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Seven major highway tours, covering points of interest large and small, will be an important feature of the "Guide to the Evergreen State", prepared by the WPA Federal Writers' Project, announced James W. Egan, state director of the Project. The book will be published during 1938 under the sponsorship of the Washington State Progress Commission.

The first tour is routed along Highway US 10, from the Idaho border to Seattle. Tour No. 2 will take the traveler on US 99 from Blaine to Vancouver, Washington. Tour No. 3 is in four sections, describing the State from Clarkston to Aberdeen by way of US 410. The fourth tour begins at Oroville and terminates at Maryhill, near the Oregon border.

The fifth and sixth tours are in eastern Washington. Tour 5, along US 395, extends from Cascade, B.C., to Pasco. Tour 6 is routed from Newport to the Idaho border below Uniontown, via US 195.

The seventh tour, on US 830 from Maryhill Junction to Johnson's Landing on the southwestern coast, parallels the lower Columbia much of the route.

Other tours, in addition to these, picture the Olympic Loop, the ocean beaches, Coulee Dam, Lake Chelan, Mount Baker, the principal highway to Rainier National Park, the Stevens Pass route and Whidby Island.

A special section of the guidebook is devoted to water tours of Puget Sound. Among points of interest treated are the San Juan Islands, Bremerton, Bainbridge, Vashon and McNeil Islands. Another special section describes Rainier National Park, with motor and trail tours within the area.

Tour maps and scores of photographs will enhance the various highway and water journeys depicted.

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At the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Washington State School Director's Association, held at Yakima February 21-22, seventy-five per cent of the state's county school superintendents requested, by petition, the continuance of the "Educational Measurement Survey" now being conducted by specially trained WPA workers at the University of Washington, according to State Works Progress Administrator Don G. Abel.

Housed in quarters in Lewis Hall, seventy skilled workers are carefully checking and rechecking scores and tabulations in performing a most valuable service, not only for elementary and high school pupils, but for teachers, directors and parents as well. Accuracy is insisted on and scrupulously observed in every detail of the examination of the tests. This is due to the fact that but one mistake, on the part of the examiner, seriously reflects upon the pupil's credits for two months time. Five mistakes, passed unnoticed, would mean an extremely false estimate of a student's mental development.

The first step in the survey is giving of tests by the teacher. These are scored and "Comprehension Scores" are determined to show the "educational average" of the pupil. Tabulations are made of the types of error for the student, and also for the class, and it is thus possible to make a composite tabulation for the individual which clearly indicates the type of remedial instruction needed.

Remedial work by schools for children as individuals or groups who are below average, according to their age and grade, is based on recommendations made by the University of Washington, as the sponsor of the project. All recommendations are based on material graded and tabulated by WPA workers who are under the strict supervision of Dr. August Dvorak of the University.

The second step, as indicated by the Educational Measurement Survey, is to identify pupils who are deficient, and the third step is to diagnose the pupil's deficiencies. Assistance in diagnosis is given by Professor Worth J. Osburn of the University of Washington. Professor Cliff W. Stone, Washington State College; Professor Raymond Hawk, Eastern State College of Education; Professor E. E. Samuelson, Central State College of Education, and Professor C. C. Upshall, Western College of Education. To protect the pupil much of this work is considered of a highly confidential nature.

Abel pointed out that of a scheduled 350,000 test books to be scored, 83,667 have been received to date. There are eleven tests averaging forty questions each, and 63,917 test books have been completed and returned. In addition 12,133 "Frequency of Error" studies for diagnostic purposes have been made, and special studies conducted for school districts, showing age levels for each class and grade. Fifty-five large charts are being drawn in colored ink, showing the relation of each school to the county, state and national averages.

It is interesting to learn that, in the State of Washington, eighth grade pupils average a full year in advance of the national average, yet the charts clearly indicate that the "educational age" of many of our students is appreciably below the national average.

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Followers of the Sport of Kings can expect much faster time to be made by blue-blooded horses streaking down the home stretch at the Washington State Fair race track next fall, since the announcement yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, that a \$26,917 WPA allotment has been made to begin resurfacing the race track on March 14.

The project also calls for excavating the oval inside the track to uniform grade, adding to the appearance and visibility of the entire race course area. The work, which will be finished in ample time for the 1938 Fair, is being sponsored by the Washington State Department of Agriculture. This department is providing \$11,658 for material and rental of equipment.

Several other WPA projects have brought the State Fair grounds up to a higher degree of excellence in both appearance and facilities, and thousands of projects to enhance the value and usefulness of publicly owned exhibiting grounds have been completed in all sections of the nation, Abel said.

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An encouraging sign that Spring is in the air is even being reflected in W.P.A. employment reports, according to Don G. Abel, State WPA Administrator.

Opening of seasonal employment is expected shortly to have its effect on the state's present number of unemployed. First reports reaching the employment division of the WPA, said Abel, came from Clallam county, where fifty workers have quit WPA projects to take employment in recently opened logging operations in the vicinity of Port Angeles.

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One of the most colorful volumes thus far published in the American Guide series being compiled by the WPA Federal Writers' Project is the "New Orleans City Guide". This beautifully illustrated 400-page book contains all possible information on the Mardi Gras city, including special chapters on its great carnival spectacle, its night life and gayeties, the French and Creole quarters, hotels, restaurants and amusements. Even recipes for famous Louisiana dishes are given.

The New Orleans Guide was sponsored by the present mayor of the city. It is pointed out by James W. Egan, Washington State Director of the Writers' Project, that material for a complete and colorful guidebook to Seattle can be assembled here if city or county officials or the Chamber of Commerce will guarantee sponsorship. One of the most poorly advertised of the country's larger cities, Seattle emphatically needs such a volume, Egan stated.

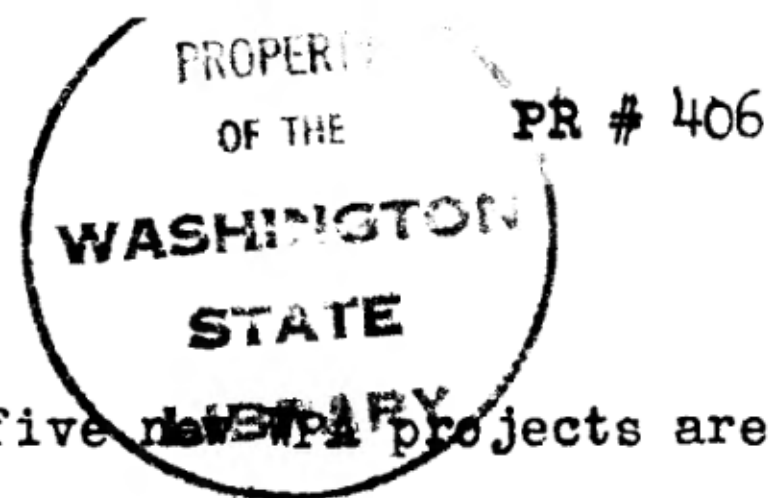
Another late release in the series of state guides coming off the press is "New Hampshire: A Guide to the Granite State", containing more than 500 pages dealing with what is called the merriest of the Puritan states. Tours to all parts of this historic New England region are an important feature, and the book is photographically excellent.

Washington's own State guidebook is awaiting publication arrangements to be made by the State Progress Commission, which is co-sponsoring the venture.

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According to Don G. Abel, State WPA Administrator, five new WPA projects are due to start in the first week in April, in King and Kitsap counties. These include water district improvements at Yarrow Point, near Kirkland; improvement of recreational facilities, at Issaquah; construction of a new grade school for district 202, at Panther Lake, near Renton; improvements to the grade school of district 25, at Holly, and enlarging of the playgrounds for the school of district 62, at Indianola Beach, both in Kitsap county.

At Yarrow Point the 4 acre water shed will be protected from contamination by necessary improvements, such as construction of encircling fence, drains, new water-pipes, remodeling of the sedimentation tank building and removal of all fallen timber. These improvements are designed to prevent pollution of the Yarrow Point water supply.

At Issaquah, recreational improvements call for athletic field enlargement of baseball field, tennis courts, construction of grandstand, railings, installation of swings and handball courts. The club house will be remodeled by concrete footings, foundations, installation of heating plant, rest room and shower room, plumbing and septic tank, and painting. In the city park, trees will be topped, a cabin constructed, together with a 40 foot wading pool. The creek bed will be ripraped with stone, rustic bridges constructed and the grounds landscaped. A trap shooting and target range will also be constructed, including a cabin and railing for the parking area. This project also includes improvements for the burial grounds at Issaquah, such as clearing additional land and the construction of roads and paths.

The new Panther Lake school, near Renton, will be a 52 by 145 foot one story structure of modernistic design, complete with heating, plumbing and electrical equipment, including a modern fire alarm system. WPA funds of \$23,072 have been granted to match the sponsor's allocation of \$11,621 to cover material costs.

Grade school improvements, at Holly, in Kitsap county, will consist of shingling, sealing basement, new wiring, construction of rest rooms; painting, calcimining and varnishing, and moving of auxiliary buildings.

At Indianola Beach, the grade school will have an enlarged playfield, construction of backstop and swings and other incidental improvements.



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In Snohomish county, two street and highway improvements are scheduled to begin at once, according to word received from the office of Don G. Abel, State WPA Administrator.

To improve the northeast entrance to the town of Snohomish, WPA workers will start grading for construction of curbs and sidewalks on Maple, Hill, May and First Streets, also on Avenues "A" and "C". Approximately twenty men will be employed two and a half months. WPA funds, to cover labor costs, totals \$3,828, which will be supplemented by a sponsor's grant of \$3,133 to cover costs of materials, such as drain tile, and equipment rentals.

Snohomish county commissioners, in sponsoring the construction of sidewalks parallel to the State Highway No. 15, in the town of Startup, will eliminate the danger of school children using the highway in order to attend school. WPA funds of \$810 will match a sponsor's pledge of \$449. About 15 men will be employed.

Word has also been received at the State WPA headquarters, according to Abel, that Presidential approval has been received, by a grant of \$75,864, to continue operation of the Snohomish county-wide sewing project, exclusive of the City of Everett. County commissioners are pledging \$8,820, as co-sponsors with the State Department of Social Security.

The Skagit county sewing project, also won Presidential approval with a WPA allotment of \$52,236.

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The WPA in Spokane will continue operating the two sewing rooms at Hawthorne School and at North 5313 Regal Street, with the aid of Federal funds totaling \$342,150, it was announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, State Works Progress Administrator.

Garments made by persons taken from the relief rolls, mostly women, on this project, as well as various other sewing projects throughout the state, are distributed free to charitable institutions and other certified as in need by the State Department of Social Security, as sponsor. The sponsor's contribution, for the new Spokane project, said Abel, totals \$39,995.

In addition to workers, WPA provides a small amount of materials, telephone and safety kits. The sponsor's contribution is used for materials, storage space, hauling of merchandise, sewing machines, rentals, yardage, buttons, thread, scissors, light and power and fuel.

More than \$758,500 has been invested in Spokane sewing projects by the WPA since their establishment prior to the new allotment, Abel disclosed.

Eastern Washington will benefit from five other projects, also slated to begin Monday, said Administrator Abel, bringing total WPA allotments of the six projects to \$376,501. At Twisp, the city is sponsoring a project which includes construction of a concrete swimming pool, a foot bridge and landscaping of a natural park site. WPA funds of \$5,102 for labor and a city pledge of \$865 for materials will complete this project.

A sidewalk and retaining wall will be built from Valley High School into the nearby town of Valley, sponsored by School District No. 3. WPA provides \$5,139 and the sponsor, \$1,194. WPA will furnish \$5,344 to improve the water distribution system of Asotin, using materials provided by the city with \$2,402. Old wood water mains on Stafford, Sixth and Pine Streets, Cle Elum will be replaced with steel pipe with a \$5,956 Federal allotment and an additional \$3,219.90 from the city. Extension of the playfield and construction of a ball diamond will feature improvement of recreational facilities of Wiley City with a WPA allotment of \$2,810, and a sponsor's pledge of \$399.60. The county commissioners of Yakima county are acting as official sponsors although the community raised the money for materials by popular subscription, according to Abel.

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Four WPA projects will begin immediately in counties of southern Washington, according to WPA Administrator, Don G. Abel. Thurston county has been allotted \$67,574 in WPA funds for road improvements in road districts one and two. In Grays Harbor county, the city of Hoquiam has been allocated \$2,326 to remodel the People's Institute Building, now being jointly occupied by the municipal offices and WPA zone headquarters. In Lewis county the city of Centralia will receive \$8,765 in WPA funds for improvements along China Creek, which runs diagonally through the city and empties into the Chehalis River.

Thurston county road district 1 will improve 9.5 miles of road: Frazer road, three and one half miles; Neat road, two and one half miles, and the Lawrence road, three and one half miles. In district 2 work will be undertaken on the Cedar Flats, the Prine and the Summit Lake roads.

Hoquiam's municipal building will be remodeled throughout, and will include reconstruction of foundations, stairways, installation of plumbing and lighting fixtures, painting and shingling.

Centralia's China Creek project will employ approximately 45 men for about four months. Approximately 9,700 feet of stream bed will be cleared of all debris and the banks will be riprapped with suitable material to provide speedier disposal of drainage water during winter months when rising water endangers property in the area.

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A WPA project designed to improve approximately ten miles of important farm-to-market roads in King County is scheduled to begin about April 6, according to State WPA Administrator Don. G. Abel.

This project, which will be known as Unit "D" has been allocated \$37,672 in WPA funds to employ about 200 men from the relief rolls. King County commissioners, in sponsoring this additional unit of a general road improvement program for King County roads, have granted county funds to cover the cost of needed materials and supplies.

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Washington's great mountain playground, Rainier National Park, is described in a comprehensive and colorful chapter of "Washington: A Guide to the Evergreen State", according to James W. Egan, state director of the Federal Writers' Project, which has prepared the material. The Washington volume in the American Guide series will be published under the sponsorship of the State Progress Commission.

A general picture of Rainier National Park, with its legendary and historical background, forms an introductory section. Four major tours within the park follow, guiding visitors from the entrances at Nisqually, Yakima Park (Sunrise), Ohanapecosh and Carbon River to the principal points of interest. Among these are glaciers, ice caves, lakes, scenic lookouts and ski runs.

The Wonderland Trail trip around the park and the summit climb are special tour features. Many trail trips, short and long, are outlined in addition to the four main trips that can be made by car.

A very complete general information summary is included, with types of accommodations, rates, regulations, advice on equipment and virtually everything a visitor may want to know.

Valuable assistance in compiling the park material has been given the Federal Writers' Project by Major O. A. Tomlinson, superintendent of the National Park Service and members of his staff, the Rainier National Park Company and Joseph Hazard, well-known mountaineer and author.

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In Pierce County, three major works projects are scheduled to start immediately according to State WPA Administrator Don G. Abel, who announced allocations of \$171,448 to match approximately \$31,600 in sponsor's funds to assist in carrying on the work.

Puyallup has been granted \$32,120 for city-wide drainage improvements which include 8,500 feet of box drains in the vicinity of 5th street and 15th avenue and 2,300 feet of open and closed drainage ditch for both the East and West River Sloughs. These sloughs are part of the old Puyallup River channel. They are filled with river water during high water periods, and the water becoming stagnant, creates a serious menace to health. This project also calls for construction of catch basins, manholes, laying 4,500 feet of rip-rap, installing 2,033 feet of tile and erecting 2,100 feet of guard rail.

Two miles west of Puyallup the Western Washington Experiment Station will invest approximately \$15,300 in improving about 12 additional acres. This will include clearing new ground for grazing and experimental purposes, relocating the entrance to provide easier access to the station grounds. Other work includes a mile of new roads, relaying old tile lines and providing better drainage with a mile of new ditches. The parking area will also be enlarged and the grounds beautified with new lawns.

To improve about 16 miles of Pierce county roads, WPA allocations of \$131,018 have been made which will provide employment for about 550 men. This county-wide project calls for better alignment, easier grades and improved drainage on roads designated by the county commissioners as needing these improvements at this time.

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Two projects for eastern Washington calling for WPA allotments totaling \$132,557 will start this week, it was announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator. City-wide improvement of the Spokane water system will be done under a Federal fund of \$70,269 and road improvements in Douglas county with \$62,288 from WPA.

Extension and improvement of the Spokane water system includes constructing water mains, laying pipe, installing valves and fittings, placing hydrants and valve boxes, backfilling, repairing pavement and incidental jobs. The city is providing \$38,676 for equipment rentals and materials.

Douglas county road improvements will include installing drain pipe, widening shoulders, erecting fences, placing riprap, constructing ditches and culverts and eliminating curves. Headquarters for this project, Abel said, is being established at Waterville. The county commissioners, as sponsors are furnishing \$31,290.82 for materials and equipment.

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With WPA allocations totaling \$235,418 to cover labor costs, Presidential approval has been received to begin operations on five WPA projects in Snohomish, Skagit and Island counties, it was revealed today by Don G. Abel, State WPA Administrator.

Sponsor's funds to match federal grants will total \$20,708 which will be invested mainly in materials and supplies.

In Snohomish county, dike district #2, near Marysville has been granted an additional \$1,758 to complete brush-mat work to protect 400 acres of cultivated land from hightide overflow. This was made necessary because WPA workers could only be employed at low-tide periods. At Everett \$8,504 will be expended to transcribe, classify, index and prepare a new file of records for the Everett Public schools. Data to be covered will consist of grade records, intelligence quotients and graduation records from 1928 to 1936.

In the East Commissioner's district of Skagit county \$95,347 will be invested in clearing, sloping, ditching and constructing culverts for improvement of the county roads. Near Burlington work is scheduled to begin soon along the Samish River and Friday Creek. This will involve extensive snagging and clearing of channels, beside revetment work along the stream beds at critical points. \$110,000 of WPA funds have been set aside for this work.

For improvement of roads west of Holmes Harbor and the Saratoga Passage, on Whidby Island, WPA workers will undertake removal of road hazards existing for many years, such as blind curves on narrow winding roads which have been in use since the Island was first settled about eighty years ago.

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Piping hot lunches for an average of 18,466 hungry school children daily in 211 schools scattered throughout 23 counties in the State of Washington and representing \$61,331 in WPA funds for the school year for providing cooks and attendants, was revealed in a report by Don G. Abel, State Administrator of the Works Progress Administration today.

"These hot lunches are provided primarily for the school children in outlying rural districts where they have to come some distance from their homes to the school and where they are not properly fed at home. In some cases these hot lunches which the children receive at noon is the only properly balanced meal of the day for them." Strict attention is paid in preparing the menus which are drafted by qualified dieticians," Abel stated.

In addition to preparing hot lunches the WPA cooks will can donated fruit and vegetables in season, for use during the school year. The food to be canned is usually donated through the efforts of local community clubs and Parent-Teachers Associations.

Throughout the state, the number of school served range from one each in Pend Oreille, Stevens, Walla Walla and Klickitat counties to 24 schools being served in Spokane county, which is largest unit in the state and directly benefits 2,185 school children. The largest daily attendance for a single school is at the Federal Way School, King County on the Seattle-Tacoma highway where six WPA cooks and attendants serve 318 children daily.

"An indication of the approval of the WPA-Hot lunch program for school children is indicated in an increase of more than 7,500 lunches served daily within the past year and it is our intention to see that no needy school child in the State of Washington goes without a nourishing noon day lunch" Abel continued.

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For continuing WPA sewing rooms, in Lewis, Cowlitz and King County areas, State WPA Administrator, Don G. Abel, reports approval has been received to expend \$318,315 in WPA funds to match county allotments of \$63,796, which will be used for the purchase of materials and supplies needed.

King county has been granted \$121,800 for its county-wide projects, in addition to \$161,196, which has been allocated for use by sewing projects in Seattle.

Lewis county's share totals \$11,924 to provide employment in repairing and renovating contributed clothing, shoes, bedding and other household articles for distribution to the needy. Headquarters of the project will be at Chehalis, Cowlitz county will receive \$23,431, for maintenance of sewing rooms, with headquarters at Longview.

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Seattle, Washington, April 4, 1938



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The largest building renovation project ever undertaken at the University of Washington, calling for the rebuilding and repairing of twenty school buildings and the residence of President Seig at 808 36th Avenue North, which was deeded to the University several years ago, is slated to begin May 6th with the aid of \$158,630 in WPA funds, Don G. Abel, State WPA Administrator announced today.

Outstanding features of the project will be the entire remodeling of the 42 year old Lewis Hall, recently known as Union Hall, to house the School of Journalism, and completion of the new Bio-chemistry building, largest structure on the campus. Renovation of Lewis Hall, will include reconstructing the foundation, masonry and coping, rebuilding the roof, painting and waterproofing the entire exterior and extensive rebuilding of the interior. New lighting fixtures, plumbing and heating will also be installed. Cost of modernizing the building, has been set at \$54,772. Complete renovating the Bio-chemistry building calls for \$31,684 to be invested.

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In addition to the WPA allotment, the University, as sponsor, will provide \$64,267 for the project, Abel said. He also indicated that the first unit to get under way will be the Bio-chemistry building. Partitioning, as well as all necessary woodwork, plumbing, heating, wiring and equipment installation will be done in this structure.

The President's home, erected in 1906 is to undergo extensive modernizing at a cost of \$3,394. Items listed include: painting inside and out, alterations, plastering and complete rewiring to handle modern home appliances.

Main features of improvements in other buildings are general renovating, necessary weatherproofing, new electrical wiring, more efficient lighting facilities, plastering painting and remodeling for modern day uses. Among the older structures, work will be done which has been seriously needed for years to make them more modern. Other principal allotments have been set up as follows: main wing of the Library, \$10,845; Parrington Hall, \$20,751; Johnson Hall, \$19,028; Physics building, \$20,569; R.O.T.C. buildings, \$10,168 and the Pharmacy Annex, \$11,601. Also including in the WPA renovation project will be the Nursery School, Henry Art Gallery, three fisheries buildings, the Mines building, Stores building, Green House, Armory, Chemistry Annex and Bagley Hall,

Seattle, Washington, April 6, 1938

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WPA funds totaling \$29,483 have been allotted five Eastern Washington counties for irrigation improvements, city street grading, construction of a swimming pool, school improvements and indexing of county land records, State WPA Administrator Don G. Abel revealed today. He announced that work will begin at once.

Near Greenacres WPA workers will improve about 1.22 miles of irrigation ditch by lining the canal with concrete and installing about 100 gates. For the town of Harrington about 1.6 miles of streets will be improved by grading and surfacing. This will involve about 2500 cubic yards of solid rock excavation. At Goose Prairie, northwest of Naches, Yakima County is sponsoring the construction of a reinforced concrete swimming pool. The Goose Prairie recreational center is visited by hundreds of tourists each summer, besides being a Boy Scout encampment. To improve the appearance of the school grounds at Okanogan, the old building will be demolished and the materials salvaged by school district 105.

Stevens county in sponsoring its land survey, will catalog, index and prepare descriptive sectional diagram maps together with master ownership maps of all county-owned real property. This is expected to result in obtaining a complete new record of all property for purposes of resale of county lands.

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The new Ravensdale grade school building, erected with the aid of \$13,534 in Federal funds will be dedicated Saturday April 9 at which Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, will present the completed project to officials of the School Board of District No. 109, it was announced yesterday at State WPA headquarters in Seattle.

Attending the ceremonies will be WPA officials, residents of the School District, representatives of the school board and the King County Commissioner from the South District, Jack Taylor.

The building provides four class rooms on one floor and a full basement. It is of reinforced stucco construction, 104 x 57 feet, being changed from the original plans for a brick veneer structure 76 x 66 feet, and increasing the floor area 912 square feet, Abel said.

As sponsors, the county commissioners provided \$8,449 for materials and the rental of equipment.

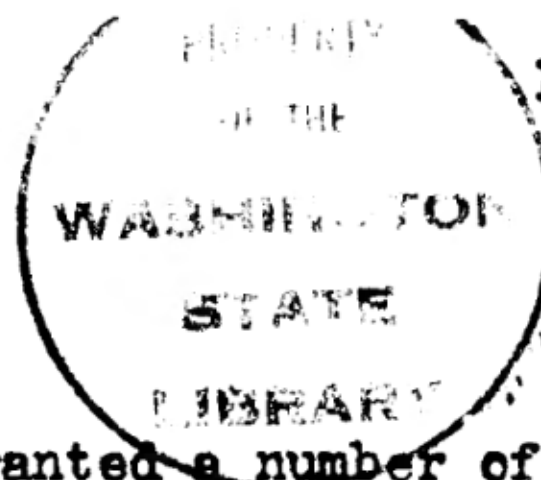
WPA workers wrecked the old Ravensdale school structure and salvaged the materials for use in erecting the new building on the same site. An average of 25 men were employed for nearly a year in demolishing the old building and erecting the new, Abel said. A WPA crew is now busy landscaping and improving the school grounds.

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Allocations of WPA funds totaling \$54,817 have been granted a number of the school districts throughout Western part of the state, according to State WPA Administrator Don G. Abel in announcing a list of new WPA projects scheduled to begin at an early date. These projects include remodeling, additions, improvement of grounds, parks and playfields, including the removal of driving hazards in the vicinity of schools.

In King County WPA workers will begin construction of an addition to the Olympic View grade school near Seattle. This will include wrecking of the old building, excavating and installing drain tile and erecting addition, including heating, plumbing and electrical fixtures. WPA funds total \$11,764, the sponsors contributing \$7,062 for materials.

General remodeling of the Troublake school and Gymnasium, in Klickitat county will include carpentry and painting work, repairs to masonry and plumbing, basement and woodshed.

Additions and improvements to recreational facilities of the Gig Harbor grade school, in Pierce County, will include clearing and landscaping, construction of drainage and water systems, restrooms, bridge, guard rails and other incidental improvements. WPA funds total \$20,126 to cover labor costs.

For improvements of playfields throughout school district 24 in and near the City of Everett, WPA workers will undertake landscaping, planting of shrubs, beautification of school properties in the construction of flowerbeds and lawns.

In the City of Aberdeen improvement of recreational facilities at Stewart, Benn and Pioneer Parks and the Finch Playfield, will include clearing additional land, landscaping, construction of bridges and trails, resurfacing of tennis courts and leveling of wading pools. The City of Aberdeen has been granted \$9,908 in WPA funds to cover labor costs of the proposed improvements.

The City of Bellingham, to lessen driving hazards and provide greater safety for school children will remove view-obstructing shrubs from intersections where cross-traffic hinders driving along city streets. It is estimated this will cover an area approximately 5 acres in extent on the parking strips throughout the city, and is expected to materially increase the safety of Bellingham's streets.

Additional WPA funds granted by the Works Progress Administration for the State of Washington includes a project to assist in preparing land use maps from information obtained from the Pacific Northwest Experiment Station, the State College of Washington and the Farm Security Administration. This work will be conducted at Olympia.

Another project designed to employ professional and clerical workers will undertake the codification, indexing and transcribing of Puyallup city ordinances and council actions from 1890 to January 1936.

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This week, WPA workers are scheduled to begin work on the Washington State Department of Game fish hatchery beautification project, on Tokul Creek along the Snoqualmie Pass Highway near Falls City. Don G. Abel, State WPA Administrator revealed that \$15,290 in WPA funds will be invested in improvement of recreational facilities for this show place along the main cross-state highway for tourist travel into Western Washington. This project, which calls for clearing and grubbing 9 additional acres, also includes landscaping 5 acres for an enlarged recreational area to accomodate the thousands of tourists who visit the Tokul Creek Hatchery annually.

Included in present plans will be construction of new ditches at the intake, cross ditches to carry water to the enlarged parking space, also improvements to the road near the entrance, a new rubble stone wall along the creek bank, landscaping near the rearing ponds, and approximately 1800 feet of new trails and roads. Other proposed improvements include construction of concrete tanks to retain hatchery outlet water, guard rails for the parking area, construction of a log shelter in the lower park and the placing of stucco on hatchery buildings,

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Grays Harbor district will see seven new WPA projects begin this week, with total Federal allotments of \$113,033, it was announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, State Works Progress Administrator.

Aberdeen projects total \$61,797, Montesano, \$13,399; Elma, \$18,777; Hoquiam, \$5,291 and a road project on the Quinault Indian Reservation \$13,769. City wide improvements in streets and alleys of Aberdeen will be done with the aid of \$55,432 to go with a city allotment of \$19,543.29 which will be used for materials and equipment rentals. City storm and sanitary sewers will be installed with \$6,365 from WPA and a sponsor contribution of \$2,141.15. Approximately 4,000 persons will benefit from this improvement, which calls for installation of six inch and eight inch pipe.

Montesano water distribution system will be improved with the aid of \$5,917 from WPA. Work will include replacing water mains, trenching, backfilling, replacing pavement, installing curb cocks, service connections and valves, and moving hydrants. The city will furnish \$2,285.50 for materials and equipment rentals. Streets and alleys will be cleared, graded, and surfaced with gravel under a Federal allotment of \$7,482, with a city pledge of \$2,261.

Elma streets and alleys will be improved with \$18,777 from WPA and a city appropriation of \$4,606.63.

Hoquiam also is slated to improve its water system and in addition construct a sanitary sewer with the aid of \$5,291 from WPA. Work will include making manholes, lampholes, wyes and other detailed jobs, in College Addition. For materials and equipment rentals the city is allotting \$2061.75.

Just north of Moclips on the Quinault Indian Reservation a WPA crew will widen, clear, grub, install culverts, surface and generally improve the road, with a WPA grant of \$13,769. The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs through the Taholah Indian Agency is sponsoring the project with \$9,530.90.

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To improve transportation facilities at the Port of Olympia, WPA workers will begin this week to demolish and reconstruct approximately 228 feet of the wharf at Berth Number Three, according to a statement from the office of State Administrator Don G. Abel, in announcing a WPA allotment of \$9,920 for labor on the project. The Port Authority of Olympia will furnish \$5,194 in port funds for the purchase of needed materials and supplies.

A thorough inspection of the port properties, especially this dock structure, which was constructed in 1927, revealed that the elements had deteriorated the timbers to a point where replacements would be necessary in the near future to assure safety for heavy traffic, such as railroad and heavy crain equipment. The Port of Olympia will furnish locomotive crain equipment, both for demolishing the condemned portions of the dock and reconstruction of the proposed addition. It is estimated the work will be completed about July first.

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Nine counties of western Washington will benefit directly from 21 new WPA allotments totaling \$1,354,163.80 for streets, roads, sewer and water improvement projects announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, and slated to get under way this week.

Four allotments totaling \$950,525.10 put King County at the head of the list with Grays Harbor County second, getting \$113,033 for seven projects. Two Pierce County projects total \$73,576.70, two in Skagit County, \$36,412, and two in Snohomish County aggregating \$27,841.

One road project each will begin in Kitsap County with \$62,659 from WPA, Clallam County for Port Angeles streets, \$48,556; Island County roads in the Northern portion of Whidby Island, near Coupeville, \$6,001; and \$5,560 for a road in Pacific county to provide a connection between Raymond and Brooklyn and between Brooklyn area and South Bend. Sponsor allotments for the 21 projects total \$282,872.34, Abel said.

Largest single project is for county-wide road improvements in King County with Federal funds totaling \$610,019.40. Supervisory headquarters have been established at Seattle. Commissioner's District No. 3 of King County has been allotted \$271,877.70, and another road project in the vicinity of Shadow Lake is receiving \$67,468. A sewer extension for the vicinity of Tenth Avenue West and West Highland Drive, Seattle, will be made with the aid of \$1,150 from WPA.

Aberdeen benefits by two allotments, one of \$6,365 for city-wide installation of storm and sanitary sewers, and the other of \$55,432 for improvement of streets and alleys throughout the city. For the first project the city is providing \$2,141.15 and the latter, \$19,543.29 for materials and rental of equipment. The neighboring city of Montesano is slated to get \$5,917 for improvement of the water distribution system and \$7,482 for streets and alley work. The city is furnishing \$2,285.50 for the water project and \$2,261 for the streets. For improving a road on the Quinalt Indian Reservation a \$13,769 Federal allotment has been made. Streets and alleys of Elma will be improved with \$18,777 and Hoquiam sanitary sewers and water improvements will be made with \$5,291.

For Pierce county roads a county-wide allotment of \$63,016.70, has been made and \$1,450 for the Fruitland Garden Tracts roads, near Puyallup. The West Commissioners' District of Skagit county gets \$13,316 and the East District, \$23,096. For Victoria Heights roads in Snohomish County there is \$23,931 and for removal of wood walks and replacing with screened gravel, Index gets \$3,910.

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Three new WPA sewer construction projects for Seattle were announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, to start April 21, with total Federal allotments of \$96,340.

Largest project calls for building a sewer at the 18th Avenue SW and 12th Avenue SW Improvement District, plans indicate the work will have to be done in an area containing water, rock and hardpan. Approximately 5,000 residents will benefit from the improvement, Abel states. The city will furnish \$23,106.30 for materials and rental of equipment.

At 10th South West a sewer project has been set up with a WPA funds of \$33,373 and a city appropriation of \$11,695. This project is also expected to benefit 5,000 residents.

A section of sewer will be installed on 57th Avenue South from Ryan Street to 100 feet south of Bangor Street with an allotment of \$8,352, to go with a city pledge of \$3,232.

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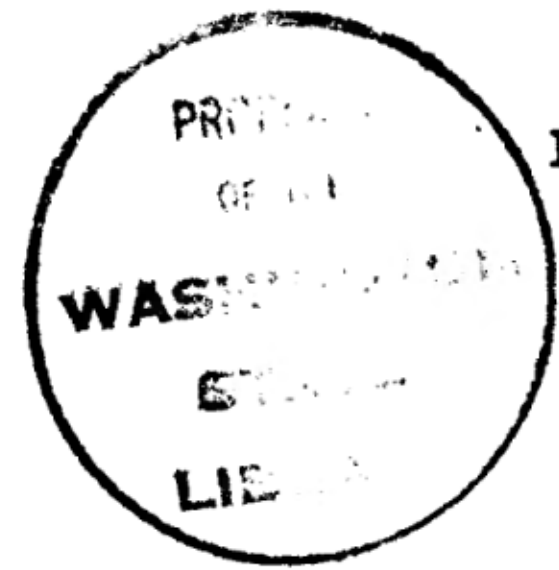
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WPA funds totaling \$98,830 have been made available for six projects which are scheduled to begin operations this month in Snohomish, Skagit and Island counties, according to State WPA Administrator Don G. Abel.

Snohomish county commissioners will sponsor a large road reconditioning project in the vicinity of Maltby, southeast to the King county line, including widening, sloping and ditching and installation of culverts. In southwest Snohomish county the newly formed Olympic water district will install 16.72 miles of water lines, making approximately 150 service connections in the district between the county line, the town of Edmonds and the State Highway. This project calls for a total expenditure of \$67,728. In the town of Edmonds, WPA workers will install sanitary sewers including construction of manholes and outfall below low-tide level on Puget Sound.

In Skagit County the town of Mount Vernon is sponsoring a project to codify city ordinances, dating from 1890 to 1936. Island County commissioners are also sponsoring a project to relocate by field surveys certain corners established by the United States Government, and to make maps and records of the corners so perpetuated. This work also includes corrections, mending and indexing public records for the office of the county engineer. Headquarters for this work will be established at Coupeville.

Two county-wide projects will be placed in operation to furnish lunches to undernourished school children. Snohomish county has been allocated \$18,780 and Skagit county \$15,648 in federal funds to match \$12,900 contributed by the Snohomish and Skagit county superintendents of schools. Provision for the canning of donated and surplus foodstuffs for use in school lunches has been made under this project.

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Five WPA projects for southwest Washington were announced today by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, with Federal allotments totaling \$117,607. All are scheduled to begin April 19 except the largest, \$56,898 which goes into effect a month later to continue a county-wide sewing project in Lewis county.

Another allotment for a WPA sewing project in Pacific county of \$7,083 will provide means to operate throughout the county, with headquarters for purposes of supervision at Raymond. Products from such projects, Abel said, are distributed free to charitable institutions, or to the needy, and a portion is sometimes used on other WPA projects. Sponsors in both counties are the county commissioners and the State Department of Social Security.

For county-wide operation of a project to furnish free home assistance in housework and care of children in the homes of needy where the housewife is totally or partially incapacitated, a \$3,900 allotment has been made to Lewis County under the same sponsorship. The housewife's condition, permitting of this aid, may be because of ill health, confinement or similar reasons. South Bend is also headquarters for this project.

Both the sewing and household projects employ mostly women.

Second largest allotment, \$47,414, has been made for reconstructing and improving a Cowlitz County road from the Ocean Beach Highway Bridge over Coal Creek to Eufaula, near Longview. Work includes grading, surfacing, providing drainage, constructing bridge and walls and installing guard rails and culverts. The county, through the commissioners, are sponsoring the project with \$17,244.90 for rental of necessary equipment and materials.

School grounds will be improved at White Salmon, under a WPA grant of \$2,312, by removing old concrete and boulders, surfacing the playfield, building a walk and wall and other detailed work. School District 220 is sponsoring the projects.

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Another new school building will soon be added to the growing list of structures being erected in various parts of Washington by the WPA, it was revealed yesterday by Don G. Abel, with the announcement that a federal allotment of \$15,024 has been made for a new frame school building at Tracyton, Kitsap county. Work is scheduled to get under way about April 21.

The school will be one-story, 64 by 134 feet, with a 50 by 90 foot playshed attached. The structure will be log construction, with shake roof, concrete floors and knotty cedar interior. It will be divided into four classrooms with necessary modern lavatories, boiler room and plumbing. Major items of work include grubbing one acre, excavating 500 cubic yards of earth, placing 22,000 feet of logs and laying 360 squares of shakes.

School District No. 4, is sponsoring the project. School authorities state the present school facilities are in a deplorable condition, the old structure being unsafe as well as unsanitary.

WPA is also providing \$11,095 for improvement of the building and grounds of the Fall City School, Fall City. Interior painting, new heating system and ground landscaping are featured portions of this project.

Improvement in the roads of the Hazelwood-Kennydale District of King County with \$19,267 was also announced by Abel to begin next week.

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An additional WPA grant of \$25,275 has been announced by State Works Projects Administrator Don G. Abel to complete school grounds improvements throughout the City of Spokane.

Work on this new project is being sponsored by the board of school district 81 and is scheduled to begin April 13 and will be completed about the middle of August, shortly before the new school term begins. Workscalls for excavating, grading, leveling and seeding and other incidental work.

Schools slated to receive attention this summer include the North Central High, Roosevelt, Lewis and Clark High, Alcott, Audubon, Bancroft, Bemiss, Browne, Bryant, Columbia, Cooper, Edison, Field, Finch, Garfield, Grant, Hamilton, Holmes, Hutton, Jefferson, Logan, Madison, Mann, McKinley, Regal, Sheridan, Stevens, Washington, Webster, Whittier, Willard and Wilson.

WPA funds amounting to \$7,398 have been granted to the City of Ritzville for improvements to its city-owned cemetery. These include installing a sprinkler system, grading, seeding, surfacing driveways, placing borders around headstones and constructing a small tool house. In sponsoring this improvement project Ritzville has made available \$4,874 for the purchase of materials and equipment rentals.

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Invading the quiet, usually empty corridors of the Immigration and Naturalization Building, 815 Airport Way, a bustling crew of WPA professional and clerical workers next Monday will begin the huge task of transcribing and indexing old manifest records, it was announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator. For this project which is being sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor, Immigration and Naturalization Service, the WPA has allotted \$30,299.

The records to be indexed cover arrivals by way of the Canadian Border from 1897 until the Immigration Service inaugurated its own index service in 1924. More than 412,500 new 4 by 6 inch index cards are now being printed for the work. From 400 old manifest sheets, each holding 30 names, the WPA crew will compile individual cards.

"The Alphabetical index to be thus created will greatly simplify searching of records," said Mrs. Marie A. Proctor, District Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization Service, at Seattle. "The new system will, in many instances render it possible to locate in half a minute needed information on an immigrant which otherwise might require half a day."

Abel also announced that \$38,600 has just been allotted by WPA for improvement of the Broadway Playfield. Work will begin April 21, and plans call for general improvements as well as landscaping, constructing a running track, jumping and pole vault pits, repairing and installing fences; constructing a water system, lighting, drainage, regrading and surfacing the ball field and general repairing.

The Seattle Park Board is sponsoring the project with necessary rental of equipment and supplies under a pledge of \$10,600.

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WPA workers in King and Snohomish counties are scheduled to begin work in the third week of April on two county-sponsored road repair projects, according to State WPA Administrator Don G. Abel, in announcing allotments of federal funds to carry on the work.

In King county the Newport-Issaquah cut-off road, between Lake Washington and Lake Samammish will be improved by eliminating blind curves, ditching and installing culverts calling for eighteen, twenty-four and thirty inch tile. A total of \$21,006 will be invested in this project. In Snohomish county WPA workers will prepare the Hazel-Darrington road for an oil-mix application to improve this road into the scenic wonderland in the vicinity of Whitehorse Mountain. Allocations total \$30,876.

Improvements for the Cleveland Playfield are also listed for Seattle WPA projects due for opening on April 21. This project calls for construction of a football field and a quarter mile running track, applying clay binder, cinders and top soil and leveling approximately two and three quarter acres. A total of \$8,359 will be expended for labor and materials for this improvement.

Grays Harbor county has been granted \$13,550 to continue operations of the county-wide project to employ qualified workers to assist in housework and care of children where the homemaker is temporarily or totally incapacitated and the emergency makes this assistance necessary. In the State of Washington, county commissioners of the following counties have sponsored Housekeeping Aid projects: Spokane, Chelan, Walla Walla, Yakima, Snohomish, Pierce, Grays Harbor, Cowlitz, Lewis, Clark and Skamania, with the employment of 294 qualified persons during the month of March.

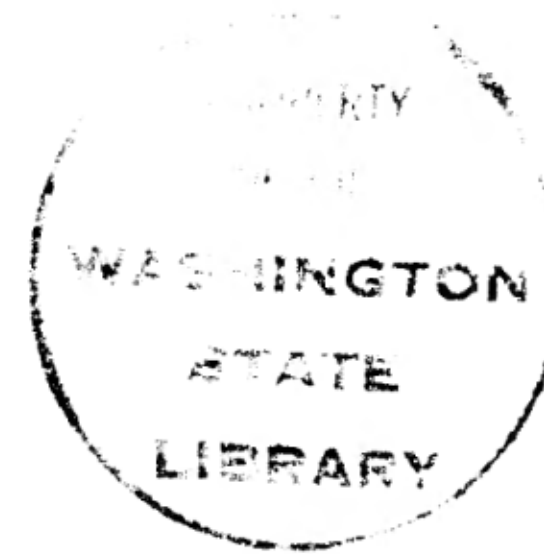
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Washington State's great inland waterway, Puget Sound, furnishes material for an interesting section of "Washington: A Guide to the Evergreen State", according to James W. Egan, State Director of the WPA Federal Writers' Project. The Washington Guide book will be published under the co-sponsorship of the Washington State Progress Commission.

The Puget Sound section of the Washington Guide opens with a brief, historical essay, which is followed by eight tours to points of interest in this inland sea.

Cross Sound tours outlined include ferry trips to the Suquamish, birthplace of Chief Seattle, to the Bremerton Navy Yard and to historical Fort Ludlow. The steamer trips between Seattle and Tacoma, once colorful excursion features of Sound life, are brought back vividly.

Journeys to Bainbridge and Vashon Islands by water are complemented by motor tours of each island. Another trip is made by way of Steilacoom to Anderson and McNeil Islands.

Possibly the most colorful of all the Puget Sound tours is the trip to the San Juan Island group. Not only is the journey by water described, but carefully logged motor tours indicate all points of interest on Orcas and San Juan, the largest of the islands.

Publication of the Washington volume and its wealth of information on the State is planned for this summer.

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Sponsored by the Washington State National Guard, a WPA project is scheduled to start immediately to reclassify, index, catalog, transcribe and repair aerographic negatives, prints, navigation maps, charts; also aeronautical navigation charts, radio facility charts and other records of the 41st Division of the Aviation Section of the Washington State National Guard stationed at Felts Field, Spokane.

According to State WPA Administrator Don G. Abel, WPA funds amounting to \$4,512 have been made available for this work. Headquarters of the project will be at Spokane. In sponsoring this project the Military Department of the State of Washington has provided \$2,651 to purchase materials and supplies.

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With total allocations of \$20,668 assured to employ WPA workers in Eastern Washinton, recreational improvement work will be continued for school district #116, at East Wenatchee, where a rocky field is being transformed into a surfaced playfield, by grading, landscaping and construction of concrete tennis courts. The second WPA project included in the twenty thousand dollar allotment calls for reconstruction of a land reclamation system, near Mason, in Chelan county.

In the Lake Chelan reclamation district WPA workers will replace approximately 6,500 feet of six inch wood stave pipe and 2,000 feet of concrete pipe. This project is necessary for the protection of about 20 farms, comprising about 250 acres of orchard lands.

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Two units of Clallam county's road improvement program will be placed in operation in the third week of April, according to State WPA Administrator Don G. Abel in announcing the opening of unit D and E with the aid of \$60,643 allotted by the Works Progress Administration to match \$33,046 supplied by the Clallam county commissioners for the purchase of needed materials and supplies.

Unit D calls for reconstruction of about seven miles of old road now declared inadequate for present traffic westward from Clallam Bay toward Sikiu, Ozette and Neah Bay. It is estimated this work will take about five months to complete. Unit E calls for construction of 13.25 miles of road extending from Quillayunte Prairie to Dickey Lake. This project involves heavy clearing through virgin forest, and it is estimated the work will be completed about the first of November.

Another Clallam WPA project calls for the construction of a new water supply system for the Joyce consolidated school of district 313, between Pysht and Joyce, near the Piedmont road. This improvement calls for installation of intake dam, settling tank, and pipe lines to improve sanitary facilities of the school. WPA funds total \$5,930, to match \$2,067 supplied by the sponsor for materials and equipment rentals.

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Walla Walla and Benton counties have been allotted \$12,864 and \$11,592 respectively by the WPA to continue the county-wide free home assistance projects to aid in housework and care of children of needy families, Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator announced yesterday.

The home assistance is given in needy homes where the homemaker is totally or partially incapacitated because of ill health or confinement, or in case of temporary emergency which makes this assistance necessary.

Supervisory headquarters for Walla Walla county will be established at Walla Walla and for Benton County at Prosser.

Abel also announced that on the same day work will begin on a two months sewer construction project at Cheney with a WPA grant of \$10,102.

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PR-436

Various districts in King county will benefit from three new WPA improvement projects with funds totaling \$35,987 it was announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator. Two projects are scheduled to get under way immediately and the third early in May.

Reconstruction of county roads in the Hazel-Kennydale district calls for an allotment of \$19,967 from WPA. The project features culvert installation, drainage, widening roads, and eliminating bad curves.

Construction of sewer, including manholes, on 31st Avenue Northeast near the Seattle city limits will require a \$7,802 Federal fund. Improvement of the Hertford, Southview and Chesterfield Parks near Beaux Arts will be made with WPA aid totaling \$8,218.

Kitsap county also figures in road allotments in Abel's announcement. For reconstructing unimproved roads in Road District No. 3, \$34,011 has been granted for clearing, grubbing, excavating, sloping, ditching, placing guard rails and culverts, and many incidental operations. The county commissioners, as sponsors, are providing materials and rental of equipment with an additional \$11,481.75.

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Citizens of the Edgewood district of Pierce county, near Puyallup, will dedicate their new \$76,000 district school and recreational project April 29, made possible by the investment of \$60,171 in WPA funds, according to word received from officials of district No. 342, State WPA Administrator Don G. Abel revealed today.

This project called for consolidation of three school districts in order to construct a modern school, gymnasium and athletic field as a community recreational center. Clearing of the 10 acres of land acquired by the consolidated district began in May 1936.

The new eight room school is a 56 by 175 foot, one story, and full basement structure with a stucco finish, with modern electrical equipment, plumbing and heating systems. The new gymnasium is 70 by 106 feet in size, one story, and of concrete and steel construction. In sponsoring this project to replace old out of date school buildings, the school board of district 342 has provided \$15,684 for the purchase of materials and supplies.

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A \$60,050 WPA road project for Clark county heads the list of WPA allotments announced today for southwest Washington by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator.

The Clark county fund has been set up to reopen a road construction and repair job two miles south of Yacolt, May 18. Abel states this project is now sixty per cent complete and when finished will provide a scenic drive to a sporting and vacationing area over a mountainous terrain high above the east fork of the Lewis River. Solid rock cuts and heavy construction feature this project. Clark County Commissioners, as sponsors, have pledged \$16,050 for materials and the rental of equipment needed to operate this project.

Street drainage at Clarkston is scheduled to get under way as a WPA project, April 28, with the aid of \$3,619 in Federal funds.

For improvement of secondary roads near Chehalis, Abel announces a \$26,254 allocation, while the Lewis County Commissioners are pledged to add \$7,429.80 for equipment rentals and materials. This project, which begins about April 25, will open up a new agricultural area as well as provide a short cut to eastern Lewis county.

A badly needed road improvement through the cranberry bog around Grayland was scheduled to get under way this week through a Federal allotment of \$9,005. A heavy fill features the entire construction, and equipment and materials needed will be provided through a county commissioners appropriation of \$2,422.

Reopening of the project of repairing the school building in District No. 29, six miles east of Washougal, will be under way May 4, under a new WPA allotment of \$2,322. Although the work is now seventy per cent complete there is considerable painting and repair work necessary to make the structure a modern and sanitary school house, Abel said.

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Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, today announced six more WPA allotments for Pierce County totaling \$115,022, the projects to begin early next week.

To continue WPA flood control work in Pierce County \$67,136 has been granted for improving South Prairie Creek and the Puyallup and Carbon rivers, near Orting and McMillan. Special phases of the program will be constructing pile bulkheads and drift revetments, riprapping, and performing appurtenant work. The project also includes making concrete blocks for use on the job. Extent of the construction involved can be seen from the fact that the county commissioners have pledged \$44,783.50 for supplying materials and the rental of equipment.

A crew will be put to work on improving the Bath Drainage Ditch near Tacoma, clearing, grubbing, excavating, laying pipe, deepening, widening, aligning and removing obstructions. Where the ditch traverses private property, easements have been obtained for all work, through the county commissioners. WPA has set up \$4,593 for the work which is primarily to protect county roads from flood waters.

Special attention will be given to conveniences for summer picnickers when a \$9,824 project gets under way at the Minter Creek Hatchery grounds near Elgin. In addition to the usual clearing, grubbing, grading, and landscaping, the roadway will be widened, grounds fenced, and shelters and picnic tables built. Water pipe and drains will be conveniently placed and new riprap will protect the creek bank.

For playground improvement at the school in District No. 24, Anderson Island, WPA has invested \$2,665. The job calls for a rustic playshed, swings and other play apparatus in addition to the general improving of the grounds.

A \$14,990 Federal grant has been made to continue the employment of persons, mostly women in furnishing free home assistance to needy where the homemaker is totally or partially incapacitated or because of some temporary emergency requiring assistance. This project operates throughout the county outside Tacoma. Also superseding a previous similar project is a new allotment of \$55,814 for the operation of WPA sewing rooms throughout the county outside Tacoma. Supervisory headquarters for both the household aid and sewing projects will be maintained at Tacoma.

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WPA funds totaling \$239,463 for nine projects are scheduled to begin within two weeks in Skagit, Whatcom and Snohomish counties, Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator announced yesterday. Largest allotment, \$90,000, goes to Snohomish County for county-wide Farm-to-Market road repair work.

In Skagit County \$116,297 will be expended on county roads in the central commissioner's district. Whatcom county has been granted \$8,013.55 to extend a water system along the Baker View Highway and U. S. Highway #99, near Bellingham.

The city of Anacortes has been allotted \$22,722 in WPA funds for the improvement of streets in a city-wide project. The city officials will furnish \$5,891 for the purchase of materials and supplies.

To improve a recreational center at Lake Stevens, school district #4 has been granted \$14,024. This work will include construction of a community kitchen, remodeling of buildings, landscaping and fencing and installation of sanitary facilities. At Anacortes WPA workers will improve Causland, Capsante and Washington Parks, having been allocated \$22,366 to carry on the work. At Burlington \$12,069.92 will be invested in improvements at the Burlington City Park. This work includes construction of wading pool, gateway, tennis courts, baseball bleachers, benches, installation of sanitary facilities and other incidental work.

Skagit County commissioners are sponsoring a project to clean and renovate various public buildings throughout the county. Headquarters of this project will be at Mount Vernon. WPA funds total \$6,588 to match funds supplied by the sponsors for the purchase of supplies to be used in the work.

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Don G. Abel, state administrator of the Works Progress Administration, today announced that work will begin Monday on the new \$10,206 Tumwater city hall. The building which will be erected one lot north of the present city hall will be of reinforced concrete, 30 x 40, one story with concrete basement. Ground work for the foundation has been completed by WPA workers.

The new structure with its 2,400 square feet of floor space will provide accommodations for council chambers and other municipal offices.

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The Thurston County Community Hall and Recreation center will be erected at Long Lake in place of the original site at the County Farm, Don G. Abel announced. The structure of rustic design with modern conveniences will have lighting and stage facilities and will be 64 x 96 feet. The project represents a WPA investment of \$15,252 with the Thurston County Commissioners providing \$4,014.28 for materials and equipment. Work will begin Monday.

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Buildings and grounds at the Western Washington State Hospital near Steilacoom will be modernized and improved with a \$17,710 WPA allotment, beginning Monday, Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator announced today.

Work will include completing construction of the cook house and rest room, with grading, leveling and surfacing on the hog farm grounds. Other work on the schedule, which is expected to be completed by June 30, will be laying a pipe line, building and painting a garage, installing a septic tank and sewer pipe, and many incidental jobs. The State Department of Finance is sponsoring the project with \$4,341.50 for materials and equipment.

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To improve the sanitary conditions at the Yakima city garbage dump which is not in use at present, the WPA has allotted \$13,776 to clean and rehabilitate that area, it was announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator. Work will begin about April 28.

At the request of Yakima citizens and city officials the project was arranged to clear up the old dump and improve the unsightly grounds which are no longer necessary with the advent of the new \$300,000 Sewage Disposal Plant. This plant, one of the most modern and efficient in the United States, was recently constructed with the aid of WPA funds.

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Roslyn, famous Washington coal-mining center will soon have an opportunity to try for laurels in the sport world, Abel said, for WPA has just allotted \$2,504 to begin construction of the city's first tennis courts.

The courts will be concrete surfaced with high wire mesh backstops and pipe frames. For materials and rental of necessary equipment the city of Roslyn, as sponsors, pledged \$669.16.

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Farm-to-Market road improvements for Snohomish and Skagit counties, under new projects announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, call for a total of \$120,082.97 in Federal funds.

One Snohomish project, with \$12,161 drawn from a blanket county allotment from WPA, will be used for a unit of mine-to-market and farm-to-market road construction. For this project the county commissioners are furnishing materials and rentals for equipment to total \$3,074. The other Snohomish county project, a \$65,000 WPA allotment is for roadwork throughout Commissioner's District No. 1; clearing, grubbing, grading, draining and surfacing jobs requiring the major portion of the fund. The county's contribution to this project will be \$25,000.

Roads throughout the East Commissioner's District of Skagit County will be improved by WPA workers with a Federal allotment of \$42,921.97 from a blanket allotment to the county. Mount Vernon is headquarters for this project.

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More than 2,600 needy children in King and Whatcom counties were assured free hot school lunches for the rest of the spring term yesterday when Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, announced that WPA allotments totaling \$50,988 had been made to continue these projects after this week.

King county receives \$30,408 of the fund and the remainder goes to Whatcom County. The projects operate exclusive of Seattle and Bellingham, and provide employment for needy persons mostly women, in the preparation and serving of hot food to undernourished children in the rural public schools. The projects also permit the canning of donated and surplus fruits and vegetables for use during the school year.

No Federal funds will be expended in the canning operations for any cost other than labor, supervision, equipment and first aid supplies. King County officials have agreed to provide \$11,400 toward the project and Whatcom County \$6,500.

Twenty-four counties in Washington enjoyed similar projects this year, wherein hot lunches prepared by WPA workers provided children, suffering from malnutrition, with needed nourishment to assist them to carry on their studies, Abel states.

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Skagit County's Big Conway Ditch is nearing completion. More than \$100,000 has been invested by the Works Progress Administration of Washington in this project near Milltown to drain and improve more than 7,000 acres of farm land according to Don G. Abel, State WPA Administrator.

Five miles of main ditch, called the Big Conway Ditch, have been dug to an average of eight feet deep and thirty-five feet wide, to convey the flood waters out to Puget Sound through an automatic tide gate a half mile south of the Skagit county line in Snohomish County.

In conjunction with the big ditch, to augment the drainage of the area, is the Hill Ditch, south of Mount Vernon. This ditch is platted to catch the heavy flow from surrounding hills, especially during the heaviest rainy season, to take part of the carrying load. This water is then discharged into the main ditch approximately a mile and a half from the tide gate.

Work on the project included raising, widening and clearing right-of-way along Dray Slough for three miles; along Freshwater Slough 2 miles, and along the South Fork of the Skagit River 2 miles. This task called for moving 30,800 cubic yards of earth by team-haul, 61,600 yards by hand and wheelbarrow, approximately eight acres of clearing, and construction of 31,680 lineal feet of drainage ditch by dragline equipment.

A reinforced concrete syphon about 80 feet long carries one drainage ditch across another ditch-creek which flows at right angles. This is one of the interesting structural efforts of the project. State highway bridges, secondary road crossings and farm crossings have also been built to accommodate vehicles in the area affected by the project.

Speeding up the flow of surface water from the hills along the eastern edge of the La Conner Flats emptying into the drainage system of District No. 17, and so remove the danger and devastation of heavy winter floods, is the principal purpose of the project.

Agricultural benefits may be seen in the correction of production conditions for oats. In this district about 3,200 acres is used for producing seed oats. Wet-soil conditions persist until early June. Seed frequently mildews before sprouting, stunting growth already suffering from a delayed start. Result is too short a season for good results. Even with the handicap some of the best oats in the nation are grown in this section. This spring, plowing is already well under way, the first early plowing in 50 years. As a test of WPA project usefulness the work is already proving itself; eventually far greater returns than the WPA investment of \$101,000 will be realized.

A falling off of oat production in Skagit County, leading oat county of Washington, is depicted in figures contained in an official State publication, "Washington, Its Products, People and Resources." Production had dropped from 1,517,309 bushels in 1929 to 1,008,759 in 1934. With the major correction in local producing conditions under the WPA project, this oat figure can be raised, local authorities agree, to greater than earlier figures.

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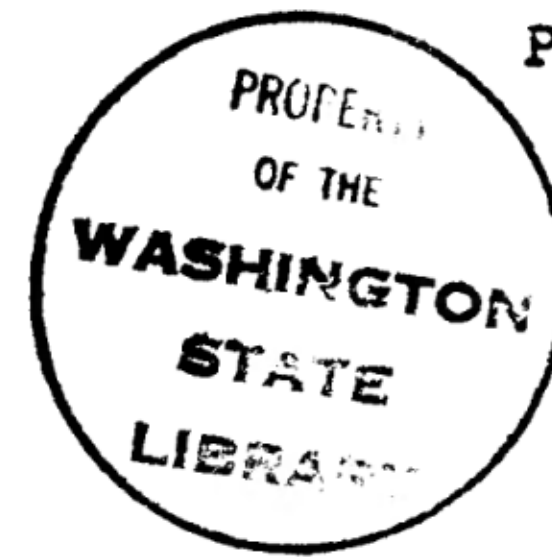
Improvement in the Hartford, Southview and Chesterfield parks at Beaux Arts, near Bellevue will begin May 6 with a WPA allotment of \$8,218, Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator revealed today.

Construction of bathhouses, kitchens, sanitary facilities, and fences feature the program. The docks will be repaired and clearing, grading and landscaping of the grounds will add to the general appearance of these outing centers, across Lake Washington. The work is being sponsored by the King County Commissioners and is expected to be completed the latter part of this summer.

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Seattle, Washington, April 25, 1938

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Traffic facilities of the capitol city of Olympia will be improved with the start of a WPA streets and alleys project to begin May 9, with \$127,159 in Federal funds, Don G. Abel, State Works Progress Administrator announced yesterday. Nine other projects to begin in western Washington, on or before May 6, bring the total allotments to \$217,766.

Four King County allotments amount to \$56,595. Enumclaw street improvements call for \$35,816. Renovation of the Rose Hill grade school in Kirkland calls for \$3,167. Sewer construction in Seattle calls for \$18,612 for Ferdinand Street and just outside the city limits at East 65th Street and 31st Avenue.

A domestic and commercial water line for Bellingham to benefit about 100 residents and the Whatcom County Airport, will be constructed two miles northwest of the city. WPA is providing \$4,332 for this work and the city \$3,681.85.

The Snohomish County courthouse grounds will be improved, including replacing of shrubs and installing a sprinkler system with a \$2,597 WPA fund and a county contribution of \$1,903.48.

At Stevenson, a Skamania County Community Building will be erected with the aid of \$8,229 from WPA. An unusual feature of the financing is the sponsors' pledge, by the county commissioners, of \$9,614.05, which exceeds the WPA expenditure. This amount will take care of cost of materials and rental of equipment.

For improving streets and alleys throughout Westport, Abel announced an allotment of \$13,709. General excavating, filling, widening and surfacing are the principal jobs scheduled. The city has almost equaled this amount with an additional \$12,535.45 for materials and equipment rental.

The Bath Road drainage ditch near Tacoma will be deepened and realigned with a \$5,145 allotment. Work on this project begins immediately.

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Seattle, Washington, April 26, 1938

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A new WPA allotment of \$399,354 for Tacoma streets and alleys improvement, disclosed yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, is one of the largest projects set up in recent weeks and tops a list of eight for western Washington scheduled to open May 9 or 11, totaling \$574,317.

Five projects for Thurston county aggregate \$126,589 in Federal funds. A Mason county power line right-of-way improvement calls for \$24,058. Repair work and landscaping at the Victor grade school will utilize \$1,594, and Anacortes street improvements require \$22,722.

The Tacoma fund is for city-wide street work and, according to Abel will provide ample means to complete the streets without delay.. Clearing, draining, grading, surfacing, storm drains, rounding corners, widening cuts and fills, culverts, sidewalks, crossing, guard rails, gutter boxes, and many similar jobs are part of the schedule.

Improving Woodard Bay and Libby Road, Boston Harbor, Zangle Road Loop, Springer, Pleasant Glade and Friendly Grover Roads in Road District No. 1 of Thurston county will receive an allotment of \$35,170. The county commissioners have pledged \$9,160 to go with it, so ample materials and rentals for equipment are available. The Township, Prather and Sargent Roads, near Rochester will get similar improvement with \$38,132 from WPA and \$9,175 from the commissioners.

Several substantial improvements will be made on the municipal water shed near Olympia, including constructing of storage houses, landscaping, installing a sprinkler system, rebanding and repairing pipe and building a road. For this job \$36,548 and a city pledge of \$7,832 assures success. A new school building for School District No. 302, near Olympia will require \$17,739 from WPA and \$8,297.18 from the school board.



IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
April 27, 1938

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A WPA allotment of \$92,250 was announced yesterday by State Works Progress Administrator Don G. Abel for a "white collar" project to make a topographical survey and mapping of King County under the sponsorship of the county commissioners. The project will be put into operation within the next week or ten days.

The maps will be invaluable, Abel said, to county engineers for planning roads, for soil erosion correction and for flood control work. Accurate data on the direction and degree of "fall" in a given mile or fraction of a mile of topography will be ascertained and indicated on the maps produced in this survey.

Scale of the maps will be one inch for 800 feet, said J. M. Towne, WPA supervisor in charge of the project, who also directs the WPA Land Use Survey Project in King County, Towne declared. "We hope to take over contours to 20 foot levels. The mapping data will be provided by combined geodetic engineering, and aerial photographic maps and contours will be plotted by means of stereoscopic multiplex machine."

The county commissioners have pledged \$13,100 for necessary materials and rental of equipment to carry on the survey, Abel said.

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Five new allotments for WPA projects in eastern Washington were announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, totaling \$38,967. All the projects except one, which is being put into operation this week, are set to begin early in May.

Painting steel doors and window frames on one of the largest hangars in the northwest, at Felts Field Airport, Spokane, is scheduled to start next Monday under a WPA allotment of \$695. The Washington State Military Department is sponsoring this project and furnishing materials with a \$302 appropriation. The hangar is used by the National Guard, the regular U.S. Army, the Department of Air Commerce, and even the navy, on cross country flights, according to Abel.

Largest allotment, \$25,140, Abel said, is for continuing the WPA Clallam County sewing project employing mostly women, and sponsored by the State Department of Social Security.

Chelan street improvements and drainage will be carried on with a WPA crew working under a Federal allotment of \$8,509. Grading, gravelling and concrete pipe culverts are principle items on the schedule. The project is expected to get under way May 13.

Thorp school and recreational facilities will be improved under a \$3,283 grant to go with \$2,364.03 from School District No. 102. A new tennis court, garage, sidewalks and many incidental works will be featured items.

Gravel sidewalks will be put in at Starbuck with \$1,340 from WPA. The city has pledged \$300 for materials and rental of equipment.

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON



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Modern, contemporary art in the form of murals, paintings, etchings, water colors and sculpture by widely known northwest artists will now be available to schools, colleges, hospitals and other tax supported institutions for exhibition purposes or for permanent display, R. Bruce Inverarity, State Director of the WPA-Federal Art Project of Washington revealed today, from his office in the Maritime Building, Seattle.

In announcing the statewide program of supplying art works to the public institutions, Inverarity stated "It will now be possible for art classes in schools and colleges to call on the Federal Art Project for complete exhibitions in the fine arts for permanent loans. Further, public buildings such as hospitals, libraries, and government buildings will be privileged to ask for murals to decorate the foyers, entrance halls, auditoriums and other rooms or hallways."

Work of the artists on northwest subjects has been widely commented on. Murals have been designed for the government Indian Hospital at Tacoma, the West Seattle High School in Seattle and the University of Washington.

A new technique in Mosaic using linoleum as a medium, created by Inverarity, is soon to be displayed for the first time in a series of panels which are being shipped to California for exhibition.

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Don G. Abel, state WPA administrator today announced that workers will begin Friday May 6, on the construction of the \$94,526 Salmon Bay Net Shed and warehouse and the installation of the new water system for fire protection at fisherman's dock.

Abel also announced that \$126,124 of WPA funds had been made available for reconstructing the Southern Heights road, 1 mile south of Seattle. The King County commissioners are sponsoring the work and providing \$37,417.50 for materials and equipment rentals. This project will also begin on May 6.

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The capitol city of Olympia has been allotted \$127,159.00 of federal funds for the improvement of unpaved city streets, Don G. Abel, State WPA Administrator revealed today. This project which will provide work for about 100 men who will be transferred from other WPA projects now nearing completion in the vicinity will take about one year to complete.

County roads throughout Thurston County, northeast of Olympia will be prepared for hard surfacing, by clearing, grubbing, grading and graveling. The WPA is allotting \$35,170 for labor with the Thurston County Commissioners providing \$9,160 for materials and equipment rentals.

Abel also announced that work is now in full swing on the \$10,196 Tumwater City hall, the new building will be of reinforced concrete, replacing the old frame structure which now houses the municipal offices.

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The "Little Red School House" at Benton Harbor, which really had no color at all and whose weather beaten boards hadn't had any paint for years is to be replaced with a new \$26,036 school building, made possible by the Works Progress Administration, Don G. Abel, State Administrator announced. This is only one of five rural schools now under construction in the bay area.

Don G. Abel, State WPA Administrator announced today that a new project, designed to aid the King County engineers in planning roads and for flood control work and soil erosion correction is to begin shortly with the WPA providing \$92,250 for salaries of

White Collar workers, Topographical surveying and mapping will serve as the foundation for the engineers deductions.

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A new WPA allotment of \$399,454 for Tacoma's streets and alleys improvements is one of the largest projects approved in recent weeks and will enable WPA workers to complete the work without delay, Don G. Abel, revealed today.

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Enumclaw streets and alleys also come in for their share of improvement with WPA providing \$35,816 for labor.

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More than 2,600 hungry school children in King and Whatcom Counties will continue to receive hot lunches during the remainder of the school year, Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator announced today in revealing an allotment of \$50,988 to continue this project which has received nationwide approval.

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Farm-to-market road improvements for Snohomish and Skagit Counties under new projects announced by the WPA Administrator, Abel, call for Federal investments totaling \$120,082.97 it was disclosed today.

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The city of Yakima in Eastern Washington in the final stages of its campaign to aid in the nationwide fight against disease has asked for and received \$13,776 from the WPA to clean out the area formerly used as the city garbage dump, Don G. Abel reported today. Yakima recently dedicated a \$300,000 sewage disposal plant made possible by Federal aid.

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Skagit County's big Conway drainage ditch which is now being completed and represents a Federal investment of more than \$100,000 has brought about the earliest spring plowing in 50 years, Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator announced today. More than 7,000 acres of rich bottom land on the La Conner flats have been improved by this project.

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With the stirring words "Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight" ringing in their ears the townsfolk of the bustling little community of Monroe stood in silence as a crew of WPA workers tied a long rope around the sixty foot bell tower housing the 1,750 pound bronze bell, that had tolled curfew every night at 9:00 p.m. for more than 25 years and heard it ring its last as it crashed to the ground. Mayor C.W. Roben stated "The tower also housed our fire siren and when we did have a fire the tower was so high that the warning could be heard for miles around but not in town, also no one paid any attention to the curfew any more so the big problem was how to get it down but

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Don Abel's engineers solved that by just tying a rope around the bell tower and pulling it over with a truck. We are going to place the fire siren now where the townsfolk can hear it." The wrecking of the bell tower is part of a \$4,222 WPA city hall renovating project.

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One of the largest airplane hangars in the northwest, housing the army's planes at Felts field in Spokane is to be repainted by WPA labor, Don G. Abel reported today. The hangar is also used by the National guard, the department of air commerce, and the U.S. Navy.

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A \$53,948 WPA allotment was announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator to construct a primary sewage treatment plant at Ellensburg beginning May 28, which will be listed among the most modern plants of its size in the state.

A city pledge of \$84,495.45 has been made to provide rentals for proper construction equipment and for necessary materials, including 1,100 feet of 42 inch reinforced concrete pipe and 1,000 feet of 36 inch pipe. Completion of this project will eliminate a health menace to communities situated in the areas down stream from Ellensburg on Wilson creek into which the city's sewage now is discharged.

Plans for the new plant have the approval of the local Chamber of Commerce, the Kittitas County Planning Council and the State Board of Health.

The sponsor's pledge of funds were made over the signatures of Mayor A. Reynolds and councilman F. L. Schuller and George McCloud. The plant will not be constructed to care for any storm water flow, as storm water, with few exceptions is not permitted to enter the sanitary sewerage system of Ellensburg.

A feature of the plant will be two clarifying units, each 103 feet in diameter with five foot side water depth, digester tanks, a pump house containing the sludge pump, lavatory, laboratory, and gas-fired hot water boiler for space heating. Chlorine tanks will hold the sewage flow long enough to destroy all bacteria. From here the purified flow will empty into the creek which then will be free of pollution.

WPA workers will excavate for the plant, lay pipe lines, install equipment, build the sludge drying beds, landscape and seed the grounds.

Dedication of the new Zillah Disposal plant, constructed with the aid of WPA funds and labor, was made last month.

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May 6, 1938

PR-455



Construction of mechanical fish screens, head control gates and by-pass check traps in the Yakima and Naches River systems, to protect salmon trout and other food and game fish from entering irrigation canals and ditches, was definitely assured yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, with the announcement that a \$19,961 Federal allotment had been made and the project and work would begin May 13.

The project will operate throughout Yakima County, with headquarters for purposes of supervision, at Yakima. The State Department of Fisheries, as sponsor of the project will furnish \$5,425.54 additional for purchase of materials, permanent equipment and rental of construction equipment.

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WPA allotments totaling \$50,810 were announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator for eight projects, all but one scheduled to begin next week in Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom and Clallam Counties.

Lindholm Avenue at Warm Beach will be improved with a Federal allotment of \$2,808 and a sponsor's pledge of \$867.25 by the Snohomish County Commissioners. The same sponsors are providing \$677.19 to go with a WPA allotment of \$1,877 for road clearing, excavating and ditching, one mile east of Edmonds.

Single exception to the starting schedule next week is the project to complete the improvement of the Sam Courier County Road in the Swinomish Indian Reservation near La Conner, under a \$7,005 WPA grant. The United States Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs, is furnishing equipment rentals and materials with a pledge of \$3,593.75.

Road reconstruction two miles southeast of Bellingham is set to go with a \$22,810 portion of a blanket Whatcom County WPA allotment. The county augments the financing of this unit with \$5,803.

For complete regrading, relandscaping and new shrubbing of the Snohomish County Court House, at Everett and for the installation of a new sprinkling system on the grounds WPA has allotted \$2,597 to go with a county fund of \$1,903.48.

Construction of a combined auditorium and gymnasium addition to the present school building at Marietta will require a WPA investment of \$8,201. School District No. 16 is sponsoring the project with materials and rental of equipment, with funds totaling \$6,024.04. The building is to be of frame construction.

Improvement of Jessie Webster Park at Port Angeles will be made possible with \$4,534 from WPA. Work includes landscaping, leveling, seeding, making paths, fences and many incidental improvements. For the offices of the Port Angeles City Clerk and City Treasurer, professional and clerical WPA workers will transcribe, file, and index ordinances and city council actions for the period from June 1890 to January 1, 1936.



Southwest Washington will receive the direct benefits of thirteen new WPA projects announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, with Federal funds totaling \$188,040 and scheduled to begin this week and next. 457

Three of the allotments are for "white collar" projects under the Women's and Professional division and ten call for various types of labor works. An allotment \$21,410 has been set up, Abel said, for construction of a gymnasium at Cosmopolis, with School District No. 99, as sponsor, providing \$8,660.74 for all materials necessary for erection of the frame structure.

An engineering survey of all Grays Harbor County roads to gather data for use in planning alignment changes, curve improvements, eliminating sight hazards, reducing grades, and staking ditches, will have supervising headquarters at Montesano and calls for \$10,236 from WPA. The county is allotting \$3,880. Another "white collar" project has been set up for Hoquiam with \$5,904 from WPA for transcribing, repairing, indexing and making a new file of records dating from 1890 through 1935 for the offices of City Treasurer, Clerk, Engineer and Chief of Police. A county-wide elimination of insanitary devices and the installation of sanitary facilities in rural and suburban areas will be made with \$47,082 from WPA allotment.

In the College Addition in Hoquiam, the sewer and water distribution systems will be constructed with a \$5,291 WPA allotment. A city fund of \$2,061 has been pledged for rental of equipment and for materials which include 3,225 feet of sewer pipe and 650 feet of water pipe.

Street and road projects include one for Alder Street in Aberdeen with \$2,868 from WPA and \$1,990.60 from the city, and another for a road extension eight miles east of Aberdeen with \$4,459 in Federal funds and \$2,080 pledged by the county commissioners. Grading, placing pavement curbs and gutters, and installing storm drains feature the city job.

A \$16,722 grant will improve Centralia streets, assisted by \$23,422.50 from the city. The unusually large sponsor's pledge is for materials needed for constructing curbs, sidewalks, pavement and other substantial features of the work. A Chehalis street improvement project receives \$40,729 from WPA to go with a \$11,617 city pledge.

Winlock will receive a new community and recreational center under plans requiring \$9,909 from WPA funds and \$11,955.70 from the city for a one-story and basement structure.

Raymond streets are to be improved with \$9,740 from WPA. Extent of the work calls for a sponsor's pledge from the city of \$10,229.50. Work includes removing old plank and debris, placing new plank and crushed rock surfacing and constructing concrete and wooden curbs.

Outside Tacoma, a cleaning and renovating project for various public buildings throughout Pierce County will operate with a WPA grant of \$8,454. The project employs mostly women. Professional and clerical workers will be used in a topographical survey in Tacoma, under a \$5,238 Federal grant.

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WPA workers this week began the construction of sanitary units for installation in rural communities and unsewered town areas throughout Okanogan county, under a Federal allotment of \$10,210 announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator.

The improved sanitary facilities project is being sponsored by the Washington State Department of Health and the design for the units has been approved by the United States Public Health Service. Particular interest is being shown in rehabilitation of the insanitary conditions wrought in areas devastated by the Malott flood.

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May 13, 1938

PR-459



WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION  
Alaska Building Seattle, Washington

Word has been received by James W. Egan, Washington State Director of the WPA Federal Writers' Project, that four magazines are planning special sections devoted to the off-time creative efforts of Writers' Project personnel. Both the Nation and the New Republic are publishing miniature anthologies of poetry by project members in one of their May issues. Poetry Magazine is devoting its entire July issue to verse by Federal Writers, and the New Masses has just published a 32- page supplement, made up of stories, sketches, Americana and poetry, written off-time by project workers.

It is believed that this unusual demand for the creative work of the Federal Writers' Project resulted from the recent publication of American Stuff magazine through the auspices of Direction magazine. American Stuff, a 128-page publication sponsored by the Guilds' Committee for Federal Writers' Publications, consists of short stories, essays, poetry and folklore written by members of the project outside office hours. It includes eight lithographs by members of the Federal Art Project. Copies of it may be purchased through the Guilds' Committee for Federal Writers' Publications, 285 Madison Avenue in New York City.

Future issues of American Stuff are being contemplated by the sponsors, which it is hoped will include examples of creative off-time work written by Washington State's Federal writers.

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION  
ALASKA BUILDING SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Don G. Abel, State Administrator of the Works Progress Administration today advised all WPA workers throughout the state that their personal opinions or affiliations with any political party were their affair and that no WPA worker would be required to contribute to any political party or be permitted to solicit contributions for any political party from fellow workers. In a general letter to all 46,500 WPA workers throughout the state Abel quoted a letter from Harry L. Hopkins, National Administrator.

"No employee of the Works Progress Administration, either administrative or engaged on a project, is required to make any contribution to any political party.

"No Works Progress Administration employee's job will be in jeopardy because of the failure of said employee to make such contribution.

"No employee of the Works Progress Administration shall at any time solicit contributions for any political party and evidence of such solicitation will be cause for immediate discharge. The question of whether or not to contribute to any political party is a matter entirely for the voluntary decision of said employee.

"No person shall be employed or discharged by the Works Progress Administration on the ground of his support or non-support of any candidate of any political organization."

"We particularly want to impress upon the public and the WPA workers their freedom from party influence" Abel concluded.

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION  
ALASKA BUILDING SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

To continue to provide employment for "white collar" workers throughout twenty-six counties in the state, Don G. Abel, state WPA administrator, today announced allotment of \$18,597 in federal funds.

"These projects are designed, Abel stated, to provide employment for needy professional, educational, and clerical persons to transcribe and assemble data from existing public records and files of sponsors concerning land ownership, assessed valuation, tax delinquency, segregation of types of large holdings, crop yields, mortgage indebtedness, and school district costs; and to prepare maps showing these data. This project will operate in Adams, Asotin, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, Island, Jefferson, King, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Mason, Okanogan, Pacific, Pierce, San Juan, Skamania, Snohomish, Spokane, Thurston, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima Counties, with headquarters, for purposes of supervision, at Seattle, King County, and Pullman, Whitman County. This work is not a normal activity of the sponsor or other public authority or agency, and no regularly employed personnel will be displaced. The Washington Agricultural Experiment Station as sponsors are providing \$4,954 for materials and incidental expenses."

Other "white collar" projects Abel announced are, Thurston County; \$792 for preparing scale, plat, and section maps for the office of the County Assessor to be used by them for field work; Clark County, in and near Vancouver Washington, \$8,820 for the preparation of maps showing underground sewers, pipes, tunnels, conduits, water mains, service lines, manholes, catch basins and other structures. The City of Everett Washington has been provided with \$6,208 in WPA funds to carry on the same type of project.

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION  
ALASKA BUILDING SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Don G. Abel, State Administrator of the Works Progress Administration, today announced four new projects totaling \$36,090 for Snohomish and Clallam Counties.

Street improvements for the city of Everett are provided for with a WPA allotment of \$9,447 to which the city is adding \$4,891 for materials and equipment.

Snohomish County farm-to-market roads will be graded and graveled with a federal allotment of \$21,425 to pay labor costs.

In the town of Stanwood improvements to the sanitary sewer system by replacing and relocating a tide gate valve between catch basins and sewer outfall where the Stillaguamish River empties into Saratogo passage, has been assured according to Abel through a WPA allotment of \$684 to which the city of Stanwood is adding \$201 for materials. The present gate has been damaged by debris during rising tides and water flows back into the city sewers at high tide. The new tide gate is expected to correct this condition.

At Port Angeles, improvements to the Jessie Webster park will be made with a WPA allotment of \$4,534. Work consists of landscaping, leveling, seeding, constructing gravel paths and rustic fences.

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION

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The installation of a new type of mechanical fish screen developed by the State Department of Fisheries and head control gates, by pass check traps, top skimmers, coffer dam and bridges in the Wenatchee and Entiat Rivers throughout Chelan County, by WPA labor, was revealed today by Don G. Abel, state WPA administrator, in announcing a federal allotment of \$105,977 to carry on the project.

The project sponsored by the State Department of Fisheries, which is providing \$21,911.31 for the purchase of materials, permanent equipment and rental of construction equipment and is designed to prevent Salmon trout and other fish from entering irrigation canals and ditches.

Headquarters for the project will be at Wenatchee.

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A WPA project to improve drainage along various streets in the City of Garfield, Whitman County, by opening ditches, clearing and grubbing brush, removing silt and loose rock, cleaning out culverts, calling for \$3,320 in federal funds was also announced by Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator.

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Four Southwest Washington counties will benefit by ten new WPA allotments amounting to \$168,696, Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator, revealed today.

Lewis County leads with a total allotment of \$57,499. Road reconstruction in County Commissioners district #1 near Centralia receiving \$45,456; Forest Grade school near Chehalis is to have the old playshed demolished and a new one constructed; the grounds graded and fenced, the school building resingled and renovated with a WPA allotment of \$4,303. A project to safeguard the lives of pedestrians who walk along the state highway south of Chehalis is slated to begin May 19, with \$7,740 from WPA funds. The roadway will be widened and concrete and cinder sidewalks, drains and curbing constructed.

Work on Clark County's Lewisville Park is to be continued with driveways constructed, parking space cleared, shelters, comfort stations, community building and cabins erected in a \$49,928 improvement program slated to get under way by May 19, Abel stated. He also announced the continuation of a project to improve the grounds and an athletic field in Washougal School district #92, which has been allotted \$2,066 in WPA funds.

Pierce County has received a WPA allotment of \$12,717 to continue the improvement work on the playgrounds of the Dash Point School, school district #10.

Grays Harbor projects are for the improvements of farm-to-market roads with one exception, a project slated to begin May 19, for the erection of a garage and material shed and to remodel the city library and city hall in Aberdeen, which will represent a federal investment of \$5,162. The East Wishkaw road north of Aberdeen will be reconstructed with the WPA providing \$32,085. The road improvements in section 15 near Montesano will open up several hundred acres of land especially suited to pea culture and will call for a WPA investment of \$4,459. The continuation of construction work on the Grayland farm-to-market road has aroused considerable interest because of the cranberry district that will open up when the work is completed on the roadbed. The project involves investment of \$4,760 of federal funds.

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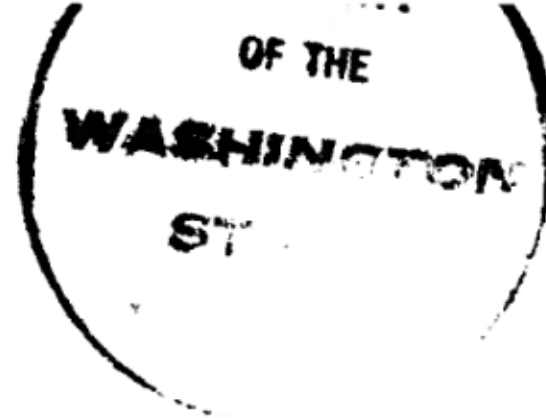


WPA workers are improving the recreational facilities at Lake Forest Park Grade School, north of the city, under a project set up to begin tomorrow with Federal grants totaling \$13,836., according to Don G. Abel, State Works Progress Administrator.

With the local School District No. 181 augmenting this amount with \$3,718, substantial improvements are promised, including constructing tennis courts, erecting a playshed, building fences, and extensive painting. Crews are now busy clearing, grubbing, excavating and grading, for the playfield area. Drain-tiling will assure the use of the field during the winter season.

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WPA recreational construction jobs are scheduled to start June 6, at Vashon, Richmond Beach and Preston, and an extensive survey project to gather data for future zoning restrictions in King County, has been slated for June 1, Don G. Abel, State Works Progress Administrator, revealed yesterday in announcing a total of \$61,514 in Federal grants for these new projects.

Largest allotment was \$28,579 for building a class playroom and gymnasium additions at the Richmond Beach grade and high school. Work includes excavating, constructing footings and foundations, laying floors, plastering, plumbing, heating and electrical installations, building bleachers and partitions, installing wall board, roofing, brick, concrete and steelwork. School District No. 86 is assisting as sponsor with \$17,407.37 for rental of equipment and purchasing supplies.

A new gymnasium building will be erected at the Vashon School, in Vashon. This project also includes grading the playfield and parking area and constructing an approach to the driveway. Facilities at the Union High School near Vashon will be improved for recreational activities when a WPA crew completes erecting tennis courts and backstops, rolling and surfacing the field track, grading the football and baseball fields and other incidental work.

The King County survey, designed to provide employment for needy professional and clerical persons, includes transcribing, summarizing and preparing basic factual data maps on industrial locations, population density, land use and water systems. The work will include the necessary engineering, field and office surveys. The county is providing \$4,134.46 for necessary materials and equipment to be used in ascertaining the information for making the general maps for zoning the county.

Tennis court, handball court, and horseshoe court are three features of the Preston project. A community hall will also be provided by moving and reconstructing a building, including excavation, plumbing work, painting and fencing. WPA furnishes \$9,900 for this work.

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PR-467



A museum for the permanent display and preservation of Indian artifacts and antiques, will be erected in the ten acre Soajewea State Park, four miles southeast of Pasco, beginning June 13, under a \$7,858 WPA grant, it was announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator.

The building will be of reinforced concrete and will have two exhibit wings, each 30 by 21 feet, placed in a modified "V" with an entrance lobby at the vortex, 30 feet in front, 10 feet at the rear and 21 feet wide. It will be the main structure of the park which faces the junction of the Columbia and Snake Rivers, in the center of an area rich in pioneer history of Washington. Below the lobby will be a heating plant to permit year around use of the building.

Approximately two years ago a previous WPA allotment of \$42,084 was provided to set up a project which has virtually turned a patch of desert waste into a park oasis, Abel stated. WPA workers have landscaped the entire area, set out trees and shrubs, installed a complete sprinkling system, erected a bathhouse, built a caretaker's dwelling, installed public confort stations, a kitchen and drinking fountain, constructed a diving float, and rip-rapped the river bank for protection from erosion. Under this project a large water tank is also nearing completion.

The State of Washington Park Committee is sponsoring the new project with \$7,298.90 for rental of construction equipment and for materials to be used in the museum building.

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PR-468



A State Experiment Station for the study of all phases of orchard pest control, fruit inspection and tree diseases in Chelan county will be established two miles west of Wenatchee, with the aid of \$13,288 in WPA funds, it was announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator.

More than 500 old apple trees will be grubbed out of the sixty acre state-owned tract, and new scientific plantings will be made, under the supervision and sponsorship of the State College at Pullman from which additional state funds of \$7,500.15 have been pledged to assist in carrying on the project.

Nine old farm buildings will be torn down and the materials salvaged for use in constructing a new spray shed, a machine shed and laborers' houses. Plans call for installation of irrigation and spray systems, and a large septic tank. A roadway will be graded and landscaping done. One of the phases of activity under this project will be the scraping of trees to eliminate and control the coddling moths.

Service to be rendered by the College to Chelan county at this farm will include investigations of different factors relative to production of tree fruits, with attention to fertilizers, pollination, pruning, spray, residue cover crops, insect spray and disease.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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PR-470



The Works Progress Administration has allotted \$70,072 additional funds for reconstructing and improving roads of Pacific County, it was announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, State WPA Administrator.

These funds, according to Abel, will be used immediately on projects in Commissioners' Districts No. 1 and No. 3, near Raymond and South Bend. It is the largest project in the county and supersedes two other previous road projects in that area.

Work will correct roads in serious need of attention, said local officials, and will include ditching, widening, resurfacing, and the installation of new culverts and bridges. More than 3,000 residents of the community will benefit from the improvements.

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PR-471



Camas streets will be improved with a \$13,701 WPA allotment announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, State WPA Administrator. A crew of WPA workers is scheduled to begin city-wide sidewalk construction early this month.

The project will also include excavating jobs, construction of retaining walls and various incidental items. The city council has pledged an additional \$9,238 for cement and other necessary materials as well as for renting equipment for the improvements.

The city of Camas is sponsoring this project which will benefit the 4,200 residents.

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PR-472



City-wide sidewalk construction at Port Angeles was assured yesterday when Don G. Abel, State Works Progress Administrator announced that a \$83,717 allotment of Federal funds had been made for such a project, planned to start June 6.

Work includes excavating, laying concrete, building foundations, removing old sidewalks, repairing parking strips and many incidental tasks. The city is providing \$72,458 for materials.

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PR-473



A WPA road clearing project, scheduled to begin June 6, at the south city limits of Cathlamet under a \$2,010 Federal grant, and announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, virtually assures construction by Wahkiakum county of the Puget Island Bridge approach.

WPA workers will clear the ground to permit movement of equipment to the bridge site, enabling the county to proceed with roadway grading. Local officials regard the preliminary WPA participation in the bridge project as one of the most important undertakings in the county.

Both Federal and State highway funds have been provided for the bridge, but the construction of the north approach fell to the county. Total length of the WPA clearing project approximates a quarter mile on Front Street extension. Plans call for clearing more than two acres, grubbing more than an acre, and excavating 400 cubic yards of earth.

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PR-474



A new county park with playfield and recreational facilities will be constructed at East 165th and 15th Avenue N.E., four miles north of the Seattle city limits, starting next Monday, under a WPA allotment of \$17,257 it was announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, State Works Progress Administrator.

WPA workers will clear and grub 7.7 acres as the initial step in a project which calls for installation of many conveniences for outdoor amusements, sports and picnics, Abel said. Within a five acre landscaped area will be erected a one story shelter house, 30 by 50 feet, of peeled log siding and cedar shakes roof, and a new one-story camp kitchen, 20 by 30 feet of similar construction. Concrete stoves, modern sanitary facilities and sinks, well-drained septic tank and other facilities will also be provided. Four black-top, single tennis courts and several horseshoe pitching courts will also be built. Approximately 250 feet of guard rail will line park roadways.

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PR-475



To complete the Wenatchee Airport the runway will be extended 1,500 feet and a new 60 by 80 foot hangar will be erected in a new WPA project scheduled to begin June 13, with a Federal allotment of \$46,098.89, according to an announcement yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator.

Development of the airport for transport service is the aim of the project, said Abel, which also includes extensive gradings, graveling and oiling of the field, requiring more than 30,000 cubic yards of excavation and leveling.

The City of Wenatchee is sponsoring the work, and providing funds totaling \$11,010 for construction equipment rentals and for materials. Although previous projects accounted for 86 percent of the construction, this new allotment is intended to complete the work. Two gas beacons will be erected as well as more runway lights.

Abel also revealed that \$7,760 had been allotted for developing a recreational area under the sponsorship of the Kittitas County Commissioners, on Swauk Creek near Blewett Pass. It is estimated by local authorities that more than 5,000 tourists will visit this spot annually. Some work has already been done by the county which is providing \$2,509 additional funds to go with the WPA allotment.

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PR-476



A WPA sidewalk construction project is scheduled to begin at Issaquah June 21, with a Federal allotment of \$17,983, one of three projects, totaling \$22,922, announced yesterday for King County by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator.

The Victory Heights Park community club house, north of Seattle, will be remodeled and enlarged under a \$3,425 grant and the school and grounds at Baring will be improved with a \$1,514 WPA allotment. The Victory Heights clubhouse will have new rest rooms, a fireplace, septic tank and drains, plumbing installations and additional wall and floor construction. The County Commissioners are providing for materials with \$1,744. Painting, shingling, and landscaping are included in the Baring project, sponsored by School District No. 167 with \$395.

Issaquah city authorities have pledged \$8,416.50 for materials and construction equipment to aid in their WPA sidewalk project.

WPA sewing projects will continue in Kitsap County, Abel also disclosed, with a new allotment of \$15,912. Headquarters will be maintained at Port Orchard and garments will be distributed to charitable institutions, and to the needy.

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PR-477



A reinforced concrete addition to the Sultan Union High School, will be constructed, beginning Monday, with the aid of \$67,585 in WPA funds it was announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator.

The addition is in two sections, 125 by 25 feet, and 72 by 22 feet, of wood frame construction interior, with plastered walls and two stories high complete with a new steam heating system. Increased enrollments of recent years make necessary the additional space. School District No. 112, as sponsor of the project, have provided an additional \$32,199.31 for materials and rental of construction equipment.

Work includes excavating, painting, installing showers and metal lockers, alterations to the old building and demolishing a portion of the old structure. Landscaping of the entire grounds will also be made, according to Abel.

Another WPA allotment, of \$7,050, was announced for constructing a rock revetment for flood control purposes, along the Skykomish River, in Index. The city is providing \$3,040 for materials. An \$8,696 allotment to Index has been made for improving streets and alleys, to match a city appropriation of \$2,285.60.

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PR-478



A \$214,865 WPA allotment for Bellingham street improvements, announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator, brings the total for this purpose during the last 12 months to \$332,931.30, and assures the inauguration of one of the most important construction programs in the history of the city.

Approximately 40 miles of streets and alleys will be improved under this new allotment, said Abel, including gravel surfacing and asphalt paving, clearing, grubbing, excavating, ditching, and constructing and laying culverts. More than eight thousand feet of culvert pipe will be placed and 5,454 square yards of asphalt.

The city is sponsoring the street program and providing \$67,649.55 for rental of construction equipment and for necessary materials.

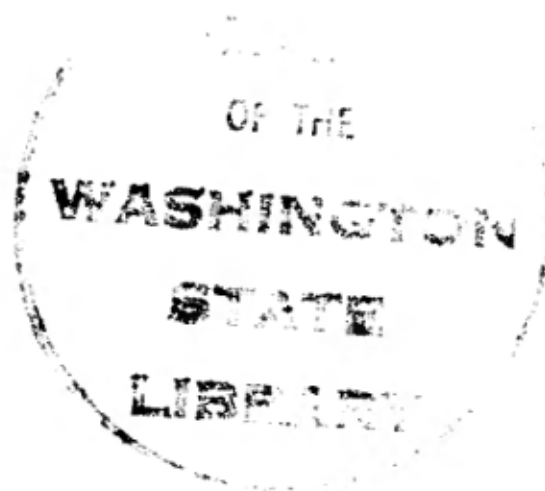
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PR-479



Diving rafts will be constructed by a WPA crew at Seward Park for Golden Gardens and Pritchard Park bathing beaches, under a Federal grant of \$1,498.50, it was announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, State Works Progress Administrator.

The two rafts will be built immediately, complete with towers and spring boards. They will be constructed in sheltered water at Seward Park from where they will be towed by the Seattle Park Department, sponsors, to their permanent locations. A sponsor contribution of \$574 will provide construction materials. One raft will measure 41 by 28 feet, the other, 16 by 14 feet. Heavy timbers will be used, such as 8 by 10 inch sills, logs 24 to 36 inches in diameter, and decking of 3 by 4 inch material..

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PR-480



Two Pierce County School improvements and an Orting city records indexing project were announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, State Works Progress Administrator to begin Thursday with allotments totaling \$11,258.

A new garage and reconstruction of a boiler house are features of a program planned for the Fife school, with a WPA allotment of \$5,925. Improvement of the grounds, parking area and track are included also, under sponsorship of School District No. 88 which is providing an additional \$4,212.44 for materials.

Improving the recreational facilities of Clover Park Junior High School calls for constructing a parking area, baseball backstop and road around school, planting trees, placing top soil on the athletic field, landscaping, seeding, and laying water main for the sprinkling system and a drinking fountain. WPA has allotted \$3,933 for the job to go with \$1,283.44 from School District No. 204. The allotment is to finish a project half completed under a previous project.

Professional and clerical persons will compile and index Orting ordinances and its council, records dating from 1890 to the beginning of this year, under a \$1,400 WPA allotment and a city fund of \$450. for materials and supplies.

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PR-481

Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator today announced a \$202,790 WPA allotment for the scraping and destroying of bark of infested fruit trees and the grubbing of willows in orchards throughout Yakima County, beginning Monday.

The project is operated for the extermination of horticultural pests of that area, with special attention to eradication of the codling moth and San Jose Scale, the two major pests which each year cause serious losses to fruit growers.

Officials of the State Department of Horticulture sponsors, assert that the Codling Moth lives during the winter months under the rough bark of fruit trees and just under the ground at the base of the tree. By scraping and destroying the rough bark, the moth larvae which hibernate in these places will be destroyed.

Abel declared this operation by WPA workers will put the trees in proper condition for growers to place bands on the tree trunk where the first brood larvae are trapped and destroyed. It is estimated 80 per cent of the orchard pests can be controlled by this project.

In addition to fruit trees, willows are regarded as most serious native host plants for the dread San Jose Scale, according to Arthur C. Rich, Horticultural Inspector-at-large for the state agency, which is providing an additional \$61,450 for materials and equipment rentals on the project.

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WPA allotments totaling \$3,770,456 for the improvement of streets in Aberdeen and Hoquiam and roads throughout Grays Harbor county on three large projects designed to meet serious unemployment conditions in the district, was announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator.

Included in the above allotment, is the county-wide grant of \$3,164,258, covering construction of 95 miles of new county roads and the improvement of 400 miles of existing roads. More than 200 miles of road will be substantially improved through application of a road-oil mix, and a long list of pile and timber bridges and plank bulkhead construction jobs are listed on the schedule. This project will supersede seven other similar projects totaling \$563,742.59 in WPA expenditures. The completed work will open areas of the county which are now reported inaccessible.

Grays Harbor county has pledged \$312,264 for purchase of materials and rental of construction equipment.

Local WPA engineers point out that the Hoquiam allotment of \$222,727 for street construction and improvements will open up new areas for low cost housing. Similar benefits will accrue to Aberdeen under a city-wide street project calling for \$383,471. from WPA. Hoquiam's city pledge exceeds the WPA grant, amounting to \$253,811 for materials and equipment rentals, while the Aberdeen sponsor contributions total \$368,276.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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PR-483



WPA "white collar" professional and clerical workers will assist in surveying and mapping various Cowlitz County roads and tracts of land to complete the records of the county assessor, beginning June 20, Don G. Abel, State Works Progress Administrator, revealed today. A \$6,780 WPA allotment has been made for the work.

Cowlitz County Commissioners will provide funds totaling \$2,510 for necessary supplies for the surveys and mapping.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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PR-484



Three new projects announced for eastern Washington yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, and totaling \$44,591 in WPA funds, include a \$28,586 grant to continue street improvement work at Leavenworth, beginning June 28.

For improving sanitary conditions and developing a recreational center at the Douglas County Fair Grounds, Waterville, a \$12,401 allotment has been made to go with a county pledge of \$15,901.08. This project, which includes improvement of the race track, will start June 20, Abel said. An estimated 2,000 residents of the community will benefit from this important local improvement county officials declare. A \$3,604 grant will be used for the demolition of an old school building at Wenatchee, starting the middle of the month. The grounds will be improved for a school play-field.

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JUNE 15, 1938



Grounds and facilities of the new State Custodial School, now under construction one mile east of Buckley, will be improved, starting tomorrow, with WPA funds totaling \$78,821, it was announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, State Works Progress Administrator.

A large septic tank will be constructed, with sludge and filter beds, necessary pipe installations, tile and fittings. Other improvements, under this allotment, will include a covered arcade, new water mains, hydrants, landscaping, transplanting and pruning of fruit trees, reconditioning, painting and setting of the laundry machinery and constructing of a new road.

The State is contributing \$24,537.18 for materials and rental of needed construction equipment.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PR-486

JUNE 15, 1938



Starting date has been set for June 21, on WPA sewer construction at Hudson Street, between 26th and 28th Avenues South, according to Don G. Abel, State Works Progress Administrator, who announced yesterday that \$10,731 has been drawn for this project from a city-wide blanket allotment of \$214,870.

Work includes excavating, backfilling, installing pipe, constructing manholes and catch basins and many incidental operations. The city has provided \$2,602 for materials and equipment rentals during construction.

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JUNE 15, 1938



Don G. Abel, State Works Progress Administrator, today revealed that WPA workers are beginning erection of a \$5,660 addition to the Kirkland cannery, 8th and 6th Streets, Kirkland, for use in canning surplus fruits and vegetables to be given to the needy.

In addition to the building, the crew will construct built-in tables, trays, and racks, extend the plumbing system and perform all incidental work.

The King County commissioners, who have leased the property from the city for five years, are providing \$1,576 as the sponsor's contribution for materials and equipment.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
JUNE 17, 1938

PR-488



Approximately 5.5 miles of West Seattle streets north from the south city limits at Roxbury and bounded on the west by the Sound, will be improved under a \$95,995 WPA allotment announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, State Works Progress Administrator.

On the north the area is indicated as running on West Alaska Street from Puget Sound to Fauntleroy, thence northeast on Fauntleroy Avenue to West Genesee Street and 35th Avenue South West, and 35th Avenue South West on the East.

Work includes clearing, grubbing, grading, draining, ditching and sloping, gravel surfacing and incidental work, to continue a program carried on under a previous project in the same general area. The city has pledged \$14,005 for construction equipment rentals and materials.

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JUNE 17, 1938



The canning of surplus and donated foodstuffs will be carried on throughout Klickitat county under a WPA project set up to begin this week under a grant of \$3,375, it was announced today by Don G. Abel, State Works Progress Administrator.

The food will be canned for free distribution to the needy and for use in preparation of lunches free to undernourished children in public schools of the county. Federal funds will be expended for labor, supervision, equipment and first aid supplies. Other facilities and equipment will be provided under a county pledge of \$745.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PR-490

JUNE 17, 1938



Extensive storm and sanitary sewers construction is scheduled to begin at Bremerton Tuesday, according to an announcement yesterday by Don G. Abel, State Works Progress Administrator who said \$124,667 in WPA funds had been allotted for the project.

The funds have been granted to pay for relief labor involved in excavating, trenching, backfilling, laying pipe, constructing manholes, catch basins, inlets, lamp holes, sand boxes and pump lines. The city is providing \$92,467.09 for materials and rentals of construction equipment.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PR-491

JUNE 17, 1938



Spanaway Park near Tacoma will soon have new outdoor kitchens, drinking fountains and other modern accommodations provided by a WPA grant of \$40,276 for a project scheduled to begin June 24, according to Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator.

Work also includes clearing, grubbing and burning brush, building a pump house and laying new water mains with connections.

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A WPA crew will begin work next Tuesday on Puyallup River flood control work near Sumner, with the aid of \$8,524 in Federal funds, it was announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator.

Under the sponsorship of the Pierce County commissioners, who have pledged a \$5,576 contribution for materials, the project will include building bulkheads, drift carriers, groins, brush mats and log revetments as well as improvement of existing structures and rebrushing old revetments.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
JUNE 22, 1938

PR-492



A mile of new street will be constructed at North Bonneville, under a WPA grant of \$25,903 announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, State Works Progress Administrator. A WPA crew will begin work about July 5.

Eleven months is the estimated time which will be required to complete the job, said Abel, for the project will give the town standard streets and drainage, where none now exists. Work will include clearing, grubbing, grading, excavating, draining, installing culverts, and surfacing. Engineering difficulties will be encountered frequently on the project due to hilly and rocky formations. Approximately 1,000 residents will benefit from the improvement, although extent of the work is in anticipation of rapid growth of the community as the power dam operations expand.

The City of North Bonneville will furnish construction equipment and materials under a pledge of \$6,031.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
JUNE 22, 1938

PR-493



Three school improvement projects and a road construction job were announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, to begin Friday in Pierce County with WPA funds totalling \$3,860.

The road allotment of \$7,332, drawn from a half-million dollar county wide allocation, will be used for construction on the Minter Kitsap County Road, near Elgin, Abel said, and is expected to benefit at least 300 residents of the community adjacent to the thoroughfare. The county pledges \$1,867 for materials.

A \$1,102 WPA fund will be used to complete improvements to the Thrift Primary School building at Thrift. Work will include painting, shingling, installing latrines, plastering and calcimining, and is being sponsored by School District No. 41.

Improvements in the school building at Littlerock are planned with an \$805 allotment. Carpentry and painting are the major items and require a \$234 pledge from School District No. 325 for materials.

The Bucoda school building will be "dressed up" under a \$621 allotment. On this job the School District No. 31 is providing materials.

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A \$56,634 WPA allotment has been made to improve the water run-off system in Drainage District No. 23, near Milton, according to an announcement yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, who stated that work would get under way June 27.

WPA workers will enlarge the present ditch and construct new laterals, clear, and excavate for building timber flumes and the placing of piling. No Federal funds will be expended for work normally classed as current maintenance.

The drainage district, sponsoring the project, is providing \$14,056 for materials and rental of equipment for the work.

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PR-495



Deer Park is going to have a new City Hall and Jail, erected by WPA workers under a Federal allotment of \$10,146, starting June 28, according to a statement yesterday by Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator.

Announcement that the allotment had been made climaxes months of planning, by city officials and brings to final realization the hopes of local residents for this much needed civic improvement. Project plans with these funds include installing plumbing and heating facilities, lathing and plastering, painting, roofing, carpentry, concrete, brick and other skilled construction operations. For the materials and equipment needed to build the structure the city is providing \$4,338.

Local officials declare it will be the best building of its type in Spokane County.

The same day a WPA crew will begin work on improving the school building and grounds at Colbert, by constructing a basement and landscaping, Abel said. A WPA \$3,765 grant will be made available for this work.

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Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator said today \$56,660 had been allotted to continue the WPA free home assistance project in King County after June 30, under the sponsorship of the County Health Department.

The project provides employment for needy persons in furnishing aid in housework and care of children in the homes of other needy persons where the homemaker is totally or partially incapacitated because of ill health or confinement.

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A gymnasium and community building will be erected at Brush Prairie with the aid of \$2,718 in WPA funds, according to an announcement made yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator who stated that construction would begin July 5.

School District No. 54 has pledged \$1,184 for materials and rental of equipment. The building will be used for community gatherings.

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A WPA crew will give the Centralia state armory grounds a sprucing up, starting Monday, June 27 under a WPA allotment of \$6,686, State Works Progress Administrator Don G. Abel, announced today.

Under the sponsorship of the State Military Department, which is contributing funds for necessary materials and equipment rentals, a crew will clear, grub, grade and excavate an area and landscape it, as well as build a rock retaining wall.

The armory is just east of the Centralia city limits.

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A WPA crew is scheduled to begin work Monday, June 27, on the construction of a school bus garage at Chehalis, with a WPA allotment of \$2,685, according to an announcement yesterday from state WPA Administrator, Don G. Abel.

The project calls for such items as excavating, grading, surfacing, and installing drain tile as well as erection of the building. Materials will be paid for out of \$1,240.65 in funds provided by School District No. 236, the sponsor.

The canning of Island County's surplus foodstuffs, which have been donated will provide employment for needy persons in processing the products for free distribution to the needy, Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator stated yesterday.

The county commissioners have pledged \$966.06 for assistance in the project with the WPA providing \$4,550. No Federal funds will be expended for any cost other than labor, supervision, equipment and for first aid supplies. The project will begin next week.

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Recreational facilities of the High School at Winslow will be increased by new tennis courts, to be erected starting July 6, under a \$3,697 WPA grant, according to a statement issued yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator.

The project also includes construction of a board walk. School District No. 303 as sponsor will provide \$1,613.49 for materials.

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Improvement of the school grounds in McReavey's Addition in the town of Hoodspert, under a \$4,194 WPA allotment was announced yesterday by State Works Progress Administrator, Don G. Abel. Sidewalks, retaining walls and tennis courts, as well as grading and leveling the entire area is included in the project.

This project will complete the ground improvements began under a previous project, and the third project for this school under WPA, according to officials of School District No. 22 who have pledged \$1,479 for materials and rental of needed construction equipment.

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Alki Beach from the Ferry Dock to Duwamish Head Park will be improved, under a \$3,100 WPA grant announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, to begin July 6, while another improvement project calling for \$2,600 in Federal allotments will be expended starting Monday at Woodland Park.

WPA workers at Alki will clear the beach, grade and screen gravel, build drains for concrete walks, erect and paint tables and benches and clean and paint lamp posts along Beach Drive. A crew will regrade approximately 10,000 square feet of gravel paths and sidewalks at Woodland Park, place approximately 200 fence posts and paint about 8,000 square feet on buildings in the park, as well as replace wood door frames and jambs with reinforced concrete.

The Seattle Park Board will provide materials for the two projects with a \$1,258 allotment.

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To continue to provide employment for needy persons to read to the blind and shut-ins in the public hospitals of King County, Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator, today announced a new federal allotment of \$14,100.

This project operates throughout King County with headquarters for the purpose of supervision at Seattle and employs mostly women. Recipients of this reading service are selected by public welfare agencies, according to Abel.

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A WPA project for city-wide clearing and grading at Toppenish, calling for Federal funds totalling \$30,200 was disclosed today by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, who stated that work would begin early next week.

Use of Pitrun gravel on 3.8 miles of streets and more than a mile of alleys will be the main feature of the project, for which the city is providing materials costing \$5,347.

No taxes or assessments will be levied to cover the amount of Federal funds. Earth binding and filling will facilitate drainage and eliminate rough street conditions.

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Picnickers at Quilcene may soon look forward to greater outdoor opportunities when work is completed on the construction of community parks, equipped with kitchens, walks and tables, which got under way this week with a \$6,154 allotment according to Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator.

Clearing, grubbing and beautifying of areas on Jefferson county-owned property will convert unused districts into up-to-date recreational centers. The county commissioners are providing construction equipment and materials through a \$1,784.27 appropriation.

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