief rolls to payrolls from now until all employables on relief are placed on the job."

Segregated as to districts Gannon's report shows:-

District No. 1, comprising Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Garfield, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens and Whitman counties, is employing 204 persons with 473 provided for.

District No. 2, Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Franklin, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan, Walla Walla and Yakima counties, 172 persons with 601 provided for.

District No. 3, Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom counties, 788 persons with 1,018 provided for.

District No. 4, Clallam, Jefferson, King and Kitsap counties, 568 persons with 1,904 provided for.

District No. 5, Grays Harbor, Mason, Pierce and Thurston counties, 259 persons with 778 provided for.

District No. 6, Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Pacific, Skamania and Wahkiakum counties, 466 persons, with 1,098 provided for.

The report shows further that other federal agencies throughout the State, including bureaus of the War, Navy, Agriculture, and Treasury Departments, employed the following number of persons, taken from relief and paid for work from funds provided by the \$4,880,000,000 emergency appropriation:

District No. 1, 2,045; District No. 2, 1,001; District No. 3, 1,276; District No. 4, 1,567; District No. 5, 543 and District No. 6, 356--a total of 4,696.

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Seattle, Washington, November 5, 1935.

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Deadline Set on Eligibility for Works Program Jobs.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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Checkmating any possible attempt of employable persons to stampede to relief rolls to obtain preference of employment on Works Progress Administration projects, Harry L. Hopkins, Federal Works Progress Administrator, has instructed George H. Gannon, State Administrator, to accept no person for employment under the Works Program who was not on the relief rolls prior to November 1. The order, Hopkins clearly outlined, does not set aside the executive order, heretofore issued, which permits employment of not to exceed 10 per cent of non-relief workers after relief rolls are exhausted.

"Contrary to prevailing belief, the Works Program is not a measure for meeting the general unemployment problem," Administrator Gannon said. "Congress provided funds only sufficient to transfer employables on relief to projects operated under the Works Program. Therefore, Administrator Hopkins' order will be rigidly enforced. This will effectually stop any attempt to 'crash' the relief rolls when every effort is being made to wipe them out."

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Seattle, Washington, November 5, 1935

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First Compensation Checks Issued for WPA Project Injuries.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Alaska Building,
Seattle, Wash.



Announcing dispatch of initial checks yesterday to injured workmen employed by the Works Progress Administration, George H. Gannon, State Administrator, emphatically stated that he wished it clearly understood that men employed by the WPA, while performing their duties, would not be forgotten men. "In addition to furnishing medical attention and hospitalization", Gannon said, "men injured on the projects will receive compensation for the time lost while injured."

According to the WPA plan of operation, when it is established to the satisfaction of the State Compensation Officer that an employee, receiving security wages, has been disabled for work for more than three days, this officer can authorize the payment of compensation for 30 days, if the disability should last for that period. Should the disability continue beyond the 30-day period, additional compensation will be paid direct by the commission from Washington, D. C.

"Through the operation of a well-organized and capably manned Safety Division, we hope and are justified in expecting that the number of injuries of even a minor nature will be kept to an absolute minimum," Gannon stated.

Seattle, Washington, November 5, 1935

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Alaska Building, Seattle, Wash.

In an order issued last week, George H. Gannon, State Works Progress Administrator, designated Lieut.-Col. H. J. Wild as director of the State WPA Projects and Planning Division.

Colonel Wild is District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, and is thoroughly familiar with all technical problems to be encountered in carrying out the Works Progress Administration's part of the state works program.

"After my contact with the Corps of Army Engineers during a recent trip to Washington, D. C., I was determined to interest this fine organization's regional personnel in the WPA works program in this state," Gannon said. "I received telegraphic advice that Colonel Wild **had** been given permission to become directive head of projects and planning under the WPA in this state. He is also authorized to call upon his staff for such assistance as he may need in his new duties. Having had frequent occasion to consult Colonel Wild during the formative stage of our program, I know his outstanding ability and am more than pleased that he has consented and has received authority to become a vital part of the WPA organization, now that we are entering the phase of intense operative activity. He will be provided space in WPA headquarters in the Alaska Building, and I hope his association with us will continue so long as we have need for his valuable services."

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Seattle, Washington, November 12, 1935

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Alaska Building, Seattle, Wash.

Allotment of \$190,872 Federal funds to the State Works Progress Administration, to provide directors for playground and recreational centers, and to organize groups in physical recreation, dramatics, handcraft and similar activities, is announced by Dr. Frederick M. Lash, State WPA Director of Education. Operation of the project, which covers every community, town and city in every county of the state, and which will afford recreational opportunities and facilities to everyone, young and old, will be started at once.

The personnel will be taken from relief rolls in the various districts. Appointments to the positions of directors will be made through the National Re-Employment Service.

"Under the proposed set-up," Dr. Lash stated, "the directors appointed will organize baseball, football and basketball teams and leagues and instruct in physical education, dramatics and handcraft avocations. Cooperating with park, playfield and school authorities, supplementing their efforts, we hope to render valuable assistance in putting over recreational and play programs. The program, as I view it, will be especially worthwhile in the smaller communities where social intercourse is restricted and athletic contests few and far between. We feel it will be a boon to the young people, although we will welcome the participation of their parents."

In placing the program in operation and carrying it to its culmination, Lash will be aided by Assistant Directors of Education and Recreation in the districts of the state as follows:

District No. 1, James L. Ellis, Realty Building, Spokane; District No. 2, Levi Williams, Masonic Building, Yakima; District No. 3, Mrs. P. Y. Pelegren, Central Building, Everett; District No. 4, J. J. O'Donnell, County-City Building, Seattle; District No. 5, Richard S. Weir, Washington Building, Tacoma; District No. 6, J. G. King, First National Bank Building, Longview.

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Gannon Announces Allotment of Federal Flood Control Funds.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Alaska Building Seattle, Washington

Following the release November 18 of an allotment of Federal funds for flood control and work relief in 12 counties of the State of Washington, announced Tuesday by George H. Gannon, State Administrator of the Works Progress Administration, activity on 10 of the projects in nine counties will be started at once, utilizing labor taken from relief rolls in the localities where the improvements are to be made.

The funds are intended to carry out a \$3,645,000 flood relief project submitted by Administrator Gannon while in Washington, D. C., recently, which was presented by him as a substitute for proposals previously rejected. It may be found impossible to do all the work outlined on the various streams and rivers included out of the funds provided. Decision as to priority of the separate operations will be left to the army engineers in charge.

The initial projects, which will employ 1,300 men, have been set up and will be supervised by Lieut.-Col. H. J. Wild, United States Army District Engineer, recently named director of the State WPA Projects and Planning Division. A central control office, to handle all details incident to the initial and additional projects, which will materialize in rapid sequence, has been opened in the Colman Building in Seattle. This office, Colonel Wild explained, will be manned by army engineers with civilian assistants.

Announcement was also made by Administrator Gannon of the receipt Tuesday, November 19, of advice that Comptroller General McCarl had that day approved a county-wide diking and drainage project in Cowlitz County, involving work in Diking Districts Nos. 1, 2, 5, 11, 13, and 15, and providing for expenditure of \$1,025,000. Now that funds are provided, this work will start shortly.

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Flood control and relief work in the state, for which the sum of \$3,645,000 has been approved, involves snagging the turbulent rivers and creeks, which have caused untold property damages in the past, the installation of dikes, and placing of revetments.

Discussing the flood control project in its entirety, as it is now scheduled, Administrator Cannon said:

"It is a program which will require the utmost cooperation between the State and Federal governments and I have hopes the administration in Washington will see the real need and will cooperate with our State government in undertaking a flood control program which will continue until this pressing problem is satisfactorily and definitely solved. I personally consider the principle of interesting the Federal government to be of greater value to the State of Washington than the mere appropriation of \$3,645,000."

A list of the rivers and streams involved in the project, showing amounts of money to be expended, average number of men to be employed, and the duration of their employment, follows:-

White River, King County, and Puyallup River, Pierce County, a combination improvement, \$224,000, employing 262 men for 10 months.

Jimmy-Come-Lately, McDonald and Seiberts Creeks, and Dungeness River, Clallam County, \$40,950; 53 men for nine months.

Bagley Creek and others, Clallam County, \$6,000; 21 men for four months.

Quillayute River and others, Clallam County, \$21,000; 30 men for eight months.

Skokomish River, Mason County, \$37,000; 62 men for seven months.

Nooksack River, Whatcom County, \$242,000; 201 men for 14 months.

Skagit River, Skagit County, \$216,000; 119 men for 14 months.

Dosewallips River and others, Jefferson County \$36,600; 53 men for eight months.

Stillaguamish River, South Fork and North Fork, Snohomish County, \$161,000;
227 men for 10 months.

Stillaguamish River, Snohomish County, \$285,000; 218 men for 15 months.

Snoqualmie River, Snohomish County, \$240,000; 273 men for 12 months.

Pilchuck River, Snohomish County, \$130,000; 189 men for 10 months.

Sauk River, Snohomish County, \$55,000; 63 men for 12 months.

Skykomish River, Snohomish County, \$78,000; 106 men for 10 months.

Snoqualmie River, King County, \$211,000; 242 men for 10 months.

Green River, King County \$57,000; 57 men for nine months.

Cedar River, King County, \$27,000; 58 men for six months.

Skykomish River, King County, \$65,000; 145 men for six months.

Hoh River and others, Jefferson County, \$43,000; 35 men for 12 months.

Puyallup and Carbon Rivers, Pierce County, \$70,000; 100 men for 9 months.

Yelm Creek, Thurston County, \$16,500; 42 men for 6 months.

Skookumchuck River, Thurston County, \$11,000; 20 men for 8 months.

Des Chutes River, Thurston County, \$19,000; 48 men for six months.

Chehalis River, South Aberdeen, Grays Harbor County, \$18,000; 52 men for
four months.

Skagit River, Skagit County, \$37,000; 70 men for eight months.

Friday Creek and Sanish River, Skagit County, \$104,500; 138 men for
12 months.

Quinalt River and others, Grays Harbor County, \$83,000; 106 men for
10 months.

Chehalis River, Grays Harbor County, \$190,000; 212 men for 11 months.

Goldsborough and Coffee Creeks, Mason County, \$17,000; 55 men for five
months.

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Chehalis River, Thurston County, \$39,000; 82 men for six months.

Mill Creek, Walla Walla County, \$834,500.

An approximate listing of materials required on the various projects includes: 471,540 feet of lumber, 12,162 barrels of cement, 1,601,540 lineal feet of cable, 200,220 pounds of cable, 635 pieces of 14 foot piling, 152 tons of sheet steel piling, 28 tons of relay rails, 24,700 pounds of bolts and rods, 7,600 pounds of nails, and 2,000 pounds of reinforcing steel. Miscellaneous quantities include 77,940 feet of wire mesh, two flood gates, and 15,000 pounds of one-half inch staples.

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Seattle, Washington, November 19, 1935

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Alaska Building Seattle, Washington

Persons on relief who take either private jobs or employment in other Federal agencies will not thus forfeit their eligibility for employment later on Works Progress Administration projects, if they should again become idle. Prevalence of this fear is causing hesitancy among some workers who do not wish to chance losing WPA eligibility, according to A. A. Smick, State WPA Director of Intake and Certification, who today issued the following statement:

"A considerable number of persons in the State of Washington are refusing private employment and assignments to Federal projects other than WPA because they fear that they will lose their eligibility for WPA by such procedure. In order to eliminate the possibility of this condition continuing I am making the following statements:

"First: Persons who have once been certified as eligible for WPA will not lose that eligibility by accepting either of the above mentioned classes of jobs.

"Second: Persons who were on relief between May 1 and October 31, 1935, and accept private employment or work on other Federal projects will not lose their possibility of being certified as eligible for WPA at the termination of that employment.

"Third: As the employment for individuals who have already been certified as eligible for WPA terminates they may reapply to National Re-Employment Service and inform NRS that they are no longer employed, thereby making themselves eligible for assignment to other projects.

"It is the desire of WPA to provide security earnings for as large a percentage of employable certified relief persons as possible while they are awaiting employment in private industry. It is also the desire of WPA to get all unemployed placed in private industry as rapidly as possible. There-

fore WPA desires that it be known that no person will be penalized for individual initiative in seeking private employment. The dole is to be eliminated and we strongly urge all individuals to accept employment offered with the assurance that their eligibility will in no way be affected by accepting such employment."

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Seattle, Washington, November 19, 1935

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Alaska Building Seattle, Washington

An allotment of \$273,750 is announced by George H. Gannon, State Works Progress Administrator, to cover sewing projects for unemployed women in King, Pierce, Spokane, Yakima and Snohomish Counties. The county-wide sewing projects will provide work for women in rural districts who are on relief rolls and living outside the cities.

Operations in King County, under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Beavers, State WPA Director of the Women's Division, were begun with the opening of a sewing room in Kirkland, which will be followed by other small sewing projects around Lake Washington and in rural King County. Spokane and Snohomish Counties have also begun operations as well as Yakima County. Pierce County is making plans to start in the near future.

This project will provide jobs for 85 women from relief rolls in Snohomish County, 107 in King County, 98 in Spokane County, 80 in Pierce County and 47 in Yakima County.

These women will make wearing apparel, bedding, rugs and curtains to be distributed to unemployable and needy persons by welfare agencies.

While the work was started in the outlying districts first, it will be followed immediately with sewing projects for unemployed city women.

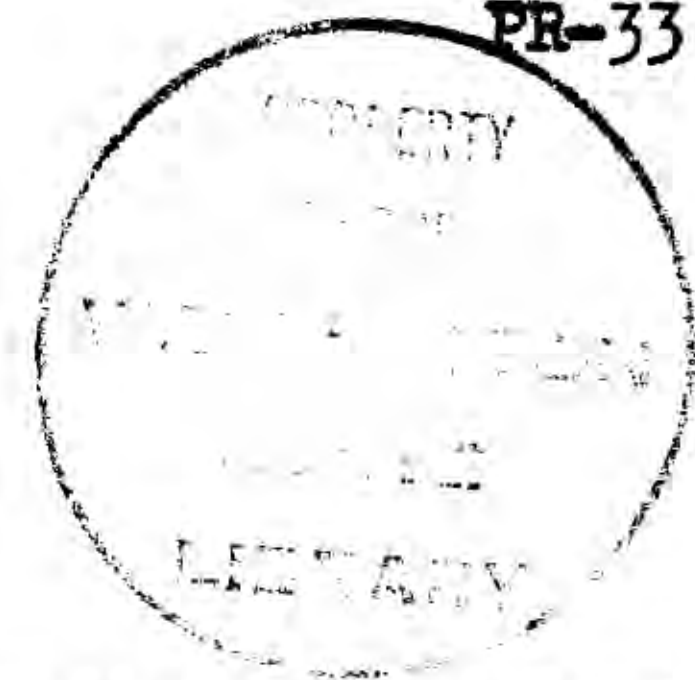
The allotment is to be divided as follows: Yakima County, \$25,000; Spokane County, \$68,750; Pierce County, \$55,000; King County, \$75,000; Snohomish County, \$50,000.

Seattle, Washington, November 27, 1935

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Unemployment Picture Changing, Gannon states.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Alaska Building Seattle, Washington



With the deadline advanced to December 10 when all persons now receiving direct relief must be transferred to work relief payrolls, George H. Gannon, Works Progress Administration head for the State of Washington, today announced the unemployment picture is being changed as rapidly as is humanly possible and that success of the Administration's plan to place people to work appears assured.

Quoting figures released by the statistical bureau of the WPA on November 26, Administrator Gannon stated 10,608 persons, formerly receiving relief vouchers, are at present employed on 366 WPA projects throughout the state. "In addition to the number reported as working," he said, "14,447 additional persons have been requisitioned for projects for which funds have been allotted and 23,535 persons have been provided for on projects which will soon be placed in operation by the Works Progress Administration".

Other Federal agencies in the State, including bureaus of Agriculture, Commerce, Interior, Labor, Navy, Treasury and War departments, were employing 5,031 persons from relief on the date mentioned, Gannon stated.

Of 1,515 projects submitted to Washington, D.C., since the inauguration of the Works Progress Administration's program, 1,122 have received Presidential approval and 853 have been approved by Comptroller General J. R. McCarl. The sum of \$14,766,380 has been allotted to state projects, Gannon reported.

Approvals of several state-wide projects, including State Fisheries, Surplus Commodity Distribution, mineral surveys and others, have been received by the state offices of the WPA and as soon as breakdowns of the projects by districts and counties have been completed, they will be placed in operation, providing employment for hundreds of persons now depending on relief.

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Dole to End in Five Northwestern Counties

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Alaska Building Seattle, Washington

To Works Progress Administration, District No. 3, comprising the counties of Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom, goes the distinction of being the first of the six WPA districts in the State to shift its eligible employable men from relief rolls to payrolls. This information was wired to George H. Gannon, State Works Progress Administrator, yesterday by L. E. Tewksbury, Director of District No. 3, from Everett, who reported: "All eligible males in the counties comprising this district have been notified to report for employment on work relief projects not later than November 29. All persons requisitioned in San Juan County are working."

According to figures supplied by the statistical division of the State Works Progress Administration, on November 25 the registered relief load in District No. 3 was 7,482.

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Gannon Cites Outstanding WPA Projects

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Alaska Building, Seattle, Washington

Outstanding among the numerous meritorious projects instituted by the Works Progress Administration since its inception, designed to replace direct relief with work relief, is the half-million dollar purification and beautification program recently undertaken at Green Lake, site of municipal bathing beaches and playgrounds in the heart of Seattle's North-End residential district.

From the viewpoint of sanitation and recreation, this work, authorities agree, will be of permanent value, restoring to active use three bathing beaches which of late years have been more or less shunned because of algae, mud and sludge which foul the lake from bottom to surface, particularly during most of the outdoor swimming season. Aside from the purification program, this WPA project also provides for landscaping and beautifying the shores of the lake, such work to follow initial steps in the purification program.

Reports placed before George H. Gannon, State Administrator, Works Progress Administration, yesterday, stated 200 men are now employed on the Green Lake project with 100 additional security wage earners scheduled to augment this force as the work progresses.

One six-inch dredge was placed in operation on December 3 and another dredge of 12-inch size, now being constructed on the site, will be in operation within a few days.

The improvement in its entirety, it was stated, will be completed in time for the 1936 bathing season.

A few outstanding projects being forwarded by the Works Progress Administration throughout the six districts of the State, selected as to their permanent value to the people of the areas in which they are located, and the capacity for absorbing relief labor, include the following:

Laying 1,000 feet of new pipe line in East Leavenworth, Chelan County,

District No. 2, and constructing a 1,000,000 gallon reservoir excavated from solid rock with rock embankments, lined with reinforced concrete. This project, is now giving employment to 48 men with additional forces scheduled to go to work as the job progresses. Federal funds in the amount of \$13,076 were allotted this project. The sponsor's contribution is \$15,352.30.

Minter Creek Biological Station, in District 4, involving the construction of a regular operating salmon hatchery, fish racks and rearing ponds. Located 10 miles south of Port Orchard, near Purdy, this improvement is titled a state-wide project. Employment for 300 men is provided, with 115 relief workers at present employed. Federal funds to the extent of \$20,548.81 were allotted for the work and the sponsor's contribution was \$13,513.74.

Metropolitan Park District in Tacoma, Pierce County, District No. 5, calling for the completion of heavy grading, originally started by the Civil Works Administration, and finishing an improvement at Wapato Lake, by erecting such public buildings as needed, with water supply, drainage, landscaping and seeding; also constructing walks and drives. The park covers 53 acres, about 50 per cent of which is in lake and swamp. Federal funds in the sum of \$103,073.44 have been allotted to the project and the sponsor's contribution was \$2,782.51. The project was set up to give 112 man-years of employment, and at the present time, during the early stages of the work, 44 men are on the job, this number being increased almost daily.

Repairing and improving various roads in Whatcom County, District No. 3, the work calling for clearing, grubbing, grading, widening shoulders on paved roads, and ditching. Federal funds in the sum of \$511,450 have been allotted to this project, and the sponsor's contribution is \$27,330.30. The project is now employing 672 residents of Whatcom County, previously on relief.

Clearing, grubbing right-of-way, cleaning and repairing ditches and shoulders on 600 miles of roads in Snohomish County, District No. 3, the work calling for expenditure of \$550,750 in Federal funds and \$5,750 supplied by the sponsor. At

this time 579 men, residents of Snohomish County taken from the relief rolls, are engaged in this work.

As of December 2, Administrator Gannon stated, 399 projects, employing security wage workers paid from Federal funds, are now operating in the State of Washington, the programs involving waterworks installations, street and road work, flood and slide control projects, park and recreational improvements and undertakings of similar nature, each specifically designed not only to give work to relief labor but to benefit the various communities as well.

One thousand two hundred and nine projects have received Presidential approval, Gannon stated, and 1,006 have been allotted funds by Comptroller General J. R. McCarl.

On the first of the month, in excess of 30,000 workers had been assigned to WPA projects and more than 25,000 were actually at work. Other Federal agencies were employing 5,103 persons.

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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Seattle, Wash.



As the result of efforts put forth by George H. Gannon, State Administrator of the Works Progress Administration, cooperating with city officials and numerous golf authorities of Seattle, the construction of the West Seattle municipal golf course will be planned by Howard Chandler Egan, noted golf authority and one-time holder of the National Amateur championship. The project calls for the expenditure of \$328,434 of Federal funds.

Immediately following the announcement that Egan had been selected to plan this course, the third municipal links in Seattle, initial work of laying out the 18-hole plant was started by Seattle Park Board and Works Progress Administration engineers following the design evolved by Egan. Active construction is scheduled to be started as men, materials and equipment can be placed on the site, it was stated.

The improvement, which in its ultimate development will include a large club house, putting greens, tennis courts, handball courts, casting pools and recreational features of like nature, is located on a 208-acre site overlooking Elliott Bay and the Olympic range.

The project, as set up by the Works Progress Administration and announced by Administrator Gannon, will afford employment for 491 men, taken from King county relief rolls, for a period of 10 months.

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
ALASKA BUILDING
Seattle, Wash.



Following the approval of 214 projects in the six districts of the State of Washington early this week by Comptroller General J. R. McCarl, announcement was made by George H. Gannon, State Works Progress Administrator, that work on these improvements will be started as soon as men, requisitioned from existing relief rolls, can be placed in the field. The project list calls for expenditure of \$6,368,903 in Federal funds.

Approximately 8,000 persons will be required to forward the new work to be inaugurated in the various cities, towns and municipalities and 39 counties of the State. Many of the jobs receiving McCarl's recent approval, Gannon pointed out, were set up for 10 months duration, others for shorter lengths of time.

Included in the projects, which call for a large amount of street and road work, improvements to parks and playgrounds, water-main installations, sewers, remodeling and repairs to 54 separate school properties, and numerous other activities, the following larger objectives, Gannon explained, will go far in absorbing the relief load in the localities to be benefited.

The projects specifically outlined by the Administrator includes the following:

Slide control in 33 districts in Seattle, the work, aimed to arrest earth movements and serious slides which in the past have blocked streets and damaged property, being a continuation of CWA and WERA activities. Allotment \$518,542.

Improvement of parks and boulevards in Seattle by building paths, picnic shelters, grading and sloping banks, landscaping, draining and the like, the improvements covering 17 areas in the city. Allotment \$490,159.

Construction of ~~nine-to-market~~ and ~~farm-to-market~~ roads in 16 counties of the State. Allotment \$1,637,500.

State-wide pest extermination, including orchard pests (codling moths, aphids, etc.), morning glory plants and Mormon and Coulee crickets, a project sponsored by the State Department of Agriculture. Allotment \$417,456.

Improvement of Borst Park in Centralia, Lewis County, the work involving the construction of an athletic field, golf course, grand stand, play apparatus, the installation of flood lighting apparatus and certain sanitary facilities. Allotment \$129,268.

Construction of an 18-hole municipal golf course in West Seattle, with other playfield facilities including handball and tennis courts, casting pool, and putting greens. Allotment \$328,434.

Arboretum and botanical garden, covering a 200-acre site on the Lake Washington Ship Canal opposite the University of Washington campus in Seattle, a project originally started under WERA. Allotment \$157,899.

For maintenance and operation of sewing rooms in the city of Seattle, \$144,172, and for a similar purpose in Yakima county, \$82,750.

For the installation, maintenance and operation of sewing, canning and furniture repairing projects at six locations in King County. Allotment \$452,029.

Five hundred and twenty one projects are now operating in the State, Gannon stated, and Comptroller McCarl has allotted \$14,772,388 to carry out the project improvements.

Seattle, Washington, December 10, 1935

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
ALASKA BUILDING
Seattle, Wash.

The spectre of want, which for several years past has stalked in the open, bringing distress to the hearts of the unemployed, particularly at this time of the year, will be driven into the shadows this Yule-Tide season by Federal dollars, disbursed in this state by the Works Progress Administration.

A pronouncement to this effect was made yesterday by George H. Gannon, State Works Progress Administrator, who stated that during the period from December 16 to December 24, Christmas Eve, a sum approximating \$369,320, representing security earnings paid to project and administrative workers identified with the WPA in the 39 counties of the State, will have been distributed.

"This outlay of Federal money to approximately 31,000 persons heretofore on relief rolls, will do much toward lightening their loads and reviving the Christmas spirit," Gannon said. "The Works Progress Administration is glad to serve as the distributing agency."

In the six districts of the State of Washington, pre-Christmas payrolls will be distributed as follows:

District No. 1 (Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Garfield, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens and Whitman Counties), \$32,850.

District No. 2 (Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Franklin, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan, Yakima and Walla Walla Counties), \$32,250.

District No. 3 (Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom Counties), \$84,470.

District No. 4 (Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap and King Counties), \$135,100.

District No. 5 (Grays Harbor, Mason, Pierce and Thurston Counties), \$53,350.

District No. 6 (Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Pacific, Skamania and Wahkiakum Counties), \$31,300.

Seattle, Washington, December 17, 1935

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
ALASKA BUILDING
Seattle, Wash.

Five hundred and fifty four projects, employing 27,243 security wage workers taken from the relief rolls of the 39 counties in the State of Washington, are now operating under the direction of the Works Progress Administration, George H. Gannon, State Administrator, announced yesterday. These projects, involving flood control programs, particularly in the Puget Sound area, street and road work in practically every county of the State, renovating, repairing and modernizing school structures, waterworks and sewer installations, park and playfield improvements and work of like nature, involves an expenditure of \$13,503,309 in Federal funds and \$1,405,658.75 in sponsors contributions.

Early in the week Gannon announced initial construction started on nine projects in four counties of the State, in addition to those heretofore named, the work providing for the immediate employment of approximately 400 men, which number will be greatly increased as the operations advance. These improvements, involving an outlay of \$356,009.18 in Federal funds and \$17,519 in sponsor's contributions, include flood control work in King County, fire hazard reduction, lawn, zoo, arboretum, path and roadway improvements in city parks of Tacoma; reconditioning unpaved streets in Tacoma; cleaning, sandpapering and revarnishing interior woodwork in 27 city schools in Spokane and widening and installing a street lighting system on Main avenue and Adams street in Ritzville.

The flood control projects in King County, one on the South Fork of the Skykomish River, and the other on the Snoqualmie River near Fall City, will employ approximately 100 men at the start but equipment and materials being assembled and rushed to the scene of operations assure early employment of larger working forces on these projects.

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Work in the Spokane city schools, park work in Tacoma and roadwork in Tacoma and Pierce county, included in the projects last released for operation, Gannon pointed out, is of the same character as is being carried out in various counties of the 39 in the State of Washington.

"The improvements, repairs and additions the Works Progress Administration is making in various parts of the State are worth-while and sorely needed," Gannon said. "Cooperation of the sponsors of the projects is hearty and exceedingly gratifying and the security wage workers on the projects are doing excellent work. Their spirit, loyalty and appreciation are unquestioned."

Statistical reports made to Administrator Gannon, covering expenditures of Federal funds since the inception of the Works Progress Administration on July 1 up to and including November 30, shows that \$1,069,517.16 has been disbursed. Of this sum, \$46,960.85 has been paid to high school and college students between the ages of 16 and 25 years, from relief families, who were placed on projects approved for assignments from the National Youth Administration. This sum goes almost wholly for student aid.

Seattle, Washington, December 17, 1935.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Alaska Building Seattle, Washington

"A total of nearly 37,000 men and women, formerly representing the greater portion of the State relief load, can face the new year with little fear for the immediate future," George H. Gannon, State Works Progress Administrator, announced on the last day of the old year. "They are working and being paid a security wage'. The day of the dole for them is done. The New Year should be a happy event."

Since the inception of the Federal Works Program, Gannon stated, 546 work projects have been placed in operation in the 39 counties of the State and many others will be added to replace those completed prior to the end of the program scheduled for June 30.

Statistics released to Gannon by the Finance and Reports division of the State office in Seattle set out the following information regarding numbers of projects operating and workers employed in the six districts of the State.

District No. 1 (10 counties with headquarters in Spokane) - 76 projects employing 4,477 persons.

District No. 2 (10 counties with headquarters in Yakima) - 69 projects employing 2,277 persons.

District No. 3 (5 counties with headquarters in Everett) - 79 projects employing 6,919 persons.

District No. 4 (4 counties with headquarters in Seattle) - 120 projects employing 7,373 persons.

District No. 5 (4 counties with headquarters in Tacoma) - 123 projects employing 7,378 persons.

District No. 6 (6 counties with headquarters in Longview) - 79 projects employing 2,748 persons.

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A state-wide project, Gannon explained, is employing 119 persons at this time, and other Federal agencies are utilizing the services of 5,167, who receive the security wage from 1935 relief appropriation funds.

Since the beginning of the program, Gannon said, Presidential approval has been received on 1,807 projects in the State and Comptroller General J.R.McCarl authorized the financing of 1,672 projects.

Seattle, Washington, December 31, 1935.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
ALASKA BUILDING
Seattle, Wash.

Six street, road and park improvement projects, designed to afford continuous employment to Works Progress Administration workers, involving an allotment of \$2,055,964, Federal funds, have received governmental approval, George H. Gannon, State Works Progress Administrator, announced Tuesday. Allotment of funds was made by Comptroller General J. R. McCarl.

"These projects", Administrator Gannon explained, "are located in Spokane, Pierce and Grays Harbor Counties. They are termed 'reservoir' projects and will be utilized to absorb WPA labor which has been assured continuous employment. "In other words," Gannon stated, "'security wage' workers, employed on a works project in the completion stage, can be transferred if necessary to a reservoir project without loss of time. These projects, involving mainly streets and roads, can be easily broken down into small units and no loss will accrue if only a portion of the approved project is completed."

The largest of the reservoir projects, located in Spokane, provides for city-wide grading and gravel surfacing of city streets, calling for 415,000 cubic yards of grading, 200,000 cubic yards of surfacing and other improvements. The allotment for the project is \$660,265, but in all probability, Gannon stated, the entire sum will not be spent for the work designated.

The second largest project, located in Grays Harbor County, calls for clearing and grubbing right-of-way, cleaning and repairing and otherwise improving 501 miles of roads. These roads are not in the Federal highway system and are in addition to road projects in the Grays Harbor area heretofore specifically approved. The allotment for the project is \$454,570.

Other projects included in the \$2,055,964 allotment include the following:

Ward No. 5, Tacoma - Clearing, grading; draining and graveling 34.91 miles unimproved streets. Allotment \$269,348.

Ward No. 6, Tacoma - Clearing, grading and surfacing 29.6 miles of unimproved streets. Allotment \$237,660.

Ward No. 8, Tacoma - Clearing, draining, grading and surfacing 29.6 miles of unimproved streets. Allotment \$217,865.

Point Defiance Park, Tacoma - Clearing beach, extending park area, repairing abandoned concrete bathing pool, resurfacing tennis courts and the installation of a new irrigation system for grassed areas. The Metropolitan Park District is sponsoring this project, for which \$216,256 has been allotted.

Seattle, Washington, January 7, 1936

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Alaska Building Seattle, Washington

Plans for the inauguration of a correspondence and extension study project on the college level, designed to benefit high school graduates unable to proceed with their educational programs because of lack of funds, have been announced by George H. Gannon, State Works Progress Administrator. The project, covering the 39 counties of the state, will be financed with Federal funds and will be placed in operation at once.

"Unofficial figures," Gannon stated, "place the number of potential students who have graduated from the state's high schools and are unable to continue anticipated college courses, at approximately 25,000. The numerous state institutions of learning, including the University of Washington, Washington State College, the State Normal Schools, and the various denominational colleges in the state, have agreed to cooperate with the Federal government in seeing that no student shall be handicapped in his quest for knowledge. When the schools and colleges agreed to accept credits earned in the Works Progress Administration's correspondence and extension courses, the door of opportunity swung wide for these students."

As planned, the correspondence division of the project will be maintained in State Headquarters of the Works Progress Administration in Seattle, and the extension classes in the centers in the various counties where groups can be got together easily and instructed by teachers recruited in those centers.

The program will be administered by Dr. Frederick M. Lash, State WPA Director of Education, who has assigned Pamela Pearl Jones, formerly of the English Department of the University of Washington, to the post of State Coordinator.

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"The number of teachers to be employed," Dr. Lash said, "will depend upon the number of enrollments for the various courses, but no teachers will have less than the B.A. degree."

The person who wishes to enroll for either correspondence or extension class must meet two requirements: must be able to carry college work, which in this state is interpreted to mean graduation from high school; must prove to the County Advisory Committee of the NYA financial inability to attend an institution of higher learning.

Application for enrollment must be made to the advisory committees in the several counties, which in turn will send names of eligibles to Dr. Lash. The personnel of these committees is now being named.

Institutions which have indorsed the project and have agreed to cooperate to the fullest extent include the following: University of Washington, Washington State College, Bellingham State Normal, Cheney State Normal, Ellensburg State Normal, College of Puget Sound, Centralia Junior College, Grays Harbor Junior College, Mount Vernon Junior College, Yakima Valley Junior College, Whitworth College, Whitman College, Gonzaga University, Pacific Lutheran College, St. Martin's College, Seattle College, Seattle Pacific College, Walla Walla College, Clark Junior College, Spokane Junior College, Lower Columbia Junior College, and Holy Names Junior College,

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Seattle, Washington, January 14, 1936

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Alaska Building Seattle, Washington

Cooperating with sponsoring agencies, including school boards, Parent-Teacher Associations and the Grange, the State Works Progress Administration is initiating hot lunch projects designed to prepare and serve suitable midday meals to under-nourished school children from relief families.

This announcement was made yesterday by George H. Gannon, State Works Progress Administrator, who stated that Comptroller General J. R. McCarl has approved these projects throughout the various counties of the state and that 189 schools in the rural districts have availed themselves of the opportunity afforded.

"The program will be enlarged to cover other schools in the counties when sponsors come forward requesting Federal aid and assuring cooperation," Gannon said.

The project in its entirety is being administered by Mrs. Nancy Beavers, State WPA Woman's Consultant, with headquarters in Seattle. Women employed to supervise the projects in the districts and to prepare and serve the food in schools which do not afford this service are requisitioned from the relief rolls in the districts where the projects operate. In full operation the project would employ approximately 450 relief women. Federal regulations require that women so employed must come from relief sources, Gannon stated. Food articles called for in preparation of the lunches must be supplied by sponsoring agencies, as the Federal allotment does not cover other than wages for supervisors and cooks.

"In my opinion, this program, which means so much to children of many parents in uncertain circumstances, is among the most worthwhile yet undertaken. Its true worth cannot be discounted," Gannon said.

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
ALASKA BUILDING, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

The Federal Works Program in the State of Washington is bringing substantial benefits to numbers of unemployed in the State who have not been driven to the relief rolls as well as to those who hold relief status, official figures released yesterday show. These non-relief workers, employed by other Federal agencies, identified with the Works Program, including the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Interior, Labor, Treasury and War, as well as the Public Works Administration, is now employing approximately 3,000 persons taken from the unemployed ranks, but who were not accepting relief.

"In some minds there is an opinion that the Federal Works Program is being carried on with relief labor only," George H. Gannon, State Works Progress Administrator, stated. "I would like to dispell that impression. It is entirely erroneous. The Works Progress Administration's program, with the exception of a very few persons, listed as supervisors and skilled mechanics, permitted under the ten percent non-relief preferential, is being carried on with relief labor only, it is true, but the other Federal agencies referred to, are utilizing the services of many non-relief people.

"The Bureau of Public Roads, operating under the Department of Agriculture," Gannon pointed out, "is employing 684 non-relief cases as compared to 123 relief persons; the Bureau of Reclamation is using 303 non-relief persons, taking none from relief and the Public Works Administration has absorbed 334 non-relief men, using only 140 persons taken from the first priority relief rolls."

The Navy Department, the figures show, at the present time is employing 70 non-relief men and the Corps of Engineers and the Quartermaster's corps 69.

Rulings have been made by Gannon whereby the 90-10 rule regarding relief labor has been eliminated so far as projects operated under the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works (PWA jobs) is concerned. As these projects, such as the State Buildings at Olympia, University of Washington, Sedro Woolley, Bellingham,

Cheney and Ellensburg Normal Schools, State College, Medical Lake, Steilacoom and Vancouver are just getting started, this ruling should very materially relieve the situation so far as unemployed skilled non-relief labor is concerned.

Also all State Highway work will use more than 50 percent non-relief labor. These contracts are just being let, with work starting throughout the state in the next two weeks.

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Seattle, Washington, February 1, 1936

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
ALASKA BUILDING, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

A pest extermination program in Yakima County, sponsored by the State Department of Agriculture to employ 780 security wage workers divided into 40 crews, is announced by George H. Gannon, State Works Progress Administrator, with the statement that the project is but one of several noteworthy undertakings which swung into action the past few days.

The project involves the preservation of not less than 2,000,000 fruit trees. Already approximately a thousand orchardists in Yakima County, where the principal occupation is fruit growing, have asked to have their trees scraped, Gannon said. The work provides for scraping loose bark from the trees and burning the refuse, destroying the cocoons which hibernate on the leafless branches during the winter months, emerging in the spring as butterflies, later laying eggs which produce worms.

"Authorities state," Gannon pointed out, "that if the pests are not exterminated, an enormous proportion of the annual fruit crop is destroyed. Numerous instances have been disclosed where literally hundreds of trees have been reduced to total worthlessness by these pests."

Other projects which have begun initial operations recently, announced by Gannon, include:

Construction of fish rearing ponds on a five-acre tract in Whatcom Falls Park, in Bellingham.

Reconditioning approximately 60 miles of county roads on Orcas Island, the work involving clearing, grubbing, grading ditch-widening and similar operations.

Road repairing on the Tulalip Indian Reservation, an improvement known as the Priest Point project, employing "50-50-" crews, Indians and white men.

A timber cruise in Whatcom County, the first to have been attempted since 1910.

Landscaping and drainage of highways in the Lago Vista district, in King County, a project now employing 21 workers.

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Seattle, Washington, February 4, 1936

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
ALASKA BUILDING, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Federal agencies in the state of Washington other than the Works Progress Administration, but drawing funds from emergency appropriations, are employing 9,541 relief and non-relief persons in forwarding work undertaken in the six districts of the state, and of this number, George H. Gannon, Works Progress Administrator, announced yesterday, 4,531 were taken from relief rolls. The official figures are as of February 1.

Figures quoted by Gannon show that in District No.1, headquarters in Spokane, 884 relief persons are employed by other Federal agencies as compared to 226 non-relief; District No.2, Yakima, 329 relief, 110 non-relief; District No.3, Everett, 202 relief, 99 non-relief; District No.4, Seattle, 1,875 relief, 304 non-relief; District No.5, Tacoma, 960 relief, 215 non-relief; District No.6, Longview, 333 relief, 144 non-relief.

The multi-counties subdivision, which covers work being done for the Department of the Interior, including work at Coulee Dam, and irrigation and reclamation work elsewhere, is employing 3,912 persons from non-relief sources and 18 taken from relief rolls.

In a further breakdown of the official employment figures, Gannon shows other Federal agencies are utilizing relief labor as follows:

Department of Agriculture, 1,517 male and 27 female; Department of Commerce, 125 male and 5 female; Department of Interior, 18 male; Department of Labor, 3 female; Navy Department, 1, 290 male and 9 female; Public Works Administration (non-Federal), 66 male; Resettlement Administration, 278 male and 3 female; Treasury Department, 127 male and 108 female; Department of War, 948 male and 7 female.

The largest number of relief workers required by other Federal agencies, 1,811 male and 64 female, come from District 4, Gannon said. This district comprises King, Kitsap, Clallam and Jefferson counties.

A considerable proportion of workers, both relief and non-relief, employed in Federal agencies other than the Works Progress Administration are paid prevailing rather than security wages.

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Seattle, Washington, February 11, 1936

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
ALASKA BUILDING SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Washington state's delegation of educators called to attend the conference of state directors of education of the Works Progress Administration, to be held in St. Louis on February 21 and 22, is headed by Dr. Frederick M. Lash, State Director of Education. Lash, representing Dr. Dorothy B. Nyswander, regional director of professional projects of the WPA in the 11 western states, left Seattle on Monday, February 17, expecting to be away from state headquarters until early in March.

Considered an authority on adult education, Dr. Lash will discuss "The Professional Aspect of Adult Emergency Education" at the St. Louis conference.

The meeting of the state directors of education, as now planned, will be followed by a convention of the National Education Association, division of superintendence, and this meeting, to extend from February 24 to February 28, will be attended by Dr. Lash and the Seattle delegation.

The Seattle educators now in St. Louis include: Dean Willis L. Uhl, Dr. F. F. Powers and Dr. Edgar M. Draper of the University of Washington faculty; Miss Helen M. Reynolds, president of the American Association for Childhood Education and director of the kindergarten-primary education in Seattle public schools, and Worth McClure, superintendent of Seattle schools.

Seattle, Washington, February 18, 1936

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
ALASKA BUILDING, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Approval by Comptroller General J. R. McCarl of 21 additional work projects in the state, received in Seattle February 17 and announced by George H. Gannon, Works Progress Administrator, provide for large numbers of relief workers, including skilled mechanics and supervisory staffs.

"The new projects," Gannon stated, "will take care of WPA workers who would necessarily be released from projects upon completion of work on which they are now engaged, but additional improvements will assure continuous employment."

McCarl's approvals, covering work in 17 counties, provide for elimination of dangerous curves on certain highways, street and road improvements, betterments to existing water systems, renovizing and otherwise improving school structures, widening and straightening drainage ditches, and work of similar nature. The various undertakings, it was stated, will be started at the discretion of the directors of the WPA in the districts where they are located.

A brief resume of the projects announced by Gannon follows:

Road improvement in Benton County, including elimination of dangerous curves, raising grade in washed out places, removal of slides and clearing brush on blind curves to improve vision.

Providing for free home assistance in homes of the needy in Spokane County where housewife is totally or partially incapacitated.

A survey concerning the administration of local government in the State of Washington and financial practices and conditions of the cities, towns and counties. Headquarters of this project sponsored by the University of Washington, will be located in Seattle.

Installing a water system in LaCenter, Clark County, including clearing and grubbing for supply line from the diversion dam to the reservoir, reservoir

excavation, ditching, laying pipe and backfilling and construction of a concrete reservoir.

Repairing, widening and straightening existing drainage ditches and construction of concrete flood gate at Ilwaco, Pacific County.

Opening one mile of road (11th Street) from south city limits of Edmonds, Snohomish County.

Painting building and laying new floor in the school building at Alpha in Lewis County.

Improvements of grounds of School District No. 105, Okanogan, including new fence and retaining wall and installation of water pipe.

Establishing a permanent system of filing and repairing library books in Mukilteo, Snohomish County.

Cataloging and mending library books in the Centralia high school.

Uncovering, salvaging and backfilling 3,260 feet of pipe and laying 1,000 lineal feet of wood stave pipe; also clearing and leveling right of way along pipe lines, 9,400 lineal feet, and clearing and leveling along canal banks, 29,646 feet, in Kennewick, Benton County.

Grading, draining and surfacing with two-course crushed gravel, certain streets in Waterville, Douglas County.

Topping dangerous trees, removing debris and repair of fire protection water line near North Bend, King County.

Widening road near Port Townsend, Jefferson County, thereby eliminating dangerous curves.

Raze existing grade school building and replace with brick veneer structure at Angle Lake, King County.

Improve scenic and sanitary conditions of McMillin water reservoir site, Tacoma.

Cleaning existing ditches and digging new drainage ditches near Marietta, Whatcom, County.

Clearing, ditching, repairing culverts. on all second-class county roads in District No.1, Kelso, Cowlitz County.

Work on new building code, including assembling records, rearranging building files and permits; compiling, indexing and tabulation of sewer system in Spokane.

Clearing, grubbing, excavating, widening, ditching and gravel surfacing near Mount Vernon.

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Seattle, Washington, February 18, 1936

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Alaska Building Seattle, Washington



In recognition of his outstanding efforts in adult education work in this State, Dr. Frederick M. Lash, Director of Education for the Works Progress Administration, was named vice president of the newly-formed National Association of Directors of Emergency Education. Also, at the convention of State Directors of Education held in St. Louis recently, Lash was appointed chairman of a committee to make arrangements for the meeting of the Adult Education Department of the National Education Association to be held in Portland, Oregon, during the summer.

"We have 67,348 persons enrolled in our emergency educational classes at this time," Lash stated, "and expect to increase this number to 100,000 before the year is over. Our work in the field of adult education, covering diversified subjects, is designed to make opportunities for the development of the human intellect in order that everyone may be equipped mentally to assist in solving the complicated problems of existence."

Headquarters for the State Department of Emergency Education, operated under the Works Progress Administration with Federal funds, are located in Seattle.

Seattle, Washington, March 2, 1936.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Alaska Building Seattle, Washington



"Additional assurance of continuous employment for many thousand security wage workers for the remaining period of the Federal works program is given through the release of 35 projects in 12 counties of the State by Comptroller General J. R. McCarl."

This announcement was made last week by George H. Gannon, State Works Progress Administrator, who said 95 projects had been approved by McCarl during the month of February for operation in this State. The projects, covering various lines of endeavor, are designed to give employment to all classes and they will be placed in operation at the discretion of the directors of the WPA program in the various districts. Several factors, including the actual need of the project, weather conditions, and types of labor available, are considered before definite decisions are made, Gannon pointed out.

A brief resume of the more recent approvals, giving locations and nature of the projects, follows:

SNOHOMISH COUNTY (Edmonds) - Clear, grub, drain and surface streets adjacent to high school athletic field. (Everett) - Installing 1,300 feet of water main from the intersection of Colby and Fifth to the American Legion Park.

STEVENS COUNTY (Colville) - Farm-to-market road, grading, installing culverts and bridges and surfacing six miles of the Gold Creek Road.

EPOKANE COUNTY (Rockford) - Construction of dike along the east shore of Rock Creek in block K. (Deer Park) - General repairs to city streets; also, leveling playgrounds at Otis Orchards.

YAKIMA COUNTY (Yakima) - Construct sanitary sewer in area bounded by Washington Street, Eleventh Avenue, Lenox Avenue and Twelfth Avenue; repairing riprap retaining wall for county road along Yakima River in Section 17. (Wapato) - Grading all streets and alleys in the town not covered in a WPA project specifically approved. (Yakima) - City-wide grading, leveling and landscaping, seven city parks. (Buena) - Grading and seeing and landscaping school grounds.

KING COUNTY - County-wide project calling for readers for hospitals, old people's homes, institutions for the blind and for shut-ins who have no other form of entertainment, (Seattle) - Installing 4-inch water main on Meridian Avenue and other streets. (Kirkland) - Grading and laying wooden sidewalks. (Duwamish) - Construct frame fire house with hose tower in Duwamish Fire Protection Dist. No. 1 (Seattle) - Clearing, grading and draining Twenty Fifth Avenue N.E. from East Sixty - Street to East Eighty-Fourth Street. (Auburn) - Clear and burn brush from six acres at Coal Creek Springs and West Springs. (Seattle) - Trim trees and shrubs that interfere with power and light wires and make similar improvements on the grounds of the City Central and branch libraries. (Seattle) - Repair fence, grandstand and bleachers and make similar improvements on the grounds of the Civic Auditorium and Arena.

WHATCOM COUNTY - County-wide project, furnishing hot lunches to undernourished children from families on relief. (Bellingham) - Improvement of school grounds and repair of school buildings at 14 schools in the city. (Bellingham and Blaine) - Construction docks, piers, floats and approaches, in addition to projects applied for or approved. (Blaine) - Landscaping and planting and otherwise improving area around the Sam Hill Memorial Park. (Delta) - Clearing, grubbing and grading certain roads in Delta Township.

PACIFIC COUNTY (North Cove) - Survey for lateral ditches for irrigation and runoff purposes. (South Bend) - Alta Vista sanitary sewer construction.

LEWIS COUNTY (Centralia) - Improvements and repairs to city's gravity water pipe line; construct three tennis courts and generally improve school grounds.

PIERCE COUNTY (Tacoma) - Grade, landscape and build road on Alaska street reservoir site; also grade and landscape North End and other reservoir sites. (Orting) - Clearing, grubbing, reforestation, draining, road building, and similar work at State Soldier's Home. (Milton) - Constructing macadam sidewalks, repairing 3,700 feet of board sidewalk and installation of cribbing to prevent slides.

ISLAND COUNTY (Utsalady) - Widening and improving existing roads between Utsalady and Stanwood.

KITSAP COUNTY (Bremerton) - Improvement of Winfield Avenue from city limits to Trenton Avenue, by clearing, grubbing grading and graveling; also paving with one-course concrete the alley between Fifth and Sixth streets, from Hewett to Naval avenue.

KITTITAS COUNTY (Ellensburg) - Construct a building for exhibition and research activities in connection with geology, paleontology and anthropology at ~~Cle Elum~~ Petrified Forest, a Washington State park on the Columbia river. (Roslyn) - Constructing approximately 2,200 linear feet of road from pipe line bridge across Cle Elum River.

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Seattle, Washington, March 2, 1936

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Alaska Building Seattle, Washington



The second list of civil works projects, approved by Comptroller General J. R. McCarl during March and announced by George H. Gannon, State Works Progress Administrator, includes 23 projects located in 13 counties, the proposed improvements covering repairs and additions to existing school buildings, installation of watermains and sewers, construction of a four-room school building at Auburn, fish rearing ponds at Issaquah, and work of similar nature.

King County leads in the number of approvals in the last list with seven, Thurston, Spokane, Pierce and Clark counties following with two approved projects each. The remaining counties of the 13 affected received one approval each.

"These new approved projects," Gannon stated, "will be operated when and if the WPA directors in the various districts of the State see fit. The directors know the conditions in their districts and are charged with the responsibility of keeping the works program moving. Selecting suitable projects to keep the relief load employed is their job."

A brief resume of the latest list of projects follows:

KING COUNTY (Seattle) - Installation of steel water mains in Local Improvement District No. 2 of Water District No. 20; construct a sewer system on 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th Avenues West and Whaley Place, each from West Dravus Street to West Bertona Street; also constructing a sewer on West Bertona Street, from 27th Avenue West to an existing sewer on Gilman Avenue; clearing, draining and paving 30th Avenue N. E. from Victory Way to 145th Street; provide for free home assistance in house work and caring for children in the homes of the needy where the housewife is totally or partially incapacitated. (Auburn) - Construction of a four-room brick veneer school building, and clearing, grubbing and grading 10 acres of land and constructing a rubble retaining wall. (Kent) - Gravel fill in front of auditorium and old school building; carpentry repairs and construction of passage way from new to old school building; grade, drain and ditch ball field, also paint school structures, interior and exterior. (Issaquah) - Landscaping at

the Issaquah State Fish Hatchery, construction of rearing ponds and a timber truss bridge, and installing intake pipe from the diversion dam.

THURSTON COUNTY (Rochester) - Painting and repairing school building both inside and out. (Olympia) - Construction of tool and equipment shed and blacksmith shop on Lot 1, Block B, Sylvester Plat.

SPOKANE COUNTY (Fairfield) - Construct one-story brick shop to take care of over-crowded condition in the vocational education department. (Spokane) - Surfacing race track with sandy loam, constructing starting runway, terracing in front of grandstand, and similar improvements.

Klickitat County (Lyle) - Leveling and grading school ground and building a new septic tank.

LINCOLN COUNTY (Elmira) - Drilling well, building pump house, installing pump, water tank, laying iron pipe.

PACIFIC COUNTY (South Bend) - Clear 50-foot right of way, install culverts and drainage, gravel 20-foot roadway.

PIERCE COUNTY (Spanaway) - Remodel play shed and bus garage, install concrete floor and general work on school ground. (Custer Station) - Shingle and stain two dwellings and construct buildings out of lumber recovered from sheds; paint out-buildings.

WHATCOM COUNTY (Baker Township) - Construct mile of road, involving clearing, grading and surfacing.

ISLAND COUNTY (Langley) - Improve two and one-half miles of highway, known as Craw Road, and three and one-half miles of feeder road near Langley.

CLARK COUNTY (Yacolt) - Repair dam supplying water to Yacolt for household use and fire protection. (Vancouver) - Improvement to athletic field at Shumway Junior High School.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY - Clearing and grubbing three miles of Granite Falls-Robe Road revision.

YAKIMA COUNTY (Yakima) - Clearing, leveling and landscaping grounds at municipal incinerator plant.

SKAGIT COUNTY (Birdsview) - General repair and improvement of fish hatchery grounds; repairing foundation of 12 buildings; constructing additions to senior and junior apprentice cottage.

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Seattle, Washington, March 9, 1936.

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Alaska Building Seattle, Washington

Carrying the fight to Washington, D. C., George H. Gannon, State Works Progress Administrator, left Seattle for the east on Monday, March 16, to protest a proposed cut in the number of workers employed by the WPA on Washington State projects. He expects to be away from State headquarters about 10 days.

The order to reduce the operating personnel of the WPA was received by Gannon early in March but the instructions, coming from Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator, todate, have not been followed.

"I can see no way whereby this proposed cut can be adhered to," Gannon said, "without doing a very serious injustice to those persons who are now employed on our program. I have written Administrator Hopkins to this effect but I also deem it advisable to confer with him on the subject."

Prior to his departure Gannon stated there were 1,037 projects operating in the State, this work employing slightly in excess of 46,000 security wage workers. Of this number about 40,000 are relief males, 4,000 relief females, approximately 900 non-relief males and 1,000 non-relief females.

Other Federal agencies in the State, which include Navy department, War department, and various bureaus including Agriculture, Treasury, Interior and like agencies, Gannon said, on March 6 were employing slightly under 10,000 persons, including about 4,000 relief males, 174 relief females, 5,000 non-relief males and 29 non-relief females.

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Seattle, Washington, March 17, 1936



WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
ALASKA BUILDING
Seattle, Washington

High school graduates financially unable to proceed with work offered by the established colleges of the State, are now being offered correspondence courses, on the college level, by the Works Progress Administration.

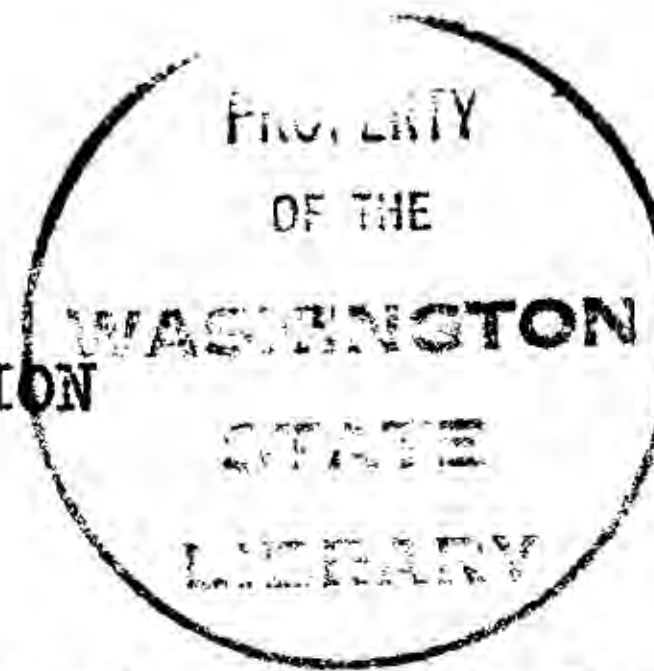
This announcement was made yesterday by Dr. Frederick M. Lash, State WPA Director of Education, who stated courses are now ready to mail out for freshmen and sophomore work, also that a number of courses are ready for the upper divisions. Dr. Lash pointed out that whenever a number of people call for a particular subject, every effort will be made to have such a correspondence course prepared.

Sixteen teachers carrying A.M. or Ph.D. degrees are engaged in the work, Dr. Lash stated.

A list of courses and an enrollment blank can be secured by interested students by writing Education Department, Works Progress Administration, Alaska Building, Seattle.

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Seattle, Washington, March 21, 1936



WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
ALASKA BUILDING
Seattle, Washington

How \$14,751,921 of Federal funds and \$3,543,549 of sponsor's Contributions, a total of \$18,295,470 are being expended in the State of Washington to relieve unemployment and succor the distress of thousands of residents, was outlined yesterday by Herbert W. Algeo, Deputy Administrator of the Works Progress Administration, the employing and disbursing agency.

Speaking for George H. Gannon, State Works Progress Administrator, who is in Washington protesting an ordered cut in the number of security wage project workers, Algeo advanced interesting figures, showing how the Federal allotments and sponsoring agencies' portions were being expended, commenting on the direct benefits, which, in his opinion, would naturally accrue.

Highway, arterial road and street projects will absorb 29 percent of the total expenditure, he stated; public buildings, 7 percent; publicly owned and/or operated utilities, including electrical, 9 percent; conservation projects, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ percent; recreational, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ percent; educational, professional and technical, 7.65 percent; goods projects and distribution of surplus commodities, 8.22 percent; airports, airways, etc., 3.19 percent and other projects 3.78 percent.

One thousand, three hundred and seventy-five projects are now operating in the State Algeo stated, employing 46,383 persons, all of whom, with the exception of 4.4 percent were absorbed from the relief rolls of the 39 counties, in the six districts of the State.

The breakdown of the statistical compilation supplied by the WPA Deputy Administrator, provides the following information:

Highway, Road and Street -- 287 projects. New construction, \$1,065,294; repairs and improvements, \$3,126,685; WPA expenditures, \$4,191,979; WPA and sponsor, \$5,319,995.

Public Building - 152 projects. New construction, \$497,011; repairs and improvements, \$528,225; WPA expenditure, \$1,025,236; WPA and sponsor, \$1,303,853.

Publicly Owned and/or Operated Utilities - 88 projects. New construction, \$983,076; repairs and improvements, \$198,689; WPA expenditure, \$1,181,765; WPA and sponsor, \$1,639,912.

Conservation Projects - 140 projects. WPA expenditure, \$323,596; WPA and sponsor, \$3,559,679.

Recreational - 125 projects. WPA expenditure, \$1,987,720; WPA and sponsor, \$2,289,627.

Goods Projects and Distribution of Surplus Commodities - 82 projects. WPA expenditure, \$1,036,860; WPA and sponsor, \$1,504,615.

Educational, Professional and Technical - 343 projects. WPA expenditure, \$1,078,147; WPA and sponsor, \$1,401,021.

Airports, Airways, etc. - 26 projects. WPA expenditure, \$457,828; WPA and sponsor, \$584,313.

Other Miscellaneous Projects - 82 projects. WPA expenditure, \$556,426; WPA and sponsor, \$692,455.

Total of the above, 1375 projects. Total WPA expenditure, \$14,751,921. WPA and sponsor, \$18,295,470.

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Seattle, Washington, March 23, 1936

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
ALASKA BUILDING
Seattle, Washington

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An educational and recreational program, financed with Federal Funds and operated in this state by the Works Progress Administration, is benefiting in excess of 100,000 persons in classes conducted by 1,000 WPA teachers in the 39 counties of the state.

This announcement was made yesterday by Dr. Frederick M. Lash, State Director of Education for the WPA, who stated classes ranging from animal husbandry, to the Bible as literature, and from poster designing, to competitive athletic games, are meeting with overwhelming and spontaneous reception.

Discussing the College extension and Correspondence project, operated by the WPA under the supervision of Miss Pamela Pearl Jones, State coordinator, Dr. Lash stated that over 90 different courses have been prepared and that over 500 students, who would not otherwise be able to attend college, are availing themselves of this opportunity to secure additional education.

The Parent Education Project, supervised by Mrs. Ralph L. Currier, involving two hour classes, is being conducted in every sewing project in the State as well as in churches, grange halls, rural schools, University women's association and in connection with five nursery schools in Seattle, it was stated. In these classes, mothers are taught nutrition, hygiene, child development and kindred subjects.

The Worker's Educational classes, conducted by John C. Kennedy, are stressing economics, labor problems, current events, American government and citizenship, as well as public speaking and parliamentary law, and First Aid classes, including a Safe Driver's school, is being handled by Ben F. Snook, a safety instructor whose reputation is state-wide.

In 75 classes in education and recreation, the WPA through Eugene G. Washington, State Coordinator of Negro Education, is knocking at the door of 10,000 negroes, Dr. Lash stated, while in Seattle, under the direction of J. J. O'Donnell, District Supervisor of Education and Recreation, more than 1,000 Japanese students are benefiting from work obtained in 36 classes.

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Seattle, Washington, March 27, 1936

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
ALASKA BUILDING
Seattle, Washington

The Works Progress Administration, acting on authority received from Administrator Harry L. Hopkins, is prepared to spend \$326,131, or any part of it that may be necessary, to prevent damage to life and property in the state of Washington combating flood conditions this spring.

"This State," George H. Gannon, WPA Administrator, stated yesterday, "is one of 43 states in the union which have been granted this authority. The sum of \$18,411,633 has been authorized as the maximum to be expended throughout the nation in this manner."

No new funds have been allocated to the various states for this purpose, Gannon pointed out, the authorization simply empowering the individual administrators to withdraw funds heretofore allotted up to a specified amount for the prosecution of emergency flood relief projects.

The project will be placed in operation whenever emergency flood conditions arise and the work undertaken will be supervised by the U. S. Army Engineers, headed in this district by Lieut. Col. H. J. Wild.

Labor, Gannon explained, will be obtained by transferring security wage workers from existing flood relief projects, 23 of which are now operating in nine counties of the state. Additional labor required will be taken from other WPA projects operating in sections adjacent to the work contemplated. No initial assignments will be made to this project.

Reporting on his recent trip to Washington, where he conferred with Administrator Harry Hopkins, protesting the cut in security wage workers in this State, Gannon stated: "I traveled through the flooded areas of West Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania, where, in many places, a wall of water 40 feet high had swept through the valleys. The WPA throughout these regions was doing an excellent job of cleanup and repair."

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Seattle, Washington, March 31, 1936

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Alaska Building, Seattle, Washington

Approval by Comptroller General J. R. McCarl of 25 civil works projects in 15 counties in the State was received in Seattle on April 3 and announced by George H. Gannon, State Works Progress Administrator.

Operation of these projects, which involve clearing, grubbing, grading, construction of playground and recreational facilities, the maintenance and operation of sewing rooms, improvement of parks and work of similar nature, will be left to the discretion of the WPA directors in the districts, Gannon stated. "The directors are charged with the responsibility of keeping the works program moving," he stated. "Keeping our labor load suitably and profitably employed is their job."

King County leads in the number of approvals in the list with seven, Clark County second with four and Whatcom County third with two projects. The remaining 12 counties of the 15 affected received one approval each.

A brief resume of the projects follows:

KING COUNTY (Seattle) — Clearing, grubbing, grading, graveling, placing adequate culverts for drainage, and the construction of sidewalks all in sections 36-26.

WHATCOM COUNTY (Bellingham) — Construction of playgrounds and recreational facilities in Squalicum, Elizabeth, Cornwall and other parks.

KING COUNTY (Seattle) — Clearing, grubbing, grading, graveling etc. North 145th Street, Greenwood Avenue to Aurora and other Streets in that vicinity.

KING COUNTY (Seattle) — Clearing, grubbing, grading, and graveling West 87th Street, 16th Avenue N.W., 19th and 20th Avenues, and other Streets in Section 35, Township 26 North.

KING COUNTY (Enumclaw) — Interior improvements to Grade and Junior High Schools; constructing tennis courts, playshed and tables and minor repairs to existing buildings.

KING COUNTY (Seattle) — Improving, beautifying and trimming shrubery in planted area along main road from Lake Forest Park to Bothell.

KING COUNTY (Foster) — Clearing and grubbing of roadway, also resurfacing of roads with asphaltic concrete in this vicinity.

KING COUNTY (Seattle) — Trenching, laying and backfilling steel pipe for water supply starting at 12th Avenue South and 136th Street, thence South along East side of the eventual extension of 12th Avenue South to the intersection of South 140th Street, thence West and East along North side of South 140th Street.

KITTITAS COUNTY (Ellensburg) — Minor repairs and construction to the existing gymnasium in Kittitas School District No. 7.

SPOKANE COUNTY (Spokane) — Maintenance and operation of sewing rooms in the city in addition to projects specifically approved.

KITSAP COUNTY (Bremerton) — Improve the following parks and playfields; Olympic Gateway No. 1, Athletic Field No. 2, Warren Avenue Playfield No. 3, Evergreen No. 4, and Manette No. 5, by clearing, grubbing, draining, landscaping, trail making, and the construction of a grandstand, bleachers and fencing.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY (Marysville) — Surface and level $3/4$ acre in school District No. 325 for playgrounds and minor improvements to existing structures.

YAKIMA COUNTY (Yakima) — Paving, curbs, and constructing connecting walks on South 10th and 11th Avenues and Maclaren and St. Helens Streets.

PIERCE COUNTY (Midland) — Clearing, grubbing, grading, and leveling school and community athletic field.

CHELAN COUNTY (Wenatchee) — Grade streets and alleys, city wide, involving approximately 10 miles of alley and approximately 4 miles of streets.

CLARK COUNTY (Vancouver) — Filling and grading athletic field, adjacent to school located on 8th Street between 24th and 26th Streets.

CLARK COUNTY (Vancouver) — Grading playfield of Lincoln School.

WHATCOM COUNTY (Bellingham) — Furnishing a librarian for School District 320.

COWLITZ COUNTY (Carrolls) — Slashing brush and grading along certain roads near the town.

CLARK COUNTY (Vancouver) — Reconstructing the Lindsley Road by clearing, regrading and draining.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY (Aberdeen) — Trimming trees on public streets, parks and adjacent public areas.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (Hadlock) — Clearing, grubbing, grading and surfacing 1.59 miles of Oak Bay Road.

WHITMAN COUNTY (St. John) — Erection of a brick and concrete building to be used as a farm shop for vocational agriculture.

CLARK COUNTY (Vancouver) — Clear, grade, drain and surface with crushed stone the Lower River Road from West end of existing dike immediately West of city limits.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (Pasco) — To operate county gravel pit, producing gravel for use on WPA projects.

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Seattle, Washington, April 3, 1936

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Alaska Building Seattle, Washington

Forty-three civil works projects designed to operate in 19 counties of the State, including a state-wide project which will obtain economic data relating to school costs, land ownership, tax delinquency and similar information, have just been approved by Comptroller General J. R. McCarl.

This announcement was made yesterday by George H. Gannon, State Works Progress Administrator, who said the various improvements will be operated in the districts at the discretion of the WPA directors, if and when additional allotments of Federal funds are made.

"McCarl has approved this contemplated work," Gannon said, "but the money necessary to carry out the projects remains to be allotted. We do, however, expect the required allotment will be forthcoming. When, I cannot say."

The approved projects include the following:

KING COUNTY (County-wide) -- Repairing and improving various roads not in the Federal Aid Highway System. (Kent) -- Dig up and salvage 4500 feet of abandoned wire bound, wood stave water main. (Seattle) -- Construct new building, install drainage, beautification and landscaping at Camp Carkeek. (Sunnydale) -- Excavate, drain and construct concrete walls and floor for boiler room under auditorium; raze present building, construct garages, also grade playgrounds. (Seattle) -- Construct a 200 by 800 foot sailing pond in Jefferson Park. (Seattle) -- Improve 9.25 miles of road not in the Federal Highway System, work to consist of draining, clearing, and grubbing in Sections 32, Township 34 North. (Seattle) -- Grading, clearing and draining five acres and otherwise improving Ballard Playfield, located at 28th Avenue and West 61st Street. (Kent) -- Grade playfield, build fence, remove music hall and make minor improvements at School District No. 3. (O'Brien) -- Paint school building, gymnasium, garage, playshed and janitors cottage; lay concrete floor in playshed, and excavate and grade playfield. (Bothell) -- Clearing, grubbing, grading and partial surfacing of a number of streets and roads. (Mercer Island) -- Improvements to school in East Seattle School District No. 28.

SKAGIT COUNTY (County-wide) — Maintenance and operation of sewing rooms in one or two units in county, products to be distributed to the needy. (Concrete) — Straighten, widen, clear, grub and grade 16 miles of Sauk Valley Road, from Faber to Darrington.

DOUGLAS COUNTY (Waterville) — Widening, ditching, surfacing with gravel, construction of bridges and reinforced concrete culverts; clearing of right of way, deepening and widening the Douglas Creek Channel on the Beede-South Road, Number 98, and adjacent highways.

CHELAN COUNTY (Wenatchee) — Laying steel pipe for supply line on Okanogan Avenue from Spokane Street and Malaga Avenue to reservoir on Okanogan Avenue, South of Crawford Street, and cast iron pipe on Ninth Street from Emerson Avenue to Wenatchee Avenue and other streets. (Levenworth) — Remove present water line and replace with new improvement; also grade certain streets. (Malaga) — Filling school grounds for playground purposes.

PIERCE COUNTY (Tacoma) — Making property lines, placement and topographical surveys for preparation of plans and construction details for six major parks and about twenty minor parks and playgrounds in the Metropolitan Park District. (Roy) — Channel clearing, deepening and straightening on the Lacamas Creek. (Vaughn) — Clearing and grading for tennis court, building new school building; demolition of two buildings. (Buckley) — Clearing, grubbing, grading, brushing and otherwise improving cemetery grounds. (Tacoma) — Clearing land for additional camp site for the Washington National Guard at Camp Murray.

COLUMBIA COUNTY (Dayton) — Clearing brush from Patit and Mustard Hollow Creeks; side ditching First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Dayton Avenues; trimming hedge around city fair grounds and city cemetery. (Dayton) — Construct city hall and fire station, structure to be two stories with partial basement.

KITSAP COUNTY (Port Orchard) — Constructing a road at Manitou Beach, involving clearing, grubbing, excavation and the construction of a log bulkhead and some

surfacing. (Paulsbo) — Clearing and grubbing roadway in addition to projects specifically approved.

Klickitat County (Goldendale) — Clearing approximately 2600 feet on the Lyle-Klickitat Road; also, constructing culverts, grading and surfacing with gravel. (White Salmon) — Excavation and filling at school house in District 63, near this town.

Snohomish County (Monroe) — Constructing a sidewalk along the North side of the Stevens Highway from Monroe city limits to the entrance of the Washington State Reformatory.

Lincoln County (Davenport) — Construction of a nine hole golf course. (Davenport) — Indexing library records.

Thurston County (Olympia) — Assembling and publishing reports and other information of the natural, commercial and industrial resources and other activities of the State.

Spokane County (Spokane) — Providing free home assistance and/or caring for children in the homes of the needy. (Fairfield) — Library work and school records in Fairfield schools. (Spokane) — Development of 56 acre city park at Garden Springs.

Yakima County (Wapato) — Construction of a municipal sewage disposal plant. (Wiley City) — Construction of additions to existing buildings in School District No. 3. (Union Gap) — Grading and graveling certain dirt streets, also cleaning and repairing irrigation ditches.

Ferry County (Republic) — Clearing, grubbing, grading and surfacing 1.36 miles of road near Kettle Falls.

Whatcom County (Bellingham) — Clearing and grubbing five acres also landscaping at the Whatcom Falls Hatchery. (Marblemount) — Clearing, grubbing, and grading 20 miles of new road, between Marblemount and the Ruby Dam.

STEVENS COUNTY (Loon Lake) — Clearing, grubbing, and grading the Loon Lake Road.

KITTITAS COUNTY (Roslyn) — Grade and gravel certain streets, a city-wide project; also lower water main on Washington Avenue between "B" and "C" streets.

ADAMS COUNTY (Ritzville) — Town-wide sewer system extension.

Seattle, Washington, April 14, 1936

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
ALASKA BUILDING
Seattle, Washington



James W. Egan, State Director of Writers' Projects for the Works Progress Administration, who has just returned from a regional conference of state directors held in Spokane, states that it is probable that the writers' projects will continue until July 1st or longer. In many states a portion of the original allocation of funds for writing projects was held back and it is anticipated that the residue will be used to finance the writing projects in the period after May 15th.

Attending the conference were Dr. Alfred Powers, director for Oregon; Vardis Fisher, Idaho director; Dr. H. G. Merriam, director for Montana; Maurice L. Howe, state director for Utah and regional supervisor of Federal Writers' Projects. The state directors of Oregon and Washington plan a further conference in the near future to coordinate that part of the American Guide copy dealing with the Columbia River boundary, in order to avoid duplication.

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Seattle, Washington, April 13, 1936

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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Seattle, Washington

Based on recently released quotas of employment most of the six districts in the WPA will be able to reemploy a number of those security workers who were recently released from WPA employment.

This announcement was made today by Bruce Uthus, Acting Deputy Administrator, who replaces Gannon, who stated that on April 22 quotas of employment in the state for April, May and June, were dispatched to the various District Directors with instructions that these quotas include all persons heretofore employed on state-wide projects within the districts.

"This is the first time the District Directors have known what part of the State quota was allotted to them," Uthus stated. "We hope by this method to clear up all misunderstandings and doubts. Now we will all know where we are going and why."

Uthus further stated the establishment of District quotas may necessitate a slight shift of funds where the former employment was out of line with the eligible certified relief load.

The quotas to be employed during April, May and June in the various districts, as released by Uthus, follows:

District No. 1, Spokane, April - 6,400: May - 5,600: June - 4,200

District No. 2, Yakima, April - 4,100: May - 3,600: June - 2,650

District No. 3, Everett, April - 6,400: May - 5,500: June - 4,200

District No. 4, Seattle, April - 10,900: May - 9,400: June - 7,100

District No. 5, Tacoma, April - 9,500: May - 8,700: June - 6,750

District No. 6, Longview, April - 3,700: May - 2,700: June - 2,100

The total of the above figures, as Uthus pointed out show that the six

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districts will employ 41,000 in April, 35,000 in May and 27,000 in June.

Because the number of WPA workers in District No. 4, which includes, King, Kitsap, Clallam and Jefferson counties, was not reduced in proportion to other districts in the state when the layoffs were being made, the number of persons scheduled to be re-employed will represent a lower percentage than in some of the other districts where the layoffs were drastic and out of proportion to the reduction necessary in the state to meet the state quota as set by the Washington office.

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Seattle, Washington, April 22, 1936

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
ALASKA BUILDING
Seattle, Washington

Appointment of Dr. Frederick M. Lash, Director of Education of the Works Progress Administration for the State of Washington, as chairman of the general arrangement committee for the meeting of the Adult Education Section of the National Education Association meeting to be held in Portland, Oregon, on June 29-30, has been announced by Miss Marguerite H. Burnett, President of the Adult Education Division, N.E.A., of Wilmington, Delaware.

Dr. Lash is National Vice President of the American Association of Directors of Emergency Education.

Other members of the committee appointed by Miss Burnett follow:

Miss Elizabeth Forbes, Principal of Central School, Camas, Wash; . O. D. Adams, Supervisor of Vocational Education, Oregon State College, Salem, Oregon; J. W. Kelly, Supervisor of Trade & Industrial Education, State Department of Education, Olympia, Wash; Roben J. Maaske, Superintendent State Department of Public Instruction, Salem, Oregon; Frank P. Baird, State Director of Education, WPA, Boise, Idaho; Mrs. Annabelle L. Edinger, Supervisor of Emergency Education, WPA, Helena, Montana; G. L. Maxwell, Asst. Director Professional Projects, WPA, Denver, Colorado; Dean J. R. Jewell, Dean School of Education, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon; Dean Messenger, School of Education, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho.

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Seattle, Washington, April 22, 1936

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
ALASKA BUILDING
Seattle, Washington

One of the finest advertisements the state of Washington ever has received will derive from The American Guide, chief of the Federal writing projects, according to James W. Egan, state director and himself a widely known newspaperman and magazine writer.

No previous attempt to portray Washington and other states on such an extensive scale for the benefit of tourists has been made, Egan declares. While Europe has had government-sponsored guidebooks for some time, the United States has lagged behind. Or had done so, until the inception of WPA.

When published, the American Guide will be in five or six volumes, covering every state in the Union. One volume will be devoted to Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, and Utah.

The Washington section of the American Guide will stress as a feature a number of sectional tours of the state, designed to lure the traveler into closer acquaintance with the manifold scenic attractions of an area rich in rugged beauty, and which combines the varied appeals of towering mountains, silvery lakes, salt water beaches, and even expanses of primitive forested country not yet explored.

Lofty peaks such as Rainier, Baker, Shuksan, and St. Helens are being described by members of his state staff of 65 writers, Egan asserts. The glories of the myriad San Juan Islands will be detailed. How to get to spots like Lake Crescent and its Beardsley trout, the far-flung Indian settlement of Neah Bay, spectre-haunted Spirit Lake, the wild fastnesses of Okanogan, Ferry, and Pend Oreille Counties, will be clearly outlined.

All the information the adventuring tourist seeks is contemplated for the Washington section of The American Guide.

Nor will the pioneer history, the industrial and natural resources, the cultural growth, the modern recreational advantages of the state, be neglected in the finished compendium, Egan promises.

Approximately 200,000 words of copy, checked by various Washingtonians for authenticity, will comprise the Washington State American Guide. Pre-final work is expected to be completed by May 15. A further period, Egan anticipates, will be devoted to condensing and rechecking copy for inclusion in the national guide.

Possibly one-third of what has been written for the state will appear in the regional volume of The American Guide. The entire 200,000 words, however, will be available for a state guidebook and it is hoped to interest some sponsor who will realize the advantage of publishing this material as a comprehensive picture of Washington for Washington's citizens.

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Seattle, Washington, April 27, 1936

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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Seattle, Washington



Acting on instructions received from Washington, D.C., Dr. Frederick M. Lash, State Director of Education of the Works Progress Administration, announced yesterday that there will be no break in the work of the College Correspondence Department and that the project, which has gained state-wide acclaim, will be continued indefinitely.

College Correspondence courses for freshmen and sophomore work, also for some of the upper divisions, are now being mailed to in excess of 1,000 high school graduates, Dr. Lash stated, adding that 100 courses, covering history, languages, mathematics and many diversified subjects, excepting laboratory sciences, are ready to send out.

The courses are designed for high school graduates financially unable to proceed with work offered by the established colleges of the state. In connection with the work in the State Educational office, 20-teachers are being employed.

Interested students can secure a list of available courses and enrollment blanks by writing the Educational Department, W.P.A., Alaska Building, Seattle.

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Seattle, Washington, May 5, 1936

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
ALASKA BUILDING
Seattle, Washington

A series of 15-minute radio programs in the form of electrical transcriptions, prepared and distributed by the Works Progress Administration, will be released by 400 radio stations throughout the United States during the next few months. The programs, Lawrence Westbrook, an assistant to Harry L. Hopkins, Administrator, announces, will reproduce the efforts of hundreds of musicians now employed on WPA music projects.

The programs, of wide variety, stressing excellent radio entertainment, include a 100 piece symphony orchestra, a 100 piece symphonic band, string quartets, soloists, chamber music and other forms of good music familiar to radio listeners.

In addition to the band, orchestras and string quartets, the WPA is also presenting the "Negro Melody Singers" a chorus of 40 voices, with reputations established for excellent and authentic renditions.

Every musical recording is supervised and approved by Dr. Nicolai Sokoloff, director of the Federal Music project.

Fifteen radio stations in the State of Washington, including all Seattle stations, have indicated their desire to use the programs and are now scheduling the releases.

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Seattle, Washington, May 13, 1936.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
ALASKA BUILDING
Seattle, Washington

Sixty road jobs, involving grading, graveling, widening and ditching, covering 2,610 miles, have been completed by security wage workers of the Works Progress Administration in the State of Washington since September 16, 1935, Bruce Uthus Acting Deputy Administrator, announced yesterday.

"This work," Uthus stated, "at the peak during the early winter months, employed 15,926 men but this number, as of April 18, has been reduced to 7,686. Employing approximately the latter named number of workers, the various jobs are expected to be carried on until the scheduled expiration of the program June 30."

One hundred and thirteen other road jobs are operating at this time, it was stated, mileage involved totaling 5,285. Segregated as to districts the work was and is being done as follows:

District No. 1, Spokane, 10 counties, 21 projects completed covering 97 miles. Active projects 27, covering 2,371 miles.

District No. 2, Yakima, 10 counties, four projects completed covering six miles. Active projects eight, covering 994 miles.

District No. 3, Everett, five counties, six projects completed covering 382 miles. Active projects 19, covering 691 miles.

District No. 4, Seattle, four counties, seven projects completed covering 42 miles. Active projects 20, covering 160 miles.

District No. 5, Tacoma, 14 projects completed covering 1,492 miles. Active projects 19, covering 571 miles.

District No. 6, Longview, six counties, eight projects completed covering 591 miles. Active projects 20, covering 498 miles.

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Seattle, Washington, May 15, 1936.

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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Seattle, Washington

With a total enrollment of 51,383 the State of Washington leads the Fifth Region, comprising eleven western states and the territory of Hawaii in Adult Education work, Bruce Uthus, Acting Deputy Administrator announced yesterday. The State of California is second with an enrollment of 48,386 and Colorado is third with 23,884.

Conducting Adult Education classes in the State of Washington, Uthus pointed out, are 693 accredited teachers as compared to 1,432 required to administer the program in California. Colorado is giving employment to 443 teachers, it was stated.

The Adult Education Program in Region Five, as of March 1936, has benefited 169,587 persons, giving employment to 3,993 teachers all of whom were taken from relief rolls or were employed in the education program conducted last year under the direction of the Washington Emergency Relief Administration.

Figures from other states in the Region, released to Uthus by Dr. Frederick M. Lash, State Director of Adult Education for the Works Progress Administration, include the following:

Utah, 12,416 students, 191 teachers; Oregon, 10,917 students, 385 teachers; Idaho, 10,338 students, 328 teachers; New Mexico, 6,131 students, 229 teachers; Wyoming, 3,405 students; 99 teachers; Montana, 1,681 students, 63 teachers; Nevada, 1,046 students, 30 teachers.

Arizona and Hawaii have no Adult Education Programs.

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Seattle, Washington, May 19, 1936

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
ALASKA BUILDING
Seattle, Washington

Material for a dozen 15-minute radio dramas, portraying colorful historic events in the State of Washington is being assembled by the State editorial office of the American Guide, James Egan, Washington supervisor of federal writer's projects, announces. The dramas will be written in Washington, D. C., from material gathered by field writers on the Guide in Seattle and are expected to arouse nation-wide interest in the State.

Among the dramas on early State history will be the following: "The Battle of Seattle," "Washington Enters the Union," "The Alki Landing" and "The Seattle Fire."

"These radio dramas will be invaluable in arousing interest in a State so little known nationally," Egan stated. "American Guide writers have done extensive research work in preparing them and all possible phases of early State history and settlement will be presented to the nation via these dramas."

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Seattle, Washington, May 19, 1936.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
ALASKA BUILDING
Seattle, Washington



West Seattle is making plans for an August pageant under the direction of District No. 4, Works Progress Administration, Glenn S. Cottle, City Supervisor of Recreation, announced today.

All 16 playground districts of West Seattle will take part in this pageant, which will include swimming races, boat races and demonstrations of every variety of playfield sport. L. D. Montague, Field Supervisor of Recreation for West Seattle, will be in general charge of the event. The pageant will include an evening program, with a puppet show produced by Mrs. Alyse Gilchrist, a drama staged by Miss Lillian Deskin, formerly of the staff of Cornish school, and dancing under the direction of Miss Frances Terhune.

The pageant is a part of the program for recreational work of the Works Progress Administration.

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Seattle, Washington, June 30, 1936.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Alaska Building Seattle, Washington

Vaudeville comes back to life!

Major Bowes started it with his amateurs, when he put them out on tour, after they had taken the country by storm via the air waves. That was vaudeville's first breath of renewed life, but it has remained for the Federal Theater Project of the Works Progress Administration through the medium of their many touring units, now playing in thousands of towns and villages throughout the nation, to keep that revived spark of life aflame.

One of the Federal Theater units now touring the state is the Variety Troupe under the personal supervision of Harry Pfeil, young "old-time" troupier of the palmy days of vaudeville when names like Bert Williams, Alice Lloyd, Joe Jackson and Sophie Tucker were names to conjure with.

The Variety Troupe, its sponsors say, puts on a bangup show. In its repertoire there is a little of the new, a little of the old, judiciously sprinkled together to make a delightful concoction of entertainment.

There is a dramatic cast which puts over comedy melodramas in the "curse on you, Jack Dalton!" manner; a group of "Hill-Billies" who sing and patter and strum at their guitars as they nonchalantly chew on real wheat straws; a Flora Dora Sextette, six young men and six young girls. The girls are striking in the fresh fragrant beauty redolent of the gay nineties, and the men are easy to look at as they go through their graceful routines and sing the songs of love directed at the girls of their choice.

Also, there is a Scotsman, brilliant plaid kilties, bare legs and all, who does patter and songs in the manner of Harry Lauder, and there are duos and trios and a grand finale in which the whole troupe participates.

But the best part of this story remains to be told.

The entertainment furnished by this Traveling Federal Theatre unit is

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free. The entire expenses of the cast are cared for from funds allocated by the Works Progress Administration.

The troupe plays at CCC camps, community clubs, hospitals and institutions, and at any gatherings where the general public is admitted.

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Seattle, Washington, May 21, 1936

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
ALASKA BUILDING
Seattle, Washington

Approximately 1500 single men can be dispatched from the Seattle district to Blister Rust Control projects in the pine forests of Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington and, according to R. L. Nicholson, newly-appointed Acting Administrator for the Works Progress Administration, this quota can be easily filled.

Nicholson, who replaces Bruce Uthus, WPA field representative, who became Acting Deputy Administrator, when State Administrator George H. Gannon was dismissed by Administrator Harry L. Hopkins, states the Alaska building offices of the Works Progress Administration are being besieged by transient and other workers anxious to engage in the blister rust work. In a two day period, it was stated, approximately 200 men, a majority of whom had been previously employed on WPA projects, had been assigned to the undertaking which is sponsored by the Department of Agriculture in Spokane.

Preference in employment on the projects, Nicholson stated, will be given to those qualified and available in the following order:

First: To those actually employed on WPA projects. Second: To those awaiting reassignment to WPA projects; that is, to those who were laid off from WPA projects. Third: To persons eligible for employment on WPA projects but not previously assigned to security wage, WPA or other Federal projects.

Men selected, Nicholson said, will range from 18 to 55 years of age, will be able bodied and active, possessing good eyesight and will have had experience in woods labor, farm labor or work of similar type.

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Seattle, Washington, May 22, 1936.

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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Seattle, Washington



So successful have been the Federal Theater stage productions "Noah" and "Stevedore" since their original presentation at the Seattle Repertory Playhouse, that both casts and chorus have been incorporated in the annual Summer Drama Festival to be held from June 15 to July 11 in Seattle.

This Summer Drama Festival, now sponsored by the Federal Theater Projects of the Works Progress Administration, in conjunction with the Seattle Repertory Playhouse, has been held annually for the last four years. It has been one of the outstanding tourist attractions of the Pacific Northwest. Visitors from over 212 cities in 39 states, and 29 cities in 11 foreign countries, attended last year, states Guy Williams, Director of Federal Theater Projects in this state, and he expects that this record will be far surpassed by the coming festival, because of the stellar attractions afforded by the negro players in the three productions they will present at that time.

In addition to "Noah" which is a rich fantasy, and "Stevedore," an unusual melodrama with the social implications of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," the negro casts will combine and present for the first time, June 15 to July 11, "Swing, Gates, Swing," a mirthful comedy mixture of music, dancing and song, especially written for original presentation at the drama festival. The three productions will then alternate showings throughout the period. It is expected, Williams states, when the Summer Drama Festival is over, that the Federal Theater productions in Seattle will have won just as much acclaim as the WPA plays have won on Broadway in New York.

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Seattle, Washington, May 26, 1936.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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Seattle, Washington

May 27, 1936

STATEMENT BY DON G. ABEL, ADMINISTRATOR, WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION

Naturally I feel the responsibility placed upon me and I keenly appreciate the confidence placed in me by the President and Mr. Hopkins. The program and policies of the Works Progress Administration will be conducted in the State of Washington upon a sound business basis. The administrative staff has been considerably reduced during the past month. However, we have sufficient employees to handle the work, and there will be no increase in the number of administrative employees. The organization is now functioning and will continue to do so as it now exists. Naturally, some changes may be required in the future. However, for the present, I am getting familiar with my work and can say nothing further in this regard. The present status of the state administrative staff is as follows:

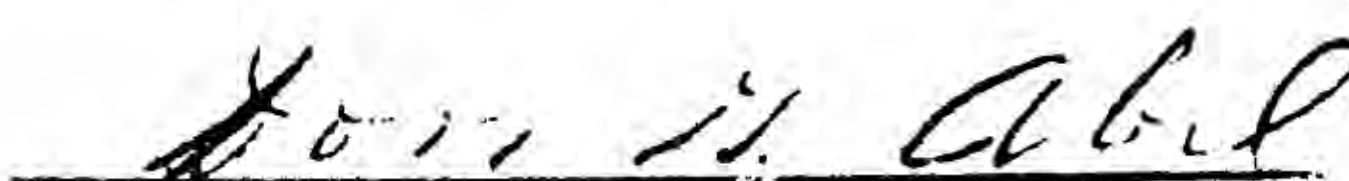
Deputy Administrator, and in charge of Engineering -	Rex. L. Nicholson
Finance -	Edward H. Pittwood
Labor Assignment -	I. F. Patterson
Women's Work -	Miss Julia Donovan

The administrative employees of the Works Progress Administration will not take part in factional party politics during the coming primary campaign. There will be no exception to this rule. Naturally, I expect the men and women working on the administrative staff of the WPA to attend political meetings the same as they would attend church, fraternal meetings, or go to the theatre. However, they will not belong to any political club which has for its object, the advancement of the candidacy of any person who is a candidate for office during the coming primary campaign.

I understand that some question has been raised as to who obtained my appointment as State Administrator. I went back to Washington, D.C., about a month ago on other business. While there, I met Mr. Hopkins, and we formed a mutual high regard for each other. The result was that I was offered the appointment by the Works Progress Administration, and I accepted it.

In carrying out the program and policies of the Works Progress Administration, I shall work in the closest possible harmony with the employees of the WPA in the field. I shall at all times be reasonable, and I hope to receive the same spirit of cooperation from these men and women. I shall at all times cooperate with civic groups throughout the state, and hope to help them solve their problems in connection with the Works Progress Administration satisfactorily.

In conclusion, may I say that we have a tremendous job to perform, and our entire interest and activity will be to perform that job in a satisfactory manner to the people of the State of Washington, and to the Works Progress Administration.


Don G. Abel

State Administrator, WPA

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
ALASKA BUILDING
Seattle, Washington



Making a full survey and complete inventory of all city, county, state, and accessible church and private records is the purpose of the Federal Historical Records survey, one of the latest Works Progress Administration projects to get underway, Don G. Abel, State Administrator, announced today.

The project provides employment for trained research workers, librarians, appraisers, and other "white-collar" workers of the skilled and professional class, who, heretofore, could not have been placed in work for which they were most naturally equipped by previous training and experience in private employment, Abel said. Forty eight workers are now employed throughout the state and it is expected that the full quota of 60 will be engaged very soon.

James W. Egan will be State Director of the project and immediate supervision will be under Herman B. Deutsch, Associate Professor of History at Washington State College, Pullman, who carries the title of Assistant State Director.

Among incidental duties of the workers on this project, Abel stated, is one of locating lost or missing documents and records of a private nature. Many such records and documents have been located, and a number of war veterans throughout the state have been benefited already by having supposedly lost discharge certificates and other military records located for them.

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Seattle, Washington, May 28, 1936.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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Seattle, Washington

Latest statistical reports from the Works Progress Administration, according to a statement made today by Don G. Abel, newly appointed State Administrator, show that 34,151 persons were employed on the various WPA projects throughout the state for the half month period ending May 15th. Of this number, 29,253 were men and 4,898 were women who worked a combined total of 1,669,230 hours.

In District No. 1, Spokane, 5,394 persons were employed for the period, 4,645 men and 749 women. They worked a total of 282,255 hours.

District No. 2, Yakima, reports 4,333 persons in that period, 3,757 men and 576 women, working to compile total of 213,097 hours.

District No. 3, Everett, had 5,342 employed, 4,933 men and 409 women. They worked a total of 246,442 hours.

District No. 4, Seattle, shows the greatest number employed, 9,897, of which 7,792 were men and 2,105 women. Likewise the Seattle district had the greatest proportional number of women employed. Men and women together worked a total of 522,620 hours.

District No. 5, Tacoma, reports 5,610 persons working a total of 220,939 hours. There were 4,920 men and 690 women. Second to the Seattle district in numbers of persons employed, it fell behind the Spokane district in total number of hours worked.

District No. 6, Longview, where the least number of persons were employed, shows 3,680 persons working a total of 186,321 hours. Of this number 3,312 were men and 365 women.

The figures given above include persons working on construction, slide and flood control, road making, educational, sewing, arts, music, theatre and all other projects under WPA supervision in this state, Abel says.

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Seattle, Washington, May 29, 1936

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Seattle, Washington



New golf courses in six different Washington cities are being constructed with the aid of Works Progress Administration funds and workers, R. L. Nicholson, Deputy Administrator, announced today. Seattle, Everett, Spokane, Wenatchee, Port Angeles and Centralia are the cities where this work is being done.

The West Seattle 18 hole golf course and clubhouse is the most extensive of these WPA undertakings, Nicholson stated, 486 men are now engaged there and at one time there were more than 700. All told 66,008 man-days of labor have been utilized to date.

The new 8 hole course being constructed at Centralia has utilized 17,941 man-days of labor; the 18 hole course at Everett, 12,675 man-days; the 18 hole course and clubhouse in Indian Canyon at Spokane, 5,243 man-days; the course at Port Angeles, 4,478 man-days; and the addition to clubhouse and 9 hole course at Wenatchee, 2,062 man-days.

None of these courses have been completed, Nicholson says, but work is still in progress and it is probable all of them will be finished during the next fiscal year when additional sums for these undertakings are provided by the Federal government.

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Seattle, Washington, June 9, 1936

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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With copy for Washington's section of The American Guide completed and sent to Washington, D. C., the work of writing the State guide book is underway, announces James W. Egan, Seattle, State Director of Federal Writer's Projects under the Works Progress Administration. Information and pictures are now being gathered by field writers throughout the state and the Guide compiled by the State editorial office in Seattle,

"This state guide book will be complete in every detail," Egan says. "While about twelve cities will be written up at some length, every town and community will be given its share of space in the book. History, early settlement, Indian lore, industry, architecture, museums, parks, education, science, sports and recreation are just a few of the topics the Guide will cover."

Detailed automobile tours, accompanied by maps, will be included for the convenience of visitors from other states, while hiking trips are being written, embracing all the national forests in the state. Points of scenic and historic interest to tourists will come in for extended treatment.

More than 50 field writers throughout the state are busy gathering local material for the Guide, also, writers in the Seattle office recently completed a series of 15-minute radio dramas portraying highlights in the state's history. These have been sent to Washington, D.C., and are expected to be broadcast.

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Seattle, Washington, June 9, 1936

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
STATE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
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Headed by Dr. Frederick M. Lash, State Director of Education for the Works Progress Administration, a delegation of educational workers will leave Seattle for Salt Lake City, on Saturday, June 13, to attend an institute of all state directors and supervisors of education in the eleven western states comprising Region Five.

The sessions to be held at the University of Utah will be presided over by Dr. L. R. Alderman, of Washington, D. C. who is director of education for the Works Progress Administration.

Each of the eleven states will supply an exhibit covering the educational work being done, and the display prepared by the Washington Department of Education will, it is stated, rank high in comparison with the exhibits of the other states.

Washington State's delegation, aside from Dr. Lash will include John C. Kennedy, State Supervisor of Workers Education; Pamela Pearl Jones, State Coordinator of Correspondence and Extension Courses; B. F. Snook, State Supervisor of Safety and First Aid Instruction, and Mrs. Cecile Garland, State Supervisor of Parent Education and Nursery Schools.

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Seattle, Washington, June 12, 1936

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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Marked progress in the attempt to find profitable uses for the millions of acres of logged-off lands now standing idle in Washington has been attained, it is reported. A yeast experimental project undertaken at the University of Washington under direction of K. A. Kobe, Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering, with funds and workers provided by the Works Progress Administration, has developed a wine which can be commercially produced from berries grown on this type of land, H. C. Sampson, District Supervisor in charge of the project announced today.

The logged-off lands lend themselves naturally to the cultivation of berries, the raspberry and blackberry particularly, according to Sampson. The problem confronting the WPA workers was to find some practical means of utilizing profitably the vast tonnage of berries to be grown on this idle land.

Development of a sweet berry wine of high alcoholic content will assist in solving this problem, Sampson states. Before the project was undertaken the highest alcoholic content possible in a wine of this nature was 14 per cent, not sufficiently high to compete commercially with the wines of other states unless it was fortified or strengthened with more expensive liquors of higher alcoholic content. Fortification was impractical because of the high cost of the specific fortifying spirits demanded by the regulations of the U. S. Alcoholic Control Board. The WPA workers of the yeast experimental project at the University have overcome that difficulty, it is stated, by developing a natural berry wine with an alcoholic content of 18 to 20 per cent without fortification.

"It is hoped that the results attained by the WPA workers on the yeast experimental project will accentuate greatly the development of the

winery business in Washington," Sampson said. "In the meantime the project is being continued, with the expectation that even better results may be attained."

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Seattle, Washington, June 12, 1936

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The study of English, bookkeeping and advanced algebra has displaced the three R's of fundamental American education, Readin', 'Ritin', and 'Rithmetic, according to a statement given out today by Dr. Frederick M. Lash, Director of the Department of Education for the Works Progress Administration.

The three courses are the most popular of the 61 now being offered in the Correspondence Division of the Educational Department, Dr. Lash says, accounting for 25 per cent of the instruction. Introductory sociology and general psychology are almost as popular, while mechanical drawing and general forestry follow in close order.

Those taking instruction in economics, newswriting, and American history have given the subjects such popularity that they rank just below the former group, but above such diverse subjects as nutrition, trigonometry, poultry husbandry, and introductory philosophy in popular esteem, Lash said..

Seventeen instructors with an average of 70 students to a class are now engaged in giving the correspondence courses to 1,160 students. Courses will continue throughout the summer months, Dr. Lash says. Eighty-seven other courses are now being prepared. This will make a total of 148 different subjects which will be offered in Washington state soon.

Information concerning all the courses can be obtained by writing the Correspondence Division on University Levels, Department of Education, WPA, Alaska Building, Seattle. All instruction is free and anyone may take the courses. Previous university training is not required. Twenty-eight per cent, however, of those now taking courses in the Correspondence division have had previous college training.

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Seattle, Washington, June 15, 1936

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Explaining the salient points of the proposed new Work Program, Harry L. Hopkins, National Works Progress Administrator, will conduct a nation-wide WPA staff meeting before the microphone of the National Broadcasting Company on Saturday, June 20, from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m.

This announcement was made yesterday by Don G. Abel, Washington State Administrator, who stated that the broadcast to be reproduced in the State by stations KOMO, Seattle and KHQ, Spokane, will be heard by project workers in the six districts of the State as well as by the administrative staffs in the districts.

The general public including state, county, city and school board officials as well as sponsoring agencies are cordially invited to attend the meetings in the district offices or listen in. Problems peculiar to the Works Progress Administration will be discussed. It is the desire of National Administrator Hopkins to obtain the public's reaction which will assist him in formulating means and methods of overcoming problems now confronting the administrative personnel of the WPA.

Governor Earle of Pennsylvania, Mayor Rossi of San Francisco, Aubrey Williams, Director of the National Youth Administration and other nationally prominent persons in addition to Hopkins will be heard on the program.

To bring in the broadcast, appropriate public address systems will be set up in the State and district WPA offices. All members of the administrative staff will be directed to attend the meeting but project workers will not be required to sit in. The various districts at this time, Abel stated, are making arrangements for meetings to be held not only in the district offices but throughout the territory included in the district as well.

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Seattle, Washington

The number of persons engaged on WPA work in the state of Washington has fallen below 27,000 for the first time since the early days of the work relief program, according to the latest statistical reports released by Don G. Abel, State Works Progress Administrator. On June 15, there were 26,334 security workers on the WPA rolls, 22,634 men and 3,700 women. Of this total 537 were not from the relief rolls, 432 men and 105 women, a number far below the ten per cent allowance. Segregated as to districts workers are now being employed by the WPA as follows:

District No. 1, Spokane, 4,066 persons, 3,459 men and 607 women;
District No. 2, Yakima, 2,607 persons, 2,239 men and 368 women; District No. 3, Everett, 4,027 persons, 3,716 men and 311 women; District No. 4, Seattle, 6,976 persons, 5,755 men and 1,221 women; District No. 5, Tacoma, 6,322 persons, 5,412 men and 910 women; District No. 6, Longview, 2,336 persons, 2,053 men and 283 women.

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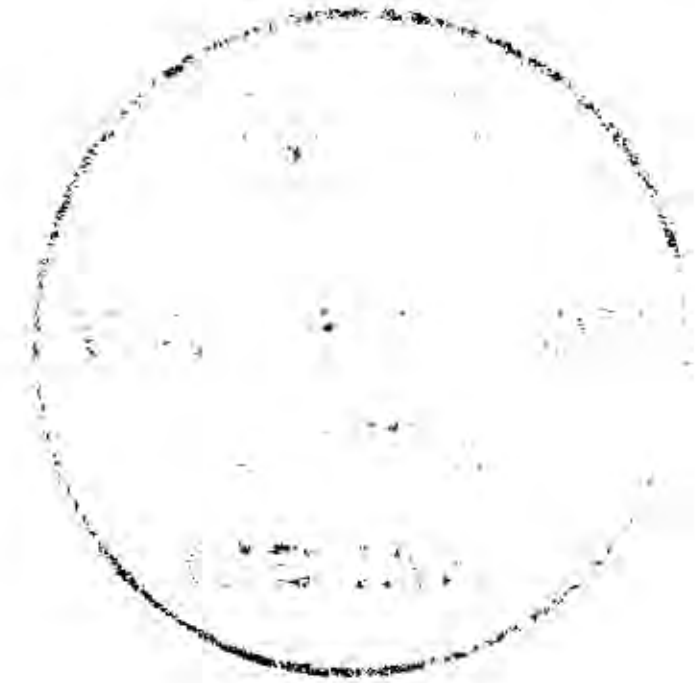
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Appointment of C. E. Triggs of Los Angeles, California, as Regional Director of Professional and Service projects in Region No. 5 which includes the State of Washington was announced today by R. C. Jacobsen, Field Representative of the National Administrator, Harry L. Hopkins.

He will work in close cooperation, it is stated, with Miss Ruby Garrett, Acting Director of Womens and Professional Projects for the Works Progress Administration in Washington State, in the furtherance of all "white-collar" projects, including those sponsored by the Federal government.

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Seattle, Washington, June 16, 1936.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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Seattle, Washington

Building new school buildings, renovating and modernizing old school structures and constructing additions to others, has been one of the major activities of the Works Progress Administration since the inception of the work relief program, according to a statement made today by Don G. Abel, State WPA Administrator.

Such work is now being done in 148 different school properties throughout the state, Abel said, utilizing the labor of 2,262 persons. Four hundred and fifty-one of these workers are engaged in building nine new schools with a total room capacity of 141. The rest of the projects are for repairs, improvements and new additions.

District No. 5, headquarters Tacoma, leads in the number of new school buildings constructed, four, but District No. 4, headquarters in Seattle, leads in the number of workers engaged, 1,241. District No. 4 also has the greatest number of school improvement projects, there being 59 in operation at this time.

District No. 1, headquarters Spokane, reports completion of the first new school building, a small one room structure for the Green-acres school district. Other new buildings in the six districts yet incompletd, are located in Ewan, Whitman County; Pomeroy in Garfield County; Jovita, Pierce County; Belfair, Mason County; Ocosta, Grays Harbor County; Medina, King County and Mossy Rock in Pacific County.

School improvement projects to the number of 55 utilizing the labor of 498 persons have already been completed, Abel reported. Two are in District No. 1; four in District No. 2; 11 in District No. 3; 24 in District No. 4; eight in District No. 5; and six in District No. 6.

Most of this needed work in the various school districts of the State could not have been done, or even started, had funds not been supplied by the Works Progress Administration," Abel said. "Necessary

work remains unaccomplished but it cannot be initiated by the school districts unless the Federal government furnishes the major part of the money required."

Although not definitely stating so, Abel implied the required funds for additional school work will be forthcoming from the new Works Progress Administration appropriation.

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Seattle, Washington, June 19, 1936.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Alaska Building Seattle, Washington



Washington state's unemployed artists will no longer be listed among the nation's forgotten men and women. That is the assertion, at least, of Joseph A. Danysh, Regional Director for the Federal Art Projects of the Works Progress Administration, who arrived here today from San Francisco to confer with Don G. Abel, State WPA Administrator, and set up a WPA art project in Washington state to employ unemployed artists.

"We realize the situation that confronts us," Danysh said upon arrival, "in getting the art projects under way. For many artists, now on the relief rolls, or engaged on other WPA projects, knowing that no art projects were in operation in the state of Washington when the WPA program was announced, were reluctant to put down their qualifications as artists, hence many of them masked their true identities by giving secondary qualifications such as truck drivers, house painters, plasterers, etc. By so doing, they hoped, of course, to be called for work assignments sooner than otherwise. As a consequence many who can qualify for work on the new art projects to be set up in this state under Federal supervision are now engaged on other WPA projects where they have no chance to do the work for which they are most naturally equipped by aptitude and training."

Painters, sculptors, photographers, craftsmen in metals and other materials, wood carvers, weavers, poster artists, interior decorators, lithographers, stone cutters, plaster casters, and all others who have had training or experience in allied arts will be eligible for work on the new art projects, Danysh said.

All persons in the state of Washington who have had training or experience in the above arts, but are now employed on other WPA projects, or, are, as yet, unassigned to WPA work from the relief rolls, are requested to call at the WPA offices, 301 Alaska Building, to state their qualifications and bring along samples of their work. Those living outside Seattle should contact the same offices by letter as soon as possible, Danysh says.

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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Seattle, Washington



The Washington Works Progress Administration's Department of Safety, with approximately 47,000 security wage workers employed at the peak, established a record in safety work unsurpassed by any other state in the union. This announcement was made yesterday by Don G. Abel, State WPA Administrator, who quoted from a report issued by R. P. Duncan, State Safety Consultant.

The report covering a period of nine months operation of WPA up to June 1, shows that while a total of 24,638,556 man hours of labor were being worked, not a single fatality occurred.

The safety of this number of workers, many of whom were unaccustomed to the work which they were assigned, created additional hazards, Duncan pointed out in his report, and was a real obstacle to be overcome by the Safety Department while compiling this remarkable record.

During the operation of the WPA projects, mountainsides were blasted to carve roads from tortuous trails, and heavy rocks were loaded in trucks and river scows for rip-rap-work on jetties and embankments. There were many road construction projects, and much work on flood and slide control, all considered more than ordinarily hazardous.

Demolition of old buildings and bridges and the erection of new ones were other hazardous undertakings engaged in by WPA workers while this safety record was being established. Heavy mechanical equipment such as steam shovels, cranes, bulldozers, tractors, road-graders, and motor trucks to the number of 1200 were used during these operations, the report shows.

Success of the WPA safety program in this remarkable degree, Duncan attributes to the fact that all foremen and others in supervisory capacities were instructed in first-aid before going out on the jobs and had complete first-aid equipment on hand as soon as the jobs were started.

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Seattle, Washington, June 23, 1936

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Seattle, Washington

The state-wide fruit and berry acreage census undertaken by Works Progress Administration workers under the joint sponsorship of the Federal Land Bank at Spokane and the State Division of Horticulture is rapidly nearing completion in most of the counties of the state, Don G. Abel, State WPA Administrator announced today.

In Chelan, Douglas and Okanogan counties, lack of available personnel has prevented institution of the work and persons living in that area who are eligible for WPA jobs are requested to make applications for work on this census survey by contacting either in person or by letter, the Director of Women's and Professional Projects, WPA District No. Two, Yakima.

When the census in these three counties is completed it is expected that fully 20,000 fruit and berry farms will be enumerated and classified. The work was commenced in April and approximately 100 persons have been engaged in it since that time.

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Seattle, Washington, June 24, 1936

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A WPA research project to assist in determining uses for the surplus electrical energy to be developed when the Grand Coulee and Bonneville Dams are completed, was announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, State Works Progress Administrator.

The project is being carried on at the University of Washington under the direction of Professor Carl E. Magnuson, Director of the Engineering Experimental Station, with funds and workers supplied by the Works Progress Administration. H. C. Sampson, District Supervisor, is in active charge of the project.

One of the main outlets for the current generated will be in operating water pumps for irrigation in the vast area of arid land in Eastern Washington that will be open for development when the Coulee and Bonneville Dams are completed, Abel said. Another outlet will be in pulp paper production, a field in which the State of Washington is lagging as compared to British Columbia. "The low cost of the energy will also make it possible," Abel stated, "for domestic users to utilize it for heating, thus making citizens of Washington less dependent on other sources for fuel supply."

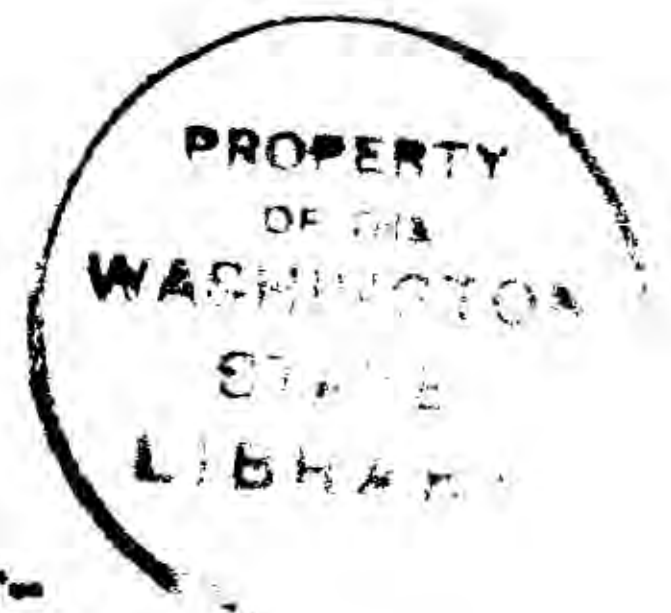
This research project, it is stated, will be continued for the next four months.

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Seattle, Washington, June 30, 1936.

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Seattle, Washington



A study of schools in the state of Washington for the purpose of raising their educational standards, lowering their costs and increasing efficiency for the individual student is being carried out by professional workers employed by the Works Progress Administration. This announcement was made yesterday by Don G. Abel, State WPA Administrator, who stated, that 11 WPA research workers are engaged on the project which will be completed in about four months time.

Dean Willis L. Uhl, assisted by Professors Dvorak, Cobaly and Powers is in charge of this survey which will cover the following points:

A study of the consolidation of rural schools, with a view to reducing their number and thereby reducing taxes.

A study of better articulation between high schools and universities, with a view to increasing the practicability of high school courses for students not intending to attend universities.

A diagnosis of student difficulties and remedial education, especially in arithmetic, punctuation, capitalization, and English usage.

A study of the teaching of English to foreigners, with a view to better meeting the needs of bi-lingual students.

A study of bi-lingual education.

A study of educational and recreational work in C.C.C. camps.

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Seattle, Washington, June 30, 1936

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For the purpose of determining the average indebtedness against farms and the average tax on farm land, an exhaustive Farm Mortgage and Tax Survey is being carried on by professional workers in all six districts of the State, Don G. Abel, Administrator of the Works Progress Administration, announced yesterday. This is a part of a general farm study underway throughout the United States by the W.P.A., Abel said.

As the first step of the survey in King County 50 sample farms representative of the total area of the county were studied from 1913 as far back as 1890, with an annual checking of their taxes. Hundreds of records were studied to get complete data on the 50, since, according to the terms of the survey, only three or more acres of improved land can be listed as a farm, and much King County acreage at that period was either timbered or unimproved. According to the findings of the survey, the taxes during this period showed only a slight gradual increase. W.P.A. workers are now checking these farms for the 1934 and the 1935 taxes, a previous study having covered the years between 1913 and 1934.

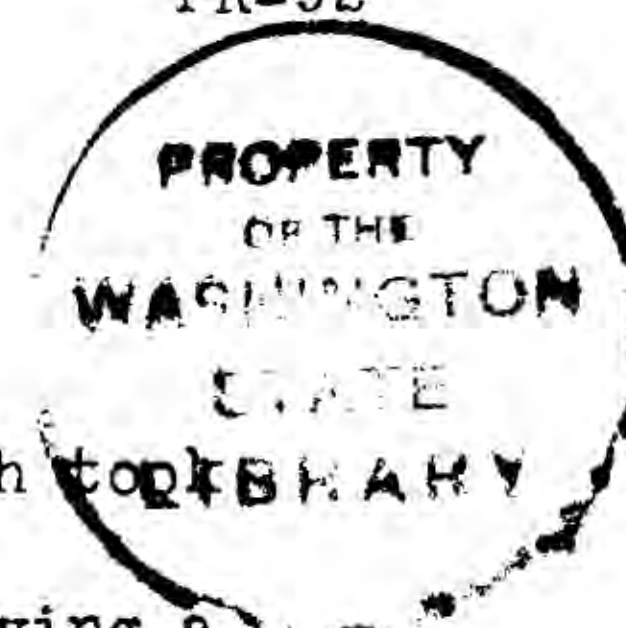
In the mortgage survey, approximately 12,000 farm mortgages of King County are being tabulated and checked through from their inception to their completion. Average interest rates in the county are five or six percent, though there are cases on record as low as three percent and as high as 12 percent. In the tabulation of 3,034 farm mortgages made up to the present time on this project, 2,300 have been checked through to the final payment of the mortgage, which indicates, it is pointed out, that a comparatively low percentage of King County farmers have lost their homes in this way.

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Seattle, Washington, July 3, 1936.

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Seattle Washington



A detailed study of each of the 12,804 motor accidents which took place in the city of Seattle in 1935, analyzing the cause and giving a diagram of the crossing or intersection at which they occurred is being made by professional workers of District No. 4, Works Progress Administration, under Director Fred G. Guenther.

This survey is now 70 percent complete. When finished, its findings will be turned over to the city of Seattle and forwarded to the Federal government in the hope that it will be of practical value in future accident prevention.

Over 15,000 speed studies have been made in the course of the survey. A physical diagram of each accident-point shows the construction of the intersection or crossing, the type of surface or grading, the radius of turns, any obstructions to vision, the average speed of cars at the time of accidents, any violations of hand signaling at arterials or lights at other crossings, and the volume of traffic entering the intersection and leaving it in all directions. Other maps show parking conditions in the central business area of Seattle, including double parking, safety zones, commercial zones, loading zones and fire hydrants, cross walk and fire exit violations per half hour in each block of the central business section. A volume count of 725 intersections has been made, showing the flow of traffic. Analysis of all accidents show the speed of cars, the cause of accidents, the injury and the property loss in each case.

"Did not have the right of way" is the commonest cause of accident, according to the survey. Eighty-four fatalities and 3,777 injuries resulted from the 12,804 motor accidents in 1935. Ninety-three was the maximum number of accidents occurring at any accident point or intersection.

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Seattle, Washington, July 3, 1936

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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Progress of projects now employing professional writers of the seven western states, and possible future professional writing projects, will be discussed at a regional conference this weekend, in Salt Lake City, with WPA officials from Washington, D.C., and state directors attending, according to James W. Egan, Seattle, State Director of Federal Writers' Projects. Egan will leave Wednesday with Hubert La Due, Assistant State Supervisor of The American Guide, for the meeting. Dr. Herman Deutsche, of Pullman, Assistant State Supervisor of the Historical Records Survey, also will attend.

Henry G. Alsberg, National Director of Writers' Projects, Dr. Luther H. Evans, National Supervisor of the Records Survey and Maurice L. Howe, Regional Director, are among the officials who will confer with the state directors.

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Seattle, Washington, July 7, 1936

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Among the numerous useful and beneficial WPA projects now in operation, water purification and supply and sewer systems are well in the forefront, Don G. Abel, State Works Progress Administrator said today. Quoting from a statistical report, Abel said, 46 such projects are now underway in the State of Washington under WPA supervision.

According to the report on June 15, 855 security wage workers were engaged on 20 projects involving water purification and supply, while 2,531 workers were employed on 26 sewer system projects throughout the State.

Among the more ambitious and necessary of these latter named projects is the new sewage disposal plant and sewer system in Yakima, one of the most modern plants in the country. At the present time 250 men are being employed in its construction and the total time estimated for its completion is eight months. An average of 175 men a month have been employed on the project since construction began. When completed it will remove a hazard to health which has existed since the Yakima Valley was settled. Previously, the raw sewage was run directly into the Yakima River and contaminated the whole area below the city of Yakima.

In substantiating the usefulness and benefits accruing to the citizens of the State by WPA undertakings of this nature, Abel quoted Dr. E. R. Coffey, State Director of Health: "It is urgently recommended by this office," Dr. Coffey said, "that in the continuation of the Works Progress Administration, preference should be given to those work projects which will offer the greatest future benefits to the citizens of this State from the standpoint of protection of their health."

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Seattle, Washington, July 7, 1936.

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Seattle, Washington



The construction of municipal and county airports, extending and improving existing fields, and building new emergency landing fields, will be one of the special activities of the W. P. A. Program during the ensuing year.

This announcement was made yesterday by Don G. Abel, State Works Progress Administrator. Fifteen airport and emergency landing field projects are in operation throughout the six districts of the State at this time, Abel said.

Boeing Field Airport, Seattle's terminus for transcontinental and international air lines, is one of the largest of these undertakings. One hundred thirty men are now employed there in resurfacing the runways, installing a new drainage system and regrading between 600,000 and 700,000 square yards.

The Port Angeles Airport is another important undertaking in District No. 4, the Administrator reported. It is the only airport within a radius of one hundred miles and ideally serves ocean-flying Canadian, Alaskan, and Oriental planes, and is necessary for the development of air passenger carrying lines in the Northwest. Another small field is being built at Ediz Hook, the Coast Guard station near Port Angeles, to afford choice of landings for combination land and sea-planes, which previously were forced to make water landings regardless of the hazards due to rough water.

In District No. 1, Spokane, four airport projects are under way. On two of them, the Felts Field Airport at Spokane and the Deer Park Airport at Deer Park, the Works Progress Administration is doing improvement work. The Felts Field Job is about fifty per cent completed, and when finished will give Spokane one of the most modern and up-to-date airports in the country. The Deer Park Airport is being improved as a subsidiary field for emergency landings of Spokane bound planes in foggy weather. Records of the Weather Bureau show that

there is less zero visability and fog there than at Spokane, 20 miles away, and that when Felts Field is blanketed in fog, the Airport at Deer Park is usually clear. Two other airports, that form a link in the chain of emergency landing fields between Spokane and the Canadian border, are being built at Kettle Falls and Chewelah.

Two airport projects are under way in District No. 5, one at Tacoma, and the other in Olympia. The Olympia Airport is being completely modernized and an additional hangar built. Thirty workers have been engaged on the project since its inception, but arrangements are now being made to increase this force to sixty, it is said. The Pierce County Airport at Tacoma did not require as much work, but 15 men were engaged there for five months in grading and leveling.

In District No. 2, Yakima, five airport projects are reported. On two of them, at Wenatchee and Cle Elum, the work is complete. A W.P.A. airport project at Walla Walla was recently completed, but a new project has been set up, and work on building a new runway and graveling and oiling the existing one will commence soon. Work on the Prosser Airport is approximately fifty per cent complete and the Yakima Airport project is just starting. After the drainage system is installed, the airport will be leveled and surfaced, and lights will be installed.

In District No. 6, Longview, but one airport project is in operation, the one at Kelso, where work that was started under WERA is being continued by the Works Progress Administration. Thirty-five W.P.A. workers have been engaged on this work since November 1, 1935, and it is approximately seventy-five per cent completed.

In District No. 3, Everett, no airport projects have been instituted to date, Abel said, but projects are contemplated at Everett, Bellingham and Mount Vernon. The long contemplated Snohomish County airport to be located six miles south of Everett, is again under consideration as a W.P.A. project,

but because of the amount of money involved, a sum considerably over \$100,000, it will take some time for the project proposal to be approved, Abel advised. When it is finally approved, however, it is expected that a force of 200 men will be put to work in clearing and grading the area for a mile-long runway, 1000 feet wide.

All airport construction and improvement work in which the Works Progress Administration participates is under the supervision of the Bureau of Aeronautics, U. S. Department of Commerce, Abel pointed out, and all such projects must be approved by that bureau before actual work begins. Inspectors from the bureau personally supervise the projects while in operation.

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Seattle, Washington, July 13, 1936

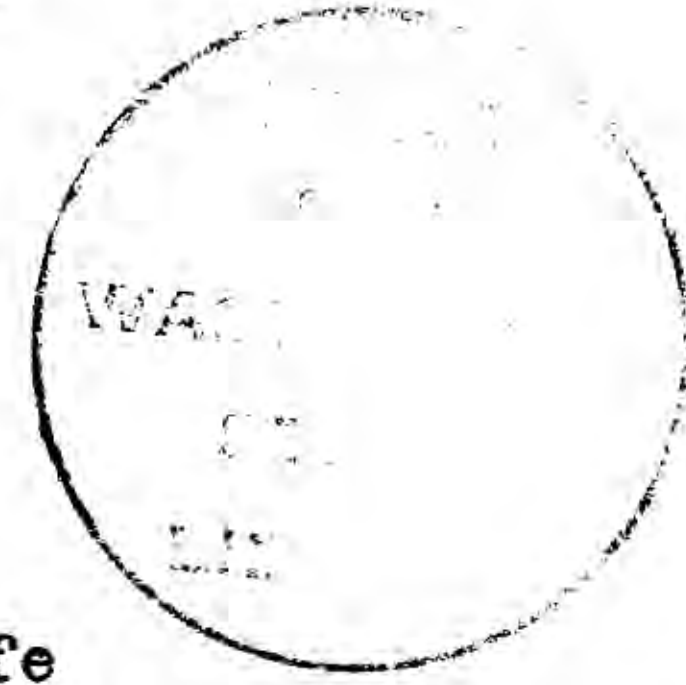
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Called by Robert H. Hinckley, Regional Field Representative of District No. 5, executive officials of the Works Progress Administration of the 11 western states will convene in Salt Lake City for a two-day conference on Friday and Saturday, July 17 and 18. The sessions, Don G. Abel, Washington State Administrator, stated yesterday, will be given over to the discussions of problems now confronting the WPA.

Washington State, Abel reported, will be represented by himself, R. L. Nicholson, Deputy Administrator and E. H. Pittwood, Director of the Division of Finance and Statistics.

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Seattle, Washington, July 15, 1936.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Seattle, Washington

Washington had a rich lore of tribal Indian and pioneer life before the railroads came, and Guy Williams, State Director for the Federal Theatre, has invited Washington writers and playwrights to dramatize its significance to the American scene in Washington's development, either in full dramatic form as a play, or in any other form that can be presented on the stage.

"Dramatizing local history and regional folk-lore is one of the important phases of the WPA Federal Theatre program," Williams said today, and similar appeals have been broadcast in many sections of the country where the Federal Theatre is active. This is in line with Federal Theatre policy to encourage the use of local material in the building of a truly American drama. All writers or playwrights interested in doing such work are asked to contact the state director of Federal Theatre Projects, 602 Alaska Building, Seattle.

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Seattle, Washington, July 16, 1936

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Seattle, Washington

In planning Works Progress Administration construction jobs for the fiscal year 1937, sponsors will be encouraged by State Administrators to submit projects which are susceptible of termination on short notice in order to provide flexible operating schedule.

This announcement was made by Harry L. Hopkins, WPA Administrator, in an official communication to state administrators from Washington, D. C.

Within this limitation, Hopkins stated, construction projects should be selected for operation according to the following principles:

First - any construction project which is of a desirable character and suited to the program and the completion of which can be definitely foreseen by December 31, 1936.

Second - a limited number of desirable construction projects, the completion of which will fall between January 1 and March 1, 1937. These are to be dovetailed with the first grouping and scheduled to completion if necessary by possible closing of projects in the first group.

Third - In view of the fact that the funds provided in the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1936 are available for expenditure only until June 30, 1937, no construction project should under any circumstances be placed in operation unless the completion of the entire project or a useful part thereof can be definitely foreseen by that date.

Projects scheduled for completion later than March 1, 1937, must be supported by a written agreement releasing the WPA of obligation to complete the project, and indicating a willingness on the part of the sponsor, in the event the WPA has not sufficient funds for completion, to carry on the project, at least to the extent that it will not be left in an unsightly or discreditable condition.

Hopkins urged careful thought be given to the question of making provision for carrying on the Works Program through the coming winter months, stating that definite planning to this end should be started at this time.

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Seattle, Washington, July 17, 1936

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Seattle, Washington

In an effort to disclose the hidden mineral wealth in the state of Washington, the State Department of Geology and Washington State College working in cooperation with the WPA, is conducting an intensive survey of the non-precious mineral resources of the state.

This announcement was made yesterday by Don G. Abel, State WPA Administrator, who stated, necessary funds and workers for the survey will be supplied by the WPA.

"This is the first survey of such nature undertaken in the state of Washington and is an activity that has long been hoped for by the State Department of Geology and Washington State College," Abel said. "Heretofore, the work has been delayed because the funds were not available. It is work like this that the executive officials of the WPA are deeply interested in because activity such as this supplies work for unemployed technical men, and further because the result will prove a definite asset to private industry and business. The records of these deposits will be made up and available to everyone."

Approximately 100 trained mineralogists are working on this survey under Claude F. Fowler, WPA Geologist, and before it is completed it is expected that deposits of non-precious minerals which can be made available for future use in the industrial and chemical arts will be located.

During this survey Chromite, Molybdenum and Vanadium especially will be sought. These minerals are necessary in the manufacture of hard steels and the supply in this country is not sufficient to care for future industrial demands, it was pointed out. Every acre of the state's known and unknown mineral area will be scrutinized carefully during the survey which will not be completed, it was said, until some time next year.

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Seattle, Washington, July 20, 1936

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