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The right-of-way of the Nisqually Power Transmission Line of the Tacoma Light Department will be cleared with the aid of WPA workers beginning July 7, it was announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator. The WPA is providing \$44,844. for this work.

To maintain service on the transmission line a road will also be graded and surfaced. The city Department of Public Utilities has agreed to provide \$11,176 for materials and equipment rentals.

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Repairs and improvements to Kitsap and Vinland school buildings will be made by two WPA projects, scheduled to begin July 6, with Federal allotments totalling \$1,125.

Work at the Vinland school, with a \$643 allotment, includes shingling the roof, removing an old bell tower, placing new flooring and many incidental jobs. The Kitsap school improvement includes improving the water system line, and painting, and incidental work.

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Steilacoom streets are scheduled for improvement starting July 9, under a \$17,145 WPA allotment, announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator.

Eight months will be required to carry on the work under this allotment which has been set up to continue improvements provided for under a prior schedule. Features of the work, Abel said, include clearing, widening, excavating, deepening, drainage ditches, laying sidewalks and doing additional odd jobs connected with the project.

The City of Steilacoom will provide funds for purchase of materials and supplies.

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Two WPA projects designed to provide employment for "white collar" workers in Whatcom County were announced today by Don G. Abel, state WPA administrator.

The first project for which the WPA has provided \$3,084 will call for preparing maps of the Ferndale sewer and water systems from existing field records for the City Engineer, transcribing, indexing, and filing public records from April 1907 to January 1936 for the City Attorney and City Clerk; and checking the ownership of property foreclosures on mortgages, checking foreclosures and transcribing public records from January 1921 to January 1936 for the City Treasurer.

The second project is to prepare new, and rehabilitate present files of the school districts records with respect to real estate holdings, personal property, history of school organization and pupil attendance records for the County Superintendent of Schools. This project will operate in the City of Bellingham.

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WPA funds totalling \$1,298,713 have been allotted for Farm-to-market road improvements throughout Lewis County, under a project slated to begin this week, Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator revealed today.

Approximately 1,200 miles of secondary roads will be built or improved under this schedule, which is planned to continue employment for more than 2000 men for a year's program. The new fund, Abel said, will be augmented by \$408,087 provided by the county commissioners for materials and the rental of construction equipment. Bridge replacement will be included in the project, as well as extensive surfacing and grading operations.

Other items include ditching, sloping, draining, surfacing, oiling, erecting guard rails and cribbing.

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The smiling visage of President Franklin D. Roosevelt will be seen for the first time on a totem pole!

How Come?

Cause the Indians of the Swinomish Indian Reservation are carving it from a 61½ foot cedar log with the aid of the WPA.

Don G. Abel, state WPA director, revealed that the pole is part of a \$16,093 recreational project on the reservation which will include reconstructing the dance hall and building a ball park and painting the recreation hall.

Indians of the Swinomish tribe are contributing \$3,904 for materials and equipment rentals.

But to get back to the totem pole, Charlie George, 83 years old, member of the Swinomish and Samish tribe is supervising the work and as a mark of respect to the nation's chief he is going to place the President's head right below the American Bald Eagle, second down from the top. On one side of the pole the history of the Samish tribe is to be carved and on the other the history of the Swinomish tribe.

The totem pole will be dedicated at the Water Festival on August 19, 20, and 21, which will include Indian canoe races, a salmon fry, a dance and ball games. Mrs Roosevelt has been invited to attend the ceremonies with other high ranking government officials.

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The improvement of 140 miles of Farm-to-market roads in Spokane county under a new WPA project slated to begin June 28, with \$1,021,788 in Federal funds was announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator.

Employment is expected to be continued under this project for several hundred men for about a year, said Abel. The large allotment is to continue road reconstruction formerly operated under two previous county-wide projects.

Large stores of materials will be required for surfacing and heavy equipment will be used for extensive excavating and grading, according to the Spokane County Commissioners, who have pledged \$400,304 as sponsors, to provide necessary materials and supplies.

Most of the work will be done to widen and improve Farm-to-market roads. The county has purchased additional rights-of-way to straighten dangerous curves throughout the county.

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The entire July issue of Poetry: a Magazine of Verse, will be devoted to verse, written off-time, by members of the Federal Writers' Project, according to word received by James W. Egan, Washington State director.

The issue has been compiled by George Dillon, Pulitzer prize winner and editor of Poetry, with the assistance of Willard Maas, a member of the Federal Writers' Project. Containing 80 pages, instead of the customary 64, the magazine will include introductory articles by Archibald MacLeish and Malcolm Cowley, and more than twoscore examples of verse form.

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Not only will invaluable publicity accrue to the State through the publication of the Washington Guide prepared by the WPA Federal Writers' Project, but the major points of interest between the State's borders are to be featured in a new one-volume guidebook to the United States.

Word that such a national volume is planned has been received by James W. Egan, Washington director, from Henry G. Alsberg, director of the Federal Writers' Project. The United States Guide possibly will run to 500,000 words and be printed on thin paper.

Noteworthy attractions of the State, including Mount Rainier, Coulee Dam, Olympus National Park, the San Juan Islands, Bonneville Dam, the Columbia River, as well as the principal cities, will receive description in this national guidebook.

One purpose of the big United States volume will be to serve the tourist with a specialized interest--the doctor, geologist, mining engineer, architect, historian, archaeologist, educator, botanist, industrialist and student of cooperatives, among others. The entire volume will be designed to attract the long-distance tourist with general or specialized interests.

The Washington State Guide, which is to be published under the co-sponsorship of the Washington Progress Commission, is now being edited into final shape for the printer, according to Egan.

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Improvement of drainage districts throughout Yakima County, for land conservation purposes, will be started July 13, under a WPA grant of \$65,296, announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator.

Work includes constructing drainage canals, laying pipe, excavating, reconditioning existing drains, and performing incidental and appurtenant work.

The Yakima County Commissioners will contribute \$17,099.50 for materials and rental of equipment for the large project. Engineering plans aim at lowering of the water table under certain low lying lands to increase the areable acreage. About eight months will be required for the project, Abel said.

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Widening of Chehalis Avenue in Chehalis, as well as curb construction of this main thoroughfare will begin July 5, under a \$12,700 WPA allotment, according to word released today by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator.

The improvement, which local authorities declare, is badly needed, includes replacing the present paving, and installing sufficient drainage facilities.

The city will provide \$10,000 for materials and construction equipment.

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An addition to the Sumas grade school building at Sumas, with a \$3,350 WPA allotment was announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, to begin July 5.

East Beach Park, in Jefferson county will be improved through a \$3,446 WPA project slated to start a week later, according to Abel. The Park improvements will include clearing, grubbing, excavating and landscaping, constructing a kitchen, sanitary buildings, tables and a well. The county commissioners will augment the allotment with \$861.81 for materials, and will be completed about the middle of October, Abel estimated.

The Sumas school authorities plan to contribute \$2,539.88 as their share of the school project for materials and construction equipment rentals. Work will be done as rapidly as possible; completed in time for the opening of the regular school term it is expected.

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Eight new allotments, totalling \$279,843, were announced for King County yesterday, by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, to start before July 22.

Largest grant, \$104,712, was announced for street improvements in West Seattle, to continue a program after July 6 which is already under way.

The Seattle terminus of the U.S. Army Alaska Communications System will be reconstructed. A \$11,417 WPA supplemented grant with a \$3,561 sponsor's fund for the Transmitter Station, and a \$1,489 allotment for the Receiving Station, will go into effect July 21, to complete work began under previous allotments.

Another WPA Seattle grant of \$50,380 will be used to correct earth slides on Perkins Lane, Chilberg and Aikins Avenues, Broadway North and Lakeview Boulevards. The city intends to furnish construction equipment and materials for such items as tunneling and laying drain pipe, with \$14,986 set aside for the project.

Street and alley improvements at Tukwila will start July 6, under a \$70,098 WPA grant intended to carry on the work for six months. Curb construction is included in the program. The city will provide construction equipment and necessary materials through a special fund of \$12,418.25.

Three school improvement projects, headed by a \$30,165 allotment for Sunnydale, are scheduled to begin July 6. For the O'Brien grade school WPA will expend \$7,785, and for Winslow, \$3,697 will be used to improve the High School. Sunnydale school authorities will provide \$23,784.10 for the improvements which include a new playshed, school additions, auditorium remodelling and a new septic tank. O'Brien district has pledged \$1,853 to cover material costs. Their project includes new tennis courts and extensive building replacement features. For the Winslow project, the school authorities have pledged \$1,613.49.

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RADIO TALK BY MR. DON G. ABEL, State Administrator
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June 29, 1938



I believe it is quite advisable for the people of the State of Washington to seriously consider the possibilities of what can be accomplished for the State of Washington through the expenditures of money by the Works Progress Administration. We have already accomplished a great deal through the building of all kinds of roads, including paved highways, school buildings, airports, recreational centers, parks, flood control projects, sewer mains and sewage disposal plants, water mains, paintings and works of art, theatrical productions, music, classes in all types of education, millions of articles of garments which were given to the needy, hot lunches for school children, and other worthwhile types of projects.

In considering the possibilities of accomplishing things through the WPA it is necessary to realize that the WPA is set up to pay a security wage to employable people certified as in need. The WPA receives a small amount of money for costs other than labor. This amounts to \$5.00 per person per month and it is not sufficient to provide for more than a small part of the material and equipment required on any worthwhile project. The result is that it is necessary, in order for the WPA to operate a worthwhile project, that the sponsor of the project put up most of the necessary funds for material and equipment. The reason for this requirement is that the funds appropriated for work relief by the Federal Government were appropriated for just that purpose, and they are required to be paid, as wages, to working people in need, and if local units of government desire to have substantial and worthwhile accomplishments it should be necessary for those local units of government to pay some part of the cost of the improvement.

There has been actually expended to date by our sponsors as a contribution to the WPA projects, more than 15 percent of the entire WPA expenditure. Many of our most worthwhile projects call for a large sponsor's contribution and we have operated many projects where the sponsors have put up more than the WPA has for the project. Invariably, a project is more worthwhile if the sponsor's contribution is large, and furthermore, the degree of accomplishment is increased in proportion to the amount of the sponsor's contribution.

Regardless of what has happened in different places, and regardless of what any person or group of people may think about the workmanship of the WPA, the fact remains that we have made many of the finest improvements that now exist in the State of Washington; and this includes practically every type of improvement that the public is interested in.

There are, however, other types of work that the WPA could do for the people of our state more extensively than has been done in the past, provided the people, as a whole, through the State Legislature, or the people in different localities through their own local officials, would provide the material and equipment necessary to operate more worthwhile projects.

Let us consider the development that is going to take place in the northwest during the next few years:

We have untold mineral resources in the State of Washington which will eventually be developed, and the chief thing that is required in order to obtain this development is transportation facilities. Extensive mining operations are bound to come to the State within a few years and we can facilitate this development by making it possible for this mineral wealth to be brought out of the mountains and in to the smelters by improving and building new roads and highways in the more isolated and mountainous sections of the State.

We have excellent potential agricultural land in isolated places in our state, which land, if cleared of stumps and underbrush, could be used for homes for people in need, where the people so living would be much better off themselves and society itself would be greatly benefited. We also have hundreds of thousands of acres of logged-off lands, not suitable for farm purposes, but which, if properly planted and taken care of, would produce a stand of valuable timber for the future. If properly sponsored projects could be submitted, the WPA is in position to put this land in a condition for beneficial use.

There are hundreds of miles of highway in the State of Washington outside of incorporated cities which are rather thickly settled, and where people are required to walk along the edge of the highway and dodge traffic. This is dangerous both for the pedestrian and the automobile driver. The WPA has built some sidewalks along these roads and will build more, and we can furnish the labor to build hundreds of miles of these walks during the coming year. On the question of mine-to-market roads and farm-to-market roads in isolated districts, it is necessary in most cases that camps be established and the proper equipment be placed on the jobs so that they can be run efficiently and it would undoubtedly be necessary on any extensive program such as that, for the State Highway Department, or some other agency of government, to furnish the material and the equipment which they now have for the operation of such jobs. I believe it is highly desirable for the future of the State that such roads be built, in order that the people of the State may take advantage of the natural resources which we have.

Practically every county in the State of Washington sorely needs considerable flood control work. Many rivers and streams flood at different time of the year, causing extensive damage both to property and life. The conditions which bring about these floods can frequently be remedied if the

proper work is done at different places along the river. Generally, this work is required to be done many miles away from the place where the damage is the greatest. The WPA has, during the past three years, operated a number of projects on the rivers and streams of the State under the supervision of the United States Army Engineers. However, this work has been handicapped by reason of a lack of funds for machinery and other equipment, and if this work is to be carried on in the future even as extensively as we have carried it on in the past, we will need additional sponsor's funds. It is frequently very difficult to determine who should furnish this material and equipment because the river or stream generally flows through more than one city and county. It is frequently difficult, if not impossible, to determine who will suffer most by reason of floods, or when they will come. I believe, therefore, that the only real solution to the flood control problem of the State is through a State-wide program, whereby the State Legislature makes a survey of what should be done on a State-wide basis, and then makes an appropriation to furnish the material and equipment necessary for the different jobs throughout the State. The WPA is now employing people who could be doing this kind of work, and if the projects were properly set up these people could be working on this type of project.

The different communities of the State now have considerable park and playground facilities. However, there are many sections of the City of Seattle, and many parts of the State of Washington, where additional recreational and playground facilities should be provided. There are many pieces of property now belonging to the different cities, counties and school districts throughout the State which could be cleared and provided as playgrounds for children. Many children are now required to play on the streets where it is dangerous, while at the same time we have unsightly plots of

land which should be cleared and made places of beauty, and available as playground facilities.

There are many people living in shack towns in the State of Washington, and the WPA stands ready to assist the communities and these people in providing places where they can live under more sanitary conditions, and where the people themselves may live a more wholesome life, thus removing from the communities the unsightly and unhealthy conditions which now exist. We expect that this condition will be somewhat remedied by our offering employment on the WPA to those people, who are eligible to work on our program, on the projects which we plan to operate in the Columbia Basin and in clearing rights of way for building power lines for the Bonneville Dam. When these projects get under operation we expect to offer employment to as many people as possible who are living in these shack towns, in order that they may be placed at work under more healthy conditions than they now live. In this manner we hope that the number of people living under such conditions may be greatly reduced.

There are a large number of people coming to the Northwest from the "dust bowl" of the central states. Many of these people are of pioneer stock, who have been forced through adversity to leave their former homes and are seeking a means of livelihood in the West and particularly in the State of Washington. We intend to assist them in every way possible to become useful citizens of our State.

The development of the Bonneville Dam and the Grand Coulee Dam will give to the people of the Northwest an abundance of cheap power which will furnish every opportunity for an increased industrial development throughout the Northwest. The development of the Grand Coulee will give us lands under irrigation which will make the eastern part of the State of

Washington the largest and most desirable garden spot in the world. We are only too glad to be able to assist the Bureau of Reclamation in the development of the Grand Coulee Project and the Administrator of the Bonneville Dam in the development of that project. During the coming years the WPA will probably have from three to five thousand men working continuously upon these projects, and we are only too glad to be able to assist in the development of projects which are so important to the entire northwest.

The particular point that I desire to bring out in this short talk is that I am confident that the Pacific Northwest is to see a development in the next ten years much more extensive than we have seen in the past. We have all the potentialities of a great agricultural and industrial section of the country. We have the means to hasten and bring about this development through a proper use of the WPA. The WPA has the funds and the people necessary to perform the labor on any jobs such as I have mentioned. The WPA can furnish a small amount of the material and equipment required, but before we can operate any jobs, it is necessary for some unit of the government within the State, either the State itself or some smaller subdivision of government, to furnish the material and equipment required to do this work.

If the people of the State of Washington desire to reap as much benefit as possible by the expenditure of Federal funds through the WPA, then it is essential that the people sponsor projects that are worthwhile, and furnish the funds necessary for material and equipment, remembering that the WPA can only pay the wages of the people employed.

I find that the critic of the WPA is a person generally who has not helped to set up worthwhile projects, properly financed. I would like to suggest to those critics that they give some thought to projects that will eventually develop to State and then urge the setting up of such projects.

Without in any way discussing the merits of the necessity to operate a work relief program such as the WPA, the fact remains that we are operating such a program. We have the funds to operate the program during the coming 12 months, and there is no question in my mind but that we will continue to operate some kind of a work relief program for many years in the future.

We are spending a lot of money, which is now between three and four million dollars a month in the State of Washington. We are employing a lot of people, approximately 44,000 men and women, with 10,000 people additional on "other Federal Agencies", making a total of 54,000 people.

We can furnish the labor for any type of work desired by the people of the State of Washington. These are the cold facts. The question then resolves itself into the mere question of whether or not the people of the State of Washington desire to take full advantage of the possibilities for developing the State which we offer to them.

We want the people of the State of Washington to know that we are doing everything possible to give them an efficient administration of the WPA. We are doing everything possible to give to the State the best results that can be obtained. We have had excellent cooperation from the sponsors of our projects and we could never have accomplished what we have, nor could we have employed the people that we have, without this cooperation. However, I want you to know that there is a lack of appreciation by the public of the possibilities of accomplishing improvements through the WPA. It is true that from some sources there is a determination to prevent the WPA from obtaining desirable results. However, that can be overcome if the people of the State will only realize the full possibilities of the Federal expenditure of funds. We who are operating the program take a lot of pride in the efficiency of the

WPA. We know that we are operating the program as economically as is possible. The administrative cost of the WPA for the State of Washington is less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ percent. We want to do all that is possible for the people of the State of Washington, and we want the public to accept us as such; then, realizing the possibilities of the WPA, we together may develop the State of Washington to the fullest extent.

In conclusion, I want to express my thanks to Station KIRO for the opportunity to speak over this station. Thank you, and Good Night.



Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator, today announced that all WPA Administrative employees would immediately go on a five day week,

The new hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Fridays. All administrative offices will be closed on Saturday,

This order will effect 441 workers in the state and zone offices.

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City-wide improvement of streets in Spokane will be continued under WPA with a new allotment of \$756,200, beginning July 13, it was revealed yesterday by Don G. Abel, State Works Progress Administrator.

The allotment is to be used, to extend operations for another 12 months, with more than 1,000 men from the relief rolls used on the program, according to Abel. Spokane is providing \$191,540 for materials and construction equipment.

Spokane County will directly benefit from another allotment of \$10,180 to be used for construction of an athletic field at Fairfield, for football, baseball, track and other high school activities. The grounds will measure 560 by 421 feet, on the north side of Ticknor Street. Local school authorities will add \$3,994 to the WPA investment.

Continuation of sewers construction at Wenatchee, after July 13, was named by Abel as another of the assured larger projects of eastern Washington. Federal funds totalling \$69,343 have been allotted for the city-wide construction. Work includes digging ditches, making and laying pipe, constructing manholes, and building flush tanks and catch basins. The WPA sewer project in Wenatchee is already 60 per cent complete. City authorities have pledged an additional \$15,289 for materials.

Farmington streets will be improved with a \$9,020 allotment. The city is to provide materials and rentals for equipment with a sponsor's contribution of \$2,775.

Free home assistance in housework and care of children in homes of the needy of Klickitat County, where the homemaker is totally or partially incapacitated because of ill health or confinement, or for a temporary emergency, will be carried on under a \$2,900 grant. The county commissioners have agreed to provide another \$840 with this fund.

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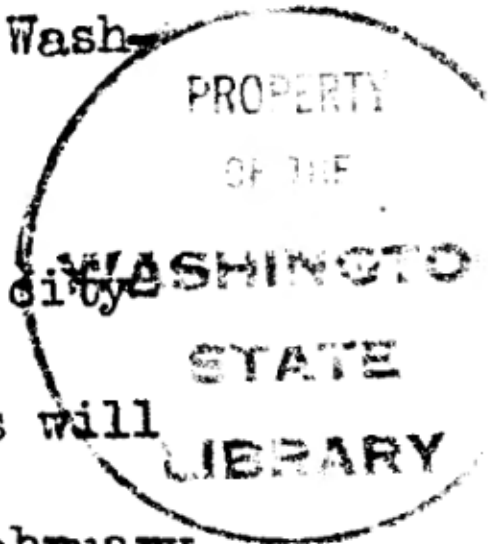
Fourteen WPA projects totalling \$1,663,478 were announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, to begin within a week in southwest Washington.

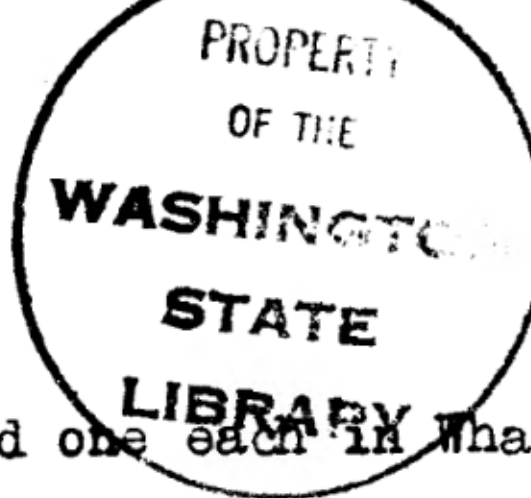
The two outstanding allotments are slated for Tacoma, with \$711,901 for city wide sewer improvements and \$536,000 for street reconstruction. Both projects will begin Monday, and are expected to continue under these Federal grants until February 28 next year. The city will provide materials and rental of construction equipment with pledges of \$183,695.80 for the sewers and \$156,200 for streets.

Seven other projects are scheduled to start the same day, including an eight-month county-wide road program in Mason county, under a \$299,248 allotment. The county commissioners will provide an additional \$90,153 for this project. A WPA crew will work on the improvement of the Sumner Water Head-works, near Sumner, through the aid of a \$64,889 Federal grant, augmented by \$37,309.24 from the city. Improvements to the smaller buildings of the Western Washington Experimental Station, near Puyallup, will be made with \$4,067 from WPA and \$2,844 from the State. A basement will be completed and the gymnasium and playfield improved at the Collins grade school with \$5,431 from WPA and \$1,106.96 from School District 107.

New tennis courts and sidewalks at the Yelm Grade School will be included in a general improvement program calling for \$9,970 from WPA and \$3,495 from District 309. A playshed will be provided among other items at the Michigan Hill grade school, four miles south of Rochester. A federal grant for this project totals \$4,500 and local school authorities have pledged additional funds of \$1,012. Historical markers will be erected under a \$4,348 WPA grant, at Olympia, with the State Department of Highways furnishing \$1,701 for materials.

Five projects begin early this week. Vancouver sewer construction begins with a \$16,000 WPA grant. Professional projects for city library service will be carried on with the following grants: Raymond, \$1,080; White Salmon, \$1,272; Hoquiam, \$3,972. White Collar workers will also be used on a \$1,800 WPA project to correct property lines on Clark County township plats and other replatting tasks in the office of the County Engineer.





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Nine Snohomish County WPA projects and one each in Whatcom, Skagit, Island and Jefferson counties were announced by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, to begin before Tuesday with allotments totalling \$1,040,888.

To continue a Snohomish County-wide road improvement program a new project calling for \$719,244 has been set up beginning July 11. The county commissioners will provide the materials and equipment under a pledge of \$192,610.

The second largest allotment in this announcement was for \$137,340 to continue the Snohomish county-wide sewing projects for women under the sponsorship of the State Department of Social Security.

Arlington streets and alleys will be improved under a \$93,408 grant scheduled to begin at once. Work includes building curbs, gutters and sidewalks, landscaping parking areas, paving and erecting light standards. The city has pledged \$30,129 for materials. A street and alley project also begins at Stanwood with a \$11,133 WPA grant, and a similar project at Granite Falls with \$22,102. Stanwood is contributing \$2,922.50 and Granite Falls \$6,099.24 for their respective undertakings.

Other Snohomish county projects mentioned by Abel were: \$15,660 for cleaning and renovating various public buildings throughout the county; the widening and raising of dikes in Drainage District No. 6, with \$11,007; building a community house and playground at Beverley Park, south of Everett, under an \$8,866 grant; and cataloging and indexing services at the Edmonds Public Library with \$1,250 for relief wages.

For road construction in the Tulalip Indian Reservation, Whatcom County WPA crews will receive employment under a \$16,080 allotment. The U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, is sponsoring the project and providing an additional \$4,036.80 for materials.

A city garage will be erected with \$1,133 from WPA, at Sedro Woolley. The old Walter Crockett Block House, near Coupeville, will be moved and restored at a better location under a \$1,779 Federal allotment. The Brinnon Grade School buildings will be improved with \$3,886.

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Three new volumes in the American Guide series will be available to the public this summer, according to word received by James W. Egan, Washington State director of the Federal Writers' Project, from Henry G. Alsberg, national director.

"Delaware: A Guide to the First State", issued late in June under the imprint of the Viking Press, was sponsored by Edward W. Gooch, lieutenant-governor of Delaware. Its 540 pages treat of 300 years of development in this historical little state.

Another state guidebook, flavored with rich Western atmosphere and characters, is "A South Dakota Guide", added this week to the Writers' Project swelling list of publications. It was sponsored by the State of South Dakota and published by the South Dakota Guide Commission, Pierre, S.D.

An unusual and interesting volume is "Whaling Masters", sponsored and published by the Old Dartmouth Historical Society, New Bedford, Mass. It is a directory of whaling masters, alphabetically arranged, with detailed information concerning sailings from American ports. The colorful history of the whaling industry is also given.

Copies of all these books can be purchased directly from the publishers.

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A new \$55,824 WPA allotment was announced yesterday by Works Progress Administrator Don G. Abel, to continue the sewing room projects throughout Whatcom County, this year.

The project, which operated to employ mostly women, under the sponsorship of the State Department of Social Security, produces garments for distribution free to charitable institutions or to the needy.

Four other projects were scheduled to begin immediately in north Puget Sound counties bringing the total allotments to \$70,304, Abel said. A \$7,920 allotment will provide a two-months program of cleaning and renovating public buildings of Whatcom County. Among the structures listed under this project are the courthouse, county farm, county sanitarium, various public school buildings, the Bellingham City Hall and the Bellingham City Library. This project is not a maintenance program and will be operated only once on any one building. The county commissioners, County School Superintendent, and the City Commissioners of Bellingham are sponsors of the project.

At Mount Vernon, professional and clerical WPA workers will reproduce original plats of certain sections along the Skagit River, from existing records, under a \$3,096 WPA allotment. The Skagit County Commissioners are providing \$957 for necessary paper and other materials for the work. A playshed will be constructed at the Index Grade School, the project will include clearing and grading the grounds. School District 63 will provide an additional \$1,002.13 for materials. Roadside bus shelters will be constructed along a school bus route on the Tulalip Indian Reservation, near Marysville, with \$956 of WPA funds. The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs will provide \$243.71 for materials on this needed project.

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Continuance of the WPA road construction work throughout Thurston County was assured yesterday in an announcement by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, that \$798,940 in Federal funds have been allotted to carry on the program after July 24 to February 1939.

The county commissioners have agreed to provide a sponsor's contribution of \$74,400 for the rental of construction equipment and for materials on this road work. Plans include the clearing, grubbing, excavating, and surfacing of secondary roads throughout the county. Culverts will be installed and bridges built or reconstructed. Riprapping and ditching will aid in protecting the improved thoroughfares. Olympia will be headquarters for this project.

Another school improvement project is scheduled to start this month at the Belfair Primary School, where a WPA crew will build a garage, and improve the gymnasium as well as landscape the grounds. Mason County District 45 will provide \$2,728.50 to go with the \$12,681 WPA grant for this project.

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Beautifying of the Cosmopolis Cemetery grounds by WPA workers will begin early next week under a \$6,414 Federal allotment announced yesterday by State Works Progress Administrator Don G. Abel. He revealed that a grant of \$3,897 has also been made to improve the building and grounds of the Wishkah Valley School near Aberdeen.

Work will also begin on the school improvement next week and District No. 117 school authorities have pledged an additional \$1,680.15 for materials and rentals of construction equipment.

Cosmopolis city officials will add \$1,984.25 to the WPA fund for the cemetery improvement project. Work includes landscaping, removing sod, seeding, planting shrubs, grubbing, clearing, surfacing paths and constructing fence.

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Clallam County Commissioners were advised yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, that \$365,370 in WPA funds have been allotted for immediate use in continuing the county-wide road improvement work for another twelve months.

Abel said this large grant was to be used in conjunction with a new \$120,061 pledge from the county commissioners who are sponsoring the project by furnishing construction equipment and purchasing materials.

This is one of the largest WPA grants ever received by this county, and calls for a road program of clearing, grubbing, excavating, ditching, surfacing, constructing culverts, and building bridges and guard rails. It is not a part of the Federal Aid Highway System. Headquarters for the work will continue to be maintained at Port Angeles, Abel declared.

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The continuation of WPA sewing room projects were assured for the remainder of 1938 in Tacoma and Grays Harbor county with the announcement yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, that Federal funds totalling \$549,644 have been allotted for the two projects.

Tacoma's grant from WPA totals \$478,204, for the employment of needy persons, mostly women, in the maintenance and operation of sewing rooms where clothes are made for free distribution to charitable institutions or to the needy. A portion of the products may be used on other WPA projects, Abel said,

A \$71,440 allotment goes to Grays Harbor county for continuing the sewing rooms set up under previous grants. Aberdeen will continue to be headquarters for the project.

Both projects are sponsored by the State Department of Social Security, and in Grays Harbor County, also by the county commissioners.

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Revealing the culmination of negotiations between School District authorities and the Works Progress Administration, Frederickson residents will see the groundbreaking for a new concrete and brick school building, July 25, according to Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, who announced that a \$16,825 WPA allotment has been made for this project.

The structure will contain 89,000 cubic feet of space, which will provide three class rooms, full basement and teachers' and superintendent's room. The new school is scheduled to be completed before Christmas, and will replace the present old building which has been inadequate and in too hazardous a condition for adequate occupancy, according to local school authorities who are sponsoring the project with an additional \$5,508.50. The WPA crew will demolish two old buildings during the course of the work, and install a septic tank.

The school grounds will be graded and improved for an athletic and playfield.

A new heating system will be installed at the Vaughn High School and ground improvements will include better drainage facilities, walks, steps, tennis courts, new topsoil and landscaping. Local school authorities of District 201 will give another \$2,206.81 toward the project with the WPA providing \$6,633.

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Library service will be provided Olympia and Kelso with the assistance of WPA professional and clerical workers under allotments announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator. The Kelso project begins Monday with \$1,800 in Federal funds and the Olympia service starts with \$3,267 August 8.

The new allotment for Kelso is intended to continue assistance in the Public Library where work includes typing and filing index cards, cataloging and indexing, and delivering books to "shut-ins". A similar program is outlined for Olympia. Kelso city authorities are providing \$494 for their project and school officials of Olympia are sponsoring their project with \$2,226.

Abel also stated that \$12,681 had been granted for improvement of the Belfair Primary School gymnasium and adjacent grounds. The project includes building a garage which is scheduled to begin July 24. District 45 plans to invest \$2,728.50 for rental of building equipment and for materials. The entire project will be completed by December 1.

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WPA workers will build a municipal airport for Bremerton, Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator said yesterday, in announcing that a project had been set up to begin July 21, on a 230 acre area approximately five miles west of the city, under a \$43,574 Federal allotment.

Completion of this project will end the questionable distinction held by Bremerton as the largest city in the United States without an airport. Nearest port for land planes has been Boeing Field, 16 miles away at Seattle.

Work will include clearing, mowing grass, grubbing, excavating and performing all work incidental to the construction. Plans and specifications have been approved by the Bureau of Air Commerce, Abel said, and the Kitsap County commissioners have guaranteed additional funds for materials and construction equipment rentals.

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Completion of the Port Angeles Airport is assured with a \$7,632 WPA allotment. Work includes excavating, fencing and installing an electrical control panel. The Clallam County Commissioners provided a sponsor's pledge of \$10,881, exceeding the WPA labor allotment, because of the unusual proportion of materials and construction equipment rentals required.

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Twenty WPA workers this morning started improving the recreational facilities at the Civic Auditorium by providing a drainage system to properly drain the athletic field, under a WPA allotment of \$10,842 according to Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator.

Another crew of WPA workers also started on a \$54,686 WPA project to reconstruct the Washington Grade School building, 18th South and Main Street. The Seattle School Board is providing an additional \$35,550 for materials and rental of construction equipment.

For the civic auditorium improvement the city is furnishing a sponsors contribution of \$5,200.

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Don G. Abel, State Works Progress Administrator, today revealed allocation of \$1,277,500 in federal funds for various improvements to U. S. Army Base at Fort Lewis and McChord field, U. S. Army Air Base.

The huge allotment, which is divided into two projects will provide \$700,000 for Fort Lewis for clearing and grading, preparing grounds for the installation of sewers and water pipes, constructing walks and landscaping and incidental work. Project plans call for 1,232 men to be employed eight months.

McChord Field will be improved with \$577,500 of WPA funds, employing 1,016 men for eight months clearing and grading the landing field, preparing the grounds for water and sewer pipes, constructing walks, roads and general landscaping.

In announcing these two outstanding projects, which will begin immediately, Abel stated: "This project will place \$1,124,000 directly into the hands of the relief workers and \$153,000 into trade channels through the purchase of materials and construction equipment rentals, this in turn will create more jobs for private industry, bring lasting needed improvements to the northwest's largest army base and more important, provide work at a security wage for about 2,500 certified workers for eight months, taken from relief rolls."

Workers will be transferred from WPA projects in and near Tacoma. The work to be done is to be in connection with the major building and construction program of the PWA which provides for the constructing of barracks, hangars, garages and utility buildings.

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PR-531



Flood control work on the Stuck and Puyallup Rivers will continue under a new WPA allotment of \$48,575 to cover a project operating from Wing Dam in King County to the Tacoma city limits, according to an announcement today by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator.

The project calls for placing 8,000 cubic yards of rock groins, trimming 40 acres of brush, clearing brush on 90 acres, and continuing work started on a previous project.

A \$21,200 sponsor's contribution, for materials and construction equipment rentals, has been arranged through the Inter-County River Improvement Commission of King and Pierce Counties, Abel said, and the project has been approved and will be supervised by the United States Army Engineers.

Extensive flood control work has been carried on in almost every county of Western Washington by the WPA during the past two years, according to Abel, resulting in an increase in the State's agricultural assets of many millions of dollars.

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A new WPA allotment of \$255,247 was announced today by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, to increase to major proportions the Port Angeles streets and alleys improvement program, under way with the aid of Federal funds and labor from the relief rolls.

This grant will supersede two other projects totalling \$132,273 in federal funds. Constructing pavement, sidewalks, curbs and gutters are features of the program which also includes extensive operations to improve drainage facilities, such as ditching, and installing manholes, bulkheads and clearing of channels of streams which flow through the city for the protection of streets and bridges during high water.

The city is also providing an additional \$226,615.41 to cover the heavy materials costs for such items as paving, and for the rental of construction equipment. The project is expected to operate for about 12 months, Abel said.

Another Clallam County town to get street improvements will be the Indian village of Neah Bay, beginning Monday, under a Federal investment of \$15,269, according to the State WPA Administrator Abel. This project provides for clearing, grubbing, ditching, draining and grading more than three miles as well as the other usual items of street work. The U. S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Taholah Indian Agency is sponsoring the WPA project with an additional \$10,942.

A drainage ditch parallel to a Snohomish County road near Arlington, will be constructed with a \$2,353 WPA grant, starting next week, said Abel.

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The continuation of services by WPA professional and clerical workers, for Seattle libraries after August 8, was assured with a new Federal allotment of \$41,460, Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator revealed today.

The WPA staff works in the Seattle public libraries indexing, typing, and filing index cards, typing missing and torn pages, rearranging books and exhibits included in general rearrangement and cataloging, and assists in reference work. Other services include checking and arranging accumulated materials, checking collections against shelf lists, preparing pamphlets, pictures, newspaper clippings and music collections, and aiding in the compilation of bibliographies. Assistance is also given in the extension of services to the blind by wrapping, mailing, slipping and receiving Braille and Talking Books. The project is set up to continue for approximately a year, under this new allotment, and the city is providing funds for necessary materials and supplies.

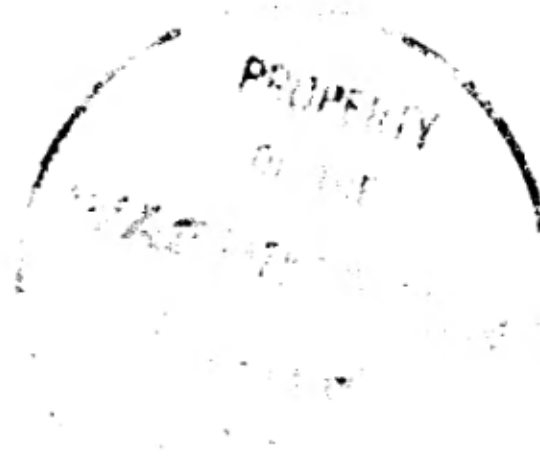
Abel also stated that a \$14,981 WPA grant had been made to construct pipe lines at Enumclaw for the water supply system. The project will be complete with fittings, assembling and connecting of hydrants and installing gate valves. The city will sponsor the work and finance rentals of construction equipment and purchase of materials with an appropriation of \$10,575.

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Washington State College will sponsor a project to assemble old newspapers, periodicals, books and manuscripts for use in schools, colleges and public libraries, Don G. Abel, state WPA administrator announced today.

WPA "white collar" workers will compile, clip, collate, repair, bind, index and catalogue these publications and other historical documents. The project will operate in Spokane, Pullman, Colville, Republic, Walla Walla, Yakima and Wenatchee. A Federal allotment of \$65,608 has been made available for the work which is expected to take a year to complete.

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Yakima was assured of an up-to-date rifle range, including club house, skeet and trap houses, by Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator who announced an \$8,118 federal grant had been made available for the work which will begin in August.

This project will transform an unsightly city dump into an attractively landscaped, useful community gun club, Abel declared, and will fulfill hopes of a large group of Yakima sportsmen. Work will include installing pipe, excavating and leveling grounds, building fences and other incidental jobs. The city is sponsoring the project with an additional \$2,810.43 for materials and construction equipment rentals.

Yakima is also sponsoring two other important projects, Abel disclosed, which are scheduled to begin in August. Sanitary sewers will be constructed with a \$45,815 allotment to match a city fund of \$12,800.15, with work slated to start the middle of the month. An irrigation system will be built, beginning August 1, with a WPA allotment of \$5,648 and a city contribution of \$9,027. Work will be completed in little over a month. A water system will be installed in the Fruitvale District just north of the city, to provide domestic water and also provide fire protection. A federal grant of \$5,415 will provide workers from the relief rolls and \$2,133.74 will be provided by the county for materials.

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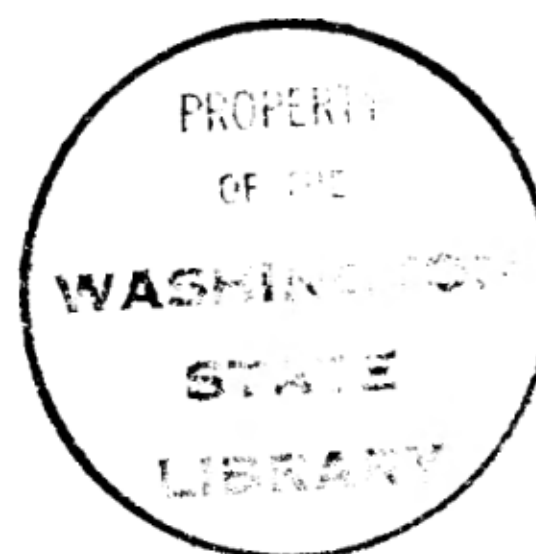
WPA projects for five eastern Washington counties, announced today by State Works Progress Administrator Don G. Abel, total \$37,014, and feature a \$10,932 grant for the county-wide preparation of free school lunches to hungry school children of Douglas County next fall.

WPA workers will prepare the hot lunches when school opens but the project also includes the canning of garden surplus or donated foodstuffs for use in making the lunches. The County Superintendent of Schools is acting as sponsor with county funds totalling \$3,000.

Work will also begin this week, Abel said, on the erection of a wood frame war memorial building at Walla Walla, to be used by the public. The project also includes improving the adjacent grounds, laying water line, spreading gravel, landscaping, planting and other incidental tasks. The building will furnish a place for small community gatherings. The city is pledged to provide materials and rentals for construction equipment with a \$10,416 fund, and WPA is allotting \$8,501.55 for the project.

For the grading and graveling of streets in Ione, WPA has set up a project of \$7,770 to begin this week. The project specifies graveling Houghton Street, Eighth Avenue to Fourth Avenue, Fourth Avenue, town limits north to Houghton Avenue, Central Avenue. Concrete sidewalks will be installed on the south side of Houghton from 8th Avenue to Central Avenue, and both sides of the other street. A sponsor's contribution of \$2,170 will provide materials.

Playground improvements at Colville will be made with \$6,310 from WPA, with \$1,854 from local school authorities. A new water system will be installed at Uniontown, along Frank Street, with a \$3,510 Federal grant and \$2,222 from the city. Workers are already excavating and removing old pipe.



Jefferson, Snohomish and Whatcom Counties today received allotments totalling \$92,701 for six new WPA projects, according to Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator, who revealed a \$44,419 grant for Bellingham parks was the largest of the six.

The Bellingham park project will operate throughout the city under the sponsorship of local authorities who have pledged municipal funds of \$14,011.67 as their share in the program. Work includes new tennis courts, a shuffle-board court, back stops, stoves, tables, and landscaping.

To provide free assistance in needy homes a \$19,884 WPA project will operate throughout Whatcom County. The county commissioners are sponsoring the work, and care of children where the homemaker is totally or partially incapacitated because of ill health or for certain emergencies, are features of the service. Another county-wide project, requiring \$8,548 from Federal funds, has been set up to can donated or surplus foodstuffs for free distribution to the needy.

Sather and Chetzemoka parks at Port Townsend will get extensive improvements through a grant of \$5,123. The schedule includes the usual grading and building foot paths as well as constructing bulkheads, clearing and landscaping.

Digging a drainage ditch on a Snohomish county road will represent an expenditure of \$2,353. The excavation will be 1,850 feet long, beginning approximately a half mile southwest of Cicero.

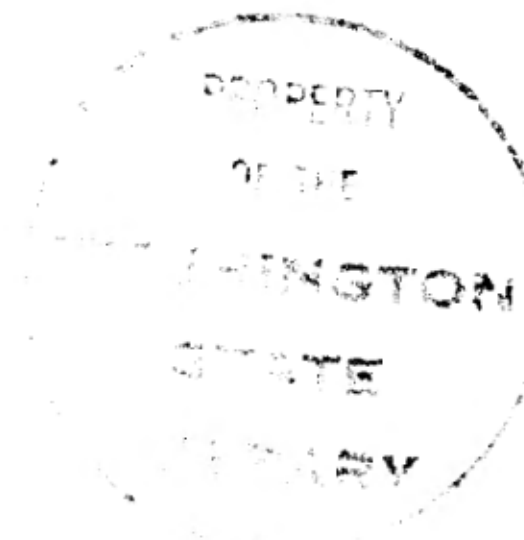
Darrington and White Horse Schools are scheduled for repairing and painting operations under a \$12,374 WPA project. New fences and landscaping are also included, School District #330 is sponsoring this work with \$3,255.

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Four counties of southwestern Washington were greeted this morning with an announcement from Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator that additional WPA allotments totalling \$825,060 have been made to continue projects now in operation or set up new activities. Largest grant, \$741,084 has been made to carry on road improvement work throughout Cowlitz county.

This huge Federal fund has been set up to supersede five other Cowlitz county-wide road projects after August 4, and is expected to finance the work until next February 28.

Klickitat County road improvements under WPA have been assured continuance until the last of next February, with a \$53,500 grant to go with a \$26,460 pledge from the county commissioners. A school house and gymnasium will be built at Troutlake with \$5,278 in WPA assistance. School District #44 officials are providing \$1,791 for materials.

Old records of the Grays Harbor County Clerk, Prosecuting Attorney, County Agent, County Engineer, County Auditor and Superior Court Judges will be rehabilitated by "white-collar" WPA workers through a \$12,648 allotment. Records involve law cases, maps, real estate transfers and other instruments, prior to January 1, 1936. The county commissioners will financially assist for supplies with \$3,392.

Two projects are set for Lewis County. A \$9,394 WPA appropriation has been made for street improvements at Morton. Work includes building sidewalks, curbs and retaining walls. The city is contributing \$4,197.20. Chehalis city records, dating from 1890 to January 1, 1936 will be prepared for a new file by professional and clerical workers from the relief rolls. For this project WPA has allotted \$3,156. Transcribing, repairing, renovating and indexing are features of the work. The city is providing \$998 for the supplies.

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Roads in the Fort Lawton Military Reservation will be improved, beginning tomorrow, under a \$23,658 WPA allotment, Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator, announced today.

Work includes grading, ditching, eliminating slides, surfacing and developing the Beach Boathouse Road. A WPA crew will clear road-sides, round steep banks, remove fallen timber, remove graveled roads and build and surface new thoroughfares. Through the Commanding Officer of Fort Lawton, who is sponsoring the project, the United States Army is pledged to provide \$6,510 for rentals of road construction equipment and for materials.

Another WPA crew will start Friday on the construction of a sewer line on Thirtieth Avenue West, between West Ray Street and Magnolia Terrace. Abel explained this project will eliminate cess pools and septic tanks now used in that section of the city. WPA will provide \$3,788 for the project, while the city contributes \$1,811.

Streets throughout Bothell will be improved, including 1.12 miles of new sidewalks, and 6.12 miles of curbs and some pavement, with aid from WPA totalling \$29,566. The city has pledged \$10,428 to provide the usual construction equipment and materials. The program also calls for new culverts, sewer pipe, drain tile, curb inlets and parking strip grading. The work is scheduled for completion January 27.

A \$21,067 WPA grant has been made to build an addition to the Enumclaw High School, including plumbing, heating and electrical facilities. School District #216 has added another \$12,223.50 to the fund for necessary materials.

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Five new WPA projects to begin this week in Pierce county under federal grants totalling \$42,293.50, include a \$2,754 allotment for the preparation of records and maps to promote the efficiency of the Tacoma Fire Department and extend the scope of fire prevention education, Don G. Abel, State WPA Administrator revealed today.

Professional and clerical WPA workers will prepare a complete set of maps and records describing type, material, structure and location of existing call stations and electrical circuits comprising the fire and police alarm system of the city. Work also includes field surveys when necessary, and transcribing and mimeographing for distribution the Technical Bulletins issued by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. The city is sponsoring the project with \$698 for materials.

Canning of surplus foodstuffs of Pierce County, for free distribution to needy and for use in the preparation of free school lunches to undernourished children, will be done under a \$19,799 WPA allotment, according to Abel. The county commissioners, as sponsors, may operate this project anywhere in the county. Their contribution will be \$3,816 to provide rentals of equipment and quarters for the canning operations.

To brighten the surroundings of patients of the U. S. Veterans' Hospital, near American Lake a WPA grant of \$8,440 has been made for painting the hospital, farm buildings and athletic equipment of the institution. The grade school at Ashford will be improved with a \$7,859 Federal fund. Work includes a new woodshed, retaining walls, shelter, sidewalks, fences, substantial gymnasium alterations and general painting. Modernizing of the Pierce County Shop and Storage Yard, near Puyallup, is also scheduled, under a \$2,241 allotment. New sheds will feature the work as well as better drainage facilities.

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A new athletic field will be constructed by the WPA at Fort George Wright, near Spokane, including a log clubhouse, Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, revealed today in disclosing a \$30,975 Federal grant which has been made available for the work. It was one of four projects Abel announced for eastern Washington totalling \$92,636 and slated to begin before August 16.

The WPA crew will construct a cinder track on the athletic field, build a stable, construct a small field house, install a water system and heating plant, do general painting and level and improve the polo field. Beautification of the entire area will be effected through a program of topsoiling, seeding and fertilizing. The Commanding Officer of this Army Post, who is sponsoring the project with funds totalling \$8,358, estimates the work will be completed by January 27.

More sanitary sewers are scheduled for Yakima, under WPA, with \$45,815 allotted for the area bounded by Lenox Avenue, Pacific Avenue, Fair Avenue and South Third Street, as well as an area bounded by West Yakima Avenue, Summitview Avenue, Twenty-second Avenue and Gilbert Place. In addition to laying pipes the work includes building flush tanks and manholes. The city is contributing \$12,800.15 to the program, which is scheduled to begin August 15.

The town-owned cemetery near Tekoa will undergo general improvement work starting this week with \$3,845 from WPA. Grading, leveling, and seeding are principal items, Abel said.

A teachers cottage and other improvements will be built at the school in Chelan County, District #119, near Ardenvoir, with \$12,001 in WPA funds. The schedule calls for new tennis courts, a garage and landscaping, as well. Local school authorities have pledged \$4,110.96 for materials and construction equipment rentals.

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The fourteen students and two faculty members of New Jersey State Teachers College who are now on a 62-day, 12,500-mile study tour of the United States are using the American Guide Series as the official tour books for their travels.

Professor Edgar C. Bye, director of field studies at the college, explains that the American Guide Series offers the best possible basis for historical, sociological, geographical and cultural guidance to field students. Professor Bye and Professor Harley P. Milstead of the Geography Department are in charge of the tour, which will take the college party through 26 states, to the Pacific Coast and back.

The touring students will visit national parks, dams and power projects, university campuses, laboratories, observatories, industrial centers and even the Hollywood movie lots, in what Professor Bye describes as "an effort to train intelligent teachers who will have a first-hand knowledge of American life as it is today."

Professor Bye states also that he first used books of the American Guide Series during the 1937 field tour and found them reliable, factual and up-to-the-minute. "Last season's trip took our party through New England, where we found the six New England Guides invaluable to our work. Since then I have added volumes to my Guide library as they have appeared. Those which describe states and cities which we shall visit this summer will again guide us. They fill a long-existent gap on college library shelves."

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Harry L. Hopkins, National Administrator of the Works Progress Administration, will address the country at large on "Economic Problem No. 1," over the nation-wide facilities of the Columbia Broadcasting System, on Friday August 5th at 6:30 to 7:00 p. m., Pacific Standard Time. He will be heard over stations K I R O, Seattle, K V I, Tacoma and K F P Y, Spokane in the State of Washington.

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Grounds and athletic field of Bellingham High School will undergo general improvement, starting August 11, with \$16,430 in WPA funds, Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator revealed today,

Features of the work will be a new water and sprinkler system, extensive landscaping and cinderizing of the running track. Sewer pipe and drain tile will also be installed. Included in the landscaping program are leveling, planting shrubs and trees, rolling and seeding lawn areas and fertilizing. The Bellingham school district will add \$6,587.93 to the improvement fund. Work will be completed by December 12, according to WPA estimates.

A \$20,035 grant has been made, Abel said, to extend the city water system along U. S. Highway No. 99 and State Highway No. 1, in and near the city. The state has granted permission to Bellingham for this purpose, and the city has provided \$15,723.27 to defray the cost of construction equipment rentals and such materials as needed to lay the pipe line.

WPA workers will begin improvements at the Custer School grounds near Custer about August 11th. Landscaping and water line installation are the principal items. Federal funds of \$4,344 will be combined with \$1,096.55 from local school authorities to make the project possible.

Water mains will be placed by a WPA crew on Shore Avenue in Shore Acres Addition near Mukilteo, with a \$914 allotment and \$968 from the Mukilteo Water District, as sponsor.

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Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator, today announced a new allotment of \$1,278,871 in Federal funds, to assure continuance of road reconstruction throughout Pierce County after August 9.

Work includes clearing, grubbing, excavating, draining, surfacing, erecting fencing and guard rails, riprapping, building bridges, grading approaches, installing culverts and gutters and removing obstructions. The county commissioners will augment this huge grant with \$113,236 to cover costs of construction equipment rentals and materials.

The Military Department of the State of Washington is sponsoring a WPA project for improving the grounds at Camp Murray, according to Abel. With \$7,174 in Federal funds and \$1,445 from the sponsor, extensive landscaping will be done by crews from the relief rolls in Pierce County. Intention of the project is to enlarge and beautify an area for encampment of the National Guard. Completion is slated for early in November.

A \$5,780 WPA allotment was also announced for improving the Burnett Water System. The project includes erecting a new storage tank, laying mains and providing service connections for the Burnett Water District. Local funds totaling \$1,358.44 will be used for materials and rental of construction equipment.

Grade school grounds at McKenna will have new sidewalks and extensive new landscaping with a \$1,640 project slated to begin next Tuesday. Clerical workers will gather and plot on maps information on the shifting school population of Tacoma to assist the city in future planning. A \$1,122 grant has been made for this research by WPA.

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A storm trunk sewer and trunk box drains for streets of Aberdeen are scheduled under a \$43,030 WPA allotment to begin Thursday, according to Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator.

The project has been laid out for the area bounded by Conger and Ash Streets and the railroad and Fifth Street, Abel said. Work has been scheduled to complete the program by November 3, ahead of the heavy winter rainfall which is normal to the Grays Harbor District. The city will provide construction equipment and materials, such as sewer pipe and connections, with a \$14,549.10 contribution. WPA workers will clear, grub, excavate and ditch for the sewer, as well as lay pipe, place culverts, install manholes and tide gates, and repair streets torn up by this project.

Completion of the new Oakhurst Sanitarium Administration building at Elma was assured with Abel's announcement that \$2,963 additional WPA funds had been allotted to continue the project after Thursday. This grant will be put with \$802.10 raised as a sponsor's contribution through the Grays Harbor county commissioners. A previous Federal allotment of \$5,550 and \$5,280 in sponsor funds raised by popular subscription, have brought the modernly designed structure up to the final stages of construction, according to the State Administrator Abel. Less than three months will be required to complete the building.

The Wahkiakum County School Superintendent is sponsoring a \$1,620 WPA library services project to be organized and operated in public schools throughout the county, after August 4. School funds totaling \$479 will pay for materials used in rearranging books and exhibits, cataloging, indexing, and book repairing.

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The Works Progress Administration will improve the grounds of the Boulevard Grade School, two miles north of Sunnydale, with a \$6,653 WPA grant, it was announced yesterday by State Administrator Don G. Abel. It is one of two King county school projects to begin Monday.

Work includes excavating, placing drain tile, constructing curbs, building walls and steps and placing parking railings. Local authorities of School District 220 will furnish all needed materials and rentals for grading equipment.

Development of the Meridian School athletic field, near Kent, will also start, including placing of drain tile and culverts, surfacing parking area, opening drainage ditch, putting on topsoil, building tennis courts and general landscaping, with \$5,680 from WPA and \$2,129 from District 222.

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WPA projects totalling \$190,998 ~~WASHINGTON~~ Monday in various districts of eastern Washington, State Administrator Don G. Abel announced today.

Continued improvement of secondary roads throughout Stevens County was assured with Abel's disclosure that \$110,374 had been allotted to carry on the program for another year. The county commissioners have provided a sponsor's pledge of \$36,720 to pay for the materials and the rental of road construction equipment.

Three projects will start in Spokane county, largest being a \$23,831 grant for improvement of the Otis Orchards Irrigation District No. 1. Crews from the relief rolls will construct a new pipe line and a concrete lined canal. Plans provide for completing the work by the middle of next April. The irrigation district is sponsoring the project and assisting with \$9,701 for necessary equipment and materials.

A new brick grade school building with two class rooms and a spacious auditorium will be erected under a \$19,788 Federal grant, at Five Mile Prairie near Spokane. The main classroom structure, 76 by 32 feet will also house a modern heating plant, lunch room and kitchen in the basement. Demolition of the old buildings will provide a portion of materials for the new structure, while local school authorities provide \$5,589 to cover the additional requirements.

Abel said \$4,187 has been allotted for improving the Spokane water substation grounds at Wellesley and Hoffman Avenues and Crestline Street. General landscaping and a sprinkler system are features of the project. The city will furnish grass seed, materials and other necessary supplies.

Okanogan county received \$12,376 from WPA and \$3,204 from the local school district for improving the school grounds and playfield at Nespelem. There will be new sidewalks, curbs, school yard gateway, concrete twin tennis courts and a cattle guard, as well as general grading and beautification of the playfield and grounds.

The development of springs for water supply for Waitsburg, will be made under a \$20,382 project operating 10 miles southeast of the city.



WPA funds have been assured for improving roads throughout Jefferson County for the next twelve months through a \$209,026 grant announced yesterday by Works Progress Administrator Don G. Abel.

This large allotment was made to supersede several other similar projects which have operated in the county, and will be augmented by \$54,941 appropriated by the county commissioners, who, as sponsors, are financing materials and equipment rentals.

Everything will be "ship-shape" for awarding ribbons at the Clallam County Fair when WPA completes a general sprucing up of the grounds and buildings at Port Angeles under an immediate project totalling \$18,122 in Federal funds. Plans include reconstruction of the horse barn, modernizing the Fine Arts buildings, remodeling the Cat and Dog buildings and making over the dance pavillion. A new septic tank, and general rebuilding, painting, and landscaping will also be a part of the project. The county commissioners are assisting with \$7,136.46.

A \$10,133 grant was accounced at the same time to begin improvements at the White and Glenwood school near Lake Stevens. Calcimining, sizing, varnishing and repairing sheds will be featured in the program. Snohomish County School District No. 4 will finance material costs with \$4,349.18.

Skagit county residents are to benefit from a \$6,172 project for Burlington and a \$3,620 grant for Rockport, both for school playfields. The Burlington Union High School athletic field will have a new running track, driveway, parking curb, cinder pit, fence, rails and entrance gateway. A crew will also remodel the garage and pave the driveway and parking area. District No. 7 is pledged to supply all materials and equipment through a \$3,801.60 appropriation. Completion is set for December 15. Enlargement of the Rockport Grade School playfield will begin August 26, with District No. 75 providing materials and rentals for equipment.

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The first three road construction units of a recent blanket Pierce county-wide WPA grant will start August 24, with allotments totaling \$817,754.75, it was announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator.

Total improvements under these allocations will cover approximately 300 miles of secondary roads and will include such operations as clearing, grubbing, drainage work, gravel surfacing, fencing, concrete riprapping, new bridges, culverts, and building farm approaches to the highways.

Street improvements at Tumwater, historic suburb of Olympia and site of the first sawmill on Puget Sound, are scheduled to begin immediately under a grant of \$11,563, according to Abel. Much needed clearing, grading and surfacing of old and new roadways will be continued for five months under this project. The city has promised to furnish necessary materials and rentals for construction equipment, up to \$2,198.

Two Clark county and one Lewis County projects are slated for immediate launching. A combination dike and highway will be erected out of the Lower River Road, four miles west of Vancouver, with \$48,860 from WPA. The county will furnish \$12,341 additional, toward the project. An \$18,604 grant will be used to erect public buildings at Fourth Plain Avenue and "T" Street, Vancouver, to be used as county warehouses, machine shops and for offices of county relief agencies.

With a \$2,165 grant city water mains will be extended along Napavine and Adams roads, near Chehalis. The city will give \$3,015 to pay for materials.

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Professional and clerical WPA workers will prepare a record of Pierce County graves of deceased, honorably discharged veterans of the United States armed service, beginning Monday, Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, said today in announcing a \$20,298 Federal grant for the project.

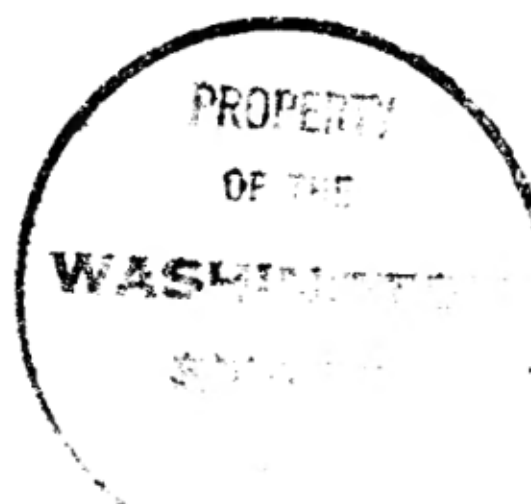
Graves of honorably discharged veterans of the Army, Navy and other military establishments, including those who fought for the Confederacy, will be included on this record, according to Abel, and data will cover all who died prior to January 1, 1938. Work includes inspection of burial grounds, preparation of duplication of cemetery plat maps in uniform style, checking of death and burial records, preparation of a card record showing name, service connection, place, date and cause of death, as well as date and place of burial.

The Pierce County commissioners will maintain the records after completion and have promised \$4,705 in financial cooperation for materials and equipment to carry on the project. No interviewing or correspondence with friends or relatives of veterans will be done by the WPA staff, Abel declared.

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Tacoma law enforcement will receive a new pillar of strength through assistance of professional and clerical WPA workers who will start Monday on the establishment of a Modus Operandi file for the Police Department, to facilitate in the detection and apprehension of criminals, according to Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, who said today that \$3,264 had been allotted for the project.

Another clerical staff will continue the organizing and operating of Longview's library services for 12 more months under a \$1,800 allotment effective August 19. Materials for typing, indexing and cataloging will be provided through a city fund of \$479.

Concrete tennis courts are scheduled for immediate construction at Roslyn through \$1,122 in WPA assistance and a city appropriation of \$594. This addition to Roslyn's new recreational development is called one of the finest of its kind in the state and features high grade mesh wire enclosures.

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Publication of "North Dakota: A Guide to the Northern Prairie State," was announced today by Henry G. Alsberg, Director of the Federal Writers' Project, Works Progress Administration. This volume in the American Guide Series is the first comprehensive history and guide to the famous grain state.

Mile by Mile tours describe the rolling prairie country as well as lakes, mountains, and recreational areas. Included are descriptions of national and state parks, Fargo and Red River Valley, lignite strip mines, and scenic Killdeer and Pembina Mountains.

Information on history, geology, annual events, agriculture, nationalities, and other aspects of its past and of the contemporary scene are treated. "North Dakota: A Guide to the Northern Prairie State" was compiled by the Federal Writers' Project in North Dakota, and is sponsored and published by the State Historical Society, Bismark, N. D. It has 371 pages, 39 photographs, 6 maps, and is supplemented with chronology, bibliography, and Index.

Former North Dakotans residing in Washington, and others who may be interested can obtain additional information by consulting James W. Egan, Washington State Director of the Federal Writers' project, 102 Chamber of Commerce Building, Seattle, Washington.

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Seasonal employment in the hop fields of Eastern Washington, near Yakima will reduce the WPA rolls in that section of the state by more than 1,000 certified workers, Don G. Abel, State WPA Administrator announced today.

"Workers who are experienced in this type of work will be expected to leave WPA employment for the duration of the hop picking season and for the following harvest season of hard fruit which should take them into early winter," Abel stated.

Employment rolls in this state which have reached a new high of 51,684 are expected to be substantially reduced during the coming harvest season. The beginning of the hop picking season marks the start of the annual trend to outside employment, Abel pointed out also that at the close of seasonal employment, workers who are unable to find jobs in private industry will again be reassigned to WPA.

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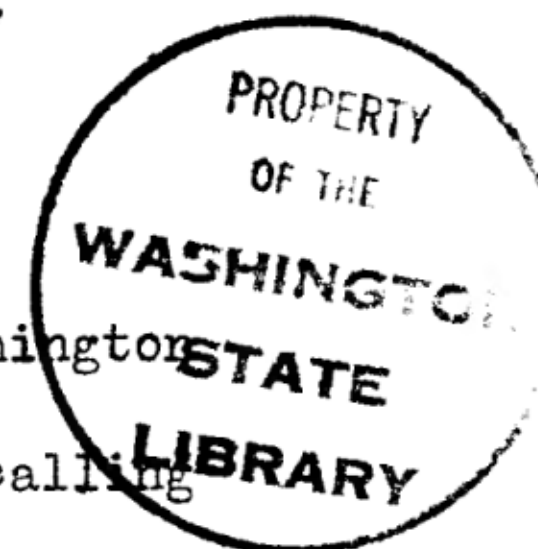
Dedication of a Totem Pole, upon which is carved the intended likeness of President Roosevelt will be held with other ceremonies at the LaConner Water Festival on August 20th. Principal speaker will be Don G. Abel, State WPA Administrator. The festival will be in celebration of the completion of improvements to the recreational facilities of the Swinomish Indian Reservation at LaConner made possible by a WPA allotment of \$16,093 and a sponsors contribution of \$3,904 by the Tribal Senate.

The project provided for clearing and grubbing a 6.9 acre track for the construction of a baseball field and the erection of bleachers, the reconstruction of a community hall, laying new flooring, building a dining room and kitchen, and the construction of a totem pole 61 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet high hewed from a cedar log, which depicts the history of the Swinomish, Samish, Upper and Lower Skagit Indian Tribes. An unusual angle to the carving of this totem pole is the likeness of President Roosevelt which adorns the top of the pole right below the American Eagle. This was the idea of Charley Edwards, 83 year old member of the tribe and the sponsors representative on the totem pole carving. "It was placed there as a mark of respect to the 'Great White Chief' " Charlie stated.

This project employed all certified Indian workers, the only white persons employed being two representatives of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Costs for materials exceeded the original estimates and the tribal senate provided an additional \$1,100. to complete the project.

LaConner is situated 9 miles west of Mount Vernon and the dedication of this recreation field, community hall and totem pole will probably attract visitors from all of the surrounding territory.

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One of the largest WPA projects set up to begin this month in Washington was announced yesterday by State Works Progress Administrator Don G. Abel, calling for investment of \$451,567 in Federal funds to continue Pacific county-wide farm-to-market road improvements.

This allotment assures continuance of WPA road work in that county until February 28, of next year, and calls for general improvement work such as clearing, grubbing, ditching, sloping, draining, surfacing, building culverts and bridges, and erecting guard rails and cribbing. The county commissioners have provided an additional \$148,586 to buy materials and rent construction equipment.

Another Pacific county grant of \$9,610 was made to begin a city-wide street construction project this week at South Bend. In addition to road work the program includes operation of quarries and a crusher to produce materials for use on the project. The city has augmented this fund by \$3,801.15 to cover equipment rentals and material costs. The project, which may take about six months to complete, is mostly for the improvement of streets on the tide flats and efforts are being made to rush through the work during the dry summer and fall season.

Public school libraries of Klickitat county are slated to receive WPA professional and clerical assistance with \$2,280 of Federal funds for a county-wide library service project, beginning next week. Work will include cataloging and indexing, repairing books, binding and rebinding magazines, and preparation of pamphlet, picture, clipping and photograph collections. The County Superintendent of Schools is sponsoring the project with \$856.

Remodeling the Lincoln Grade School playshed at Centralia will start immediately with a \$975 grant.

A \$5,160 WPA allotment for a professional and clerical worker project at Montesano, will begin immediately after Labor Day, for the transcribing and cataloging of records pertaining to the city cemetery.



With a WPA allotment of \$107,707, approximately 100 WPA workers are scheduled to begin another unit of improvement work at Point Defiance Park at Tacoma, next week according to State WPA Administrator Don G. Abel.

Tacoma's Metropolitan Park district is making a sponsor's contribution of \$16,009 for the purchase of needed materials and supplies.

The six WPA projects already placed in operation at Point Defiance Park have been granted a total of \$365,027 in WPA funds to date, announced Abel, and Tacoma's Metropolitan Park district, comprising 6 major parks and about 20 minor parks and playgrounds, has been granted \$685,408.31 since the work program began in November 1935. The sponsors have furnished \$28,708.79 in park funds to assist in carrying on this work.

The present project calls for additional picnic grounds and parking areas, construction of rustic stoves, tables and benches; steps and bridges; reconditioning of roads, walks and trails; reforestation and erosion control.

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The construction of roads to facilitate the clearing of the right-of-way for the Bonneville Dam Transmission Lines by WPA labor was assured today by Don G. Abel, State WPA Administrator, who announced that a project involving a federal investment of \$1,080,988 and a sponsors' contribution of \$164,950, by the Dept. of the Interior, Bonneville Dam Project slated to begin about September 6, and provide employment for more than 800 certified WPA workers.

"The Bonneville power project is practically complete at the present time and the construction of power transmission lines is imminent. This project lends itself very favorably to WPA labor as there is no technical work that would require specially skilled workers or mechanics beyond the available WPA labor list. Also this project will be beneficial beyond comparison to the entire community by expediting the distribution of the electrical energy that is now available," Abel stated.

Starting at Bonneville Dam, located in Skamania county, the transmission lines will run west to Vancouver, a distance of about 52 miles, the sub-station being located four miles west of Vancouver and will also extend east from Bonneville Dam in Skamania county to White Salmon, a distance of about 24 miles, at which point a crossing of the Columbia River will be made.

About 400 WPA workers will be employed at first with employment figures raising to 800 by October. Men will be transferred from other projects in the vicinity and transported by trucks daily.

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Tacoma's power transmission line right-of-ways will be cleared and a service road will be constructed for the line by a crew of WPA workers, beginning August 24, according to State Works Progress Administrator Don G. Abel, who said yesterday that \$62,918.85 had been allotted for the project.

Seventeen miles of 80 foot right-of-way will be cleared and grubbed for transmission line and towers, and eleven miles of roadway 16 feet wide will be cleared and graded under this project. From Proctor Street west on North 21st Street, the roadway will extend to Orchard street. Widening of the present road from Orchard Street west to the East Narrows Towers, will be done. Then beginning again at the west Narrows Towers, workers will clear a 100 foot strip and grub a 16 foot roadway west along the Cushman transmission line to Henderson Bay, and from Lincoln Avenue in Springfield west along the line to connection with the Gig Harbor Long Branch company road. From this point the clearance will continue on designated survey lines to the west Pierce county line.

The road is necessary for the inspection of the line and for quick transportation to any tower in case of fire or line trouble which may interrupt service to Tacoma, Abel explained.

The Tacoma City Light Department is sponsoring the project, and financing necessary materials and rental of equipment through a \$16,886.40 appropriation.

Abel also disclosed a \$4,449.50 allotment in Federal funds had been made to renovize and repair the Derringer School.

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Reconstruction of the Miller River road in King County Commissioner's District No. 3, east of Everett has been started under a \$185,509 WPA grant announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, State Works Progress Administrator.

In addition to the usual clearing and grubbing and ditching, abutments and bridges will be erected, bulkheads created and retaining walls built. Extent of construction materials to be used is hinted in the \$46,452 county commissioner's sponsor fund appropriated for the purpose. It is expected the work will be complete by the end of next June.

Improvements at Liberty Park, in Renton will begin August 22 under a \$7,275 WPA grant, Abel also revealed. The project calls for construction of restrooms under the grandstand, altering the grandstand entrance and building outside ramps, as well as install plumbing and electrical fixtures. Tennis courts will also be built in the park under this project. The city is providing \$4,283 for materials.

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The great majority of employed Seattle youths are working in private industry with only a small proportion of them working on the WPA and NYA projects, according to Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, who said today that this information had been gathered through a survey under the Division of Social Research.

The Seattle Study is one of several Youth Surveys being sponsored in typical cities in various regions throughout the nation, said Abel, but in spite of the optimistic note on private employment opportunities for youth, the survey also revealed the testimony of many of the younger generation that they certainly did not find jobs easy to get.

Another interesting aspect of the youth study is the frequency with which jobs had been obtained through friendship or "pull", according to many youngsters interviewed, with employment agencies much less productive of results than the assistance of friends and relatives.

The Seattle Youth Survey staff, which began its work early in June, has already interviewed more than 2,000 youths. The workers plan to interview 5,000 more this fall, selected from those who graduated from the eighth grade of the public or parochial schools in 1929, 1931, and 1933. Most of these young men and women are now between the ages of 19 and 23. A substantial majority of the young people studied thus far have completed high school, but only one in three went to college, the survey indicates.

Aim of the Youth Survey is to measure the adjustment of young people to the depression conditions of the last few years, Abel explained.

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Seattle parks and boulevards will have ample materials for future beautification as a result of a \$13,825 WPA project for the propagation of shrubs and plants at the Volunteer Park greenhouse, State Works Progress Administrator Don G. Abel, announced yesterday. The project is one of three scheduled to begin this week in King County, totalling \$29,390 in Federal Funds.

The cultivation of plants and shrubs in Seattle, will be done mostly by women, who will receive a complete course in commercial gardening. Many of the products of their efforts will be used on future WPA landscaping projects throughout the city. The city is providing \$3,400 as a sponsor's contribution for purchase of materials and rental of equipment needed to carry on this gardening project. Work also includes incidental pest control.

Reclassification of the Bertillon files, indexing photo files, and arranging accumulated records for the King County Sheriff's office, will be done by professional and clerical WPA workers, Abel said, under a Federal allotment of \$8,192. Improvement in streets throughout Skykomish, including new sidewalks, curbs and culverts, are scheduled through a grant of \$7,373.

The filing and classifying project at the Sheriff's office is not a normal function of the sponsor and no regular personnel will be displaced. The WPA staff is expected to complete its work by January 20. The county commissioners are assisting with \$2,271 for necessary supplies.

Skykomish city authorities have pledged \$3,500.15 as their sponsor's assistance to the street improvement project. Men from the relief rolls will be busy on the street work until about Christmas, Abel said.

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Educational facilities of southwest Washington received special WPA attention today, through an announcement by state Works Progress Administrator Don G. Abel, that Federal allotments totalling \$23,073 have been made for two county-wide school library projects and two buildings and grounds improvement programs, scheduled to begin this week or Monday.

An \$8,712 grant will be used to set up a project in Lewis County to assist in organizing and operating library services for public schools throughout the county. Work includes rearranging books and exhibits, cataloging and indexing, repairing books and magazines, opening reading rooms, and circulating books and magazines to persons in isolated communities. The County Superintendent of Schools will sponsor the work with an additional \$2,790 for necessary materials. A similar project, under a Federal grant of \$3,360 and a sponsor's contribution of \$1,586 will be set up for Pacific county. Both projects will begin Monday.

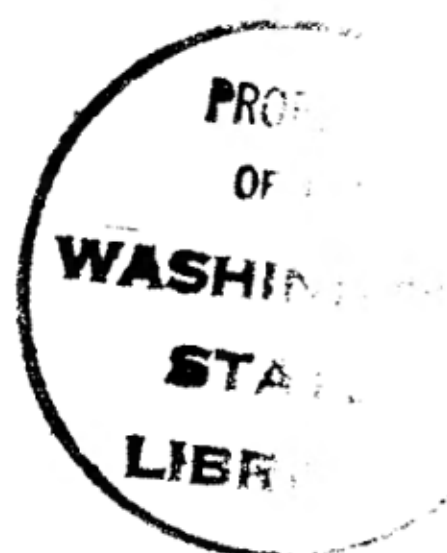
For immediate, city-wide minor reconstruction, remodeling and painting of various Aberdeen public schools a \$7,416 WPA grant will be used in conjunction with \$4,081 from the local school district. Slated for special attention are the placing of drain tile, constructing floors, erecting partitions and installing fire escapes and rest rooms.

Playground improvements at the Wollochet grade school, near Wollochet will be made with a \$3,585 Federal grant. Clearing, grading, landscaping and erection of a playshed are the principal items scheduled. School District 71 will furnish materials and construction equipment rentals, Abel said.

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WPA funds totaling \$235,274 were announced yesterday, by Works Progress Administrator Don G. Abel, for three eastern Washington projects scheduled to begin Monday. A \$196,916 grant was made to assure continuance of the Yakima county-wide sewing project until the end of the year.

The sewing room project of Walla Walla county will also continue until December 30 under a new \$34,128 allotment in Federal funds, and improvement in school grounds at Omak will be made with \$4,230 from WPA.

School District No. 19, at Omak will furnish \$1,308 for materials and rental of equipment needed to erect bleachers, to replace dilapidated old seats, and for extensive leveling and landscaping. Local officials say the work will be completed by November 30.

Products from the sewing room projects in Yakima and Walla Walla counties will be distributed free to charitable institutions or to the needy, and a portion may be used on other WPA projects. The sewing projects are sponsored by the State Department of Social Security which will augment the WPA allotments with funds for much of the material and supplies needed.

Huge grants have also been made this month to continue sewing projects in many other counties of the state, Abel disclosed.

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Three million WPA payroll checks have been issued in Washington since the first one, July 22, 1935.

Marking the third big payroll milestone in the huge Federal work relief program in this state was the issuance yesterday of the three-millionth check to William L. Weitzel, a project worker, and delivered to his home, 1911-41st Avenue Southwest, Seattle, by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator.

Weitzel, middle-aged electric welder, by trade, married, and with four dependent children said he didn't know how his family would ever have survived "at times" without the security wages he has earned on WPA. Weitzel is employed on a WPA grading and leveling project operating on the University of Washington, near the stadium.

"I've been on several WPA jobs around Seattle," said Weitzel, "and almost every man I work with feels as grateful as I do about a chance to earn checks like this while making improvements everyone can enjoy."

"But I wish the three-million meant that much cash", interposed Mrs. Weitzel, glancing at the check. "The children could sure use a batch of new shoes to start school."

Eleanor is 15, in Junior High. Rosemary is nine, in fourth grade. Kathleen is five and goes to kindergarten, and William, Jr., ten will be in fifth grade. As a visiting patient at Orthopedic Hospital he just returned from a Kiwanis camp for crippled boys at Bush Point, Whidby Island. "He just lives from one summer to the next to go there." said his mother.

Weitzel injured a foot while working in Alaska in 1925, and said he was not able to work on jobs requiring climbing. He was a welder on the low dam at Grand Coulee.

Eleven months ago the WPA check bearing sequence number two-million was issued to Herman Hange, a project foreman at Olympia, who resides near the capital city on Route 3. The first-millionth check, issued in July, 1936 went to Alvira Hartly, 1420-8th Ave., who was earning student assistance through a work relief project of the National Youth Administration.

Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator today announced that the Works Progress Administration would invest \$3,185,870 in the state of Washington in the month of September which will set a new high in the funds allotted to this state by the government relief agency.

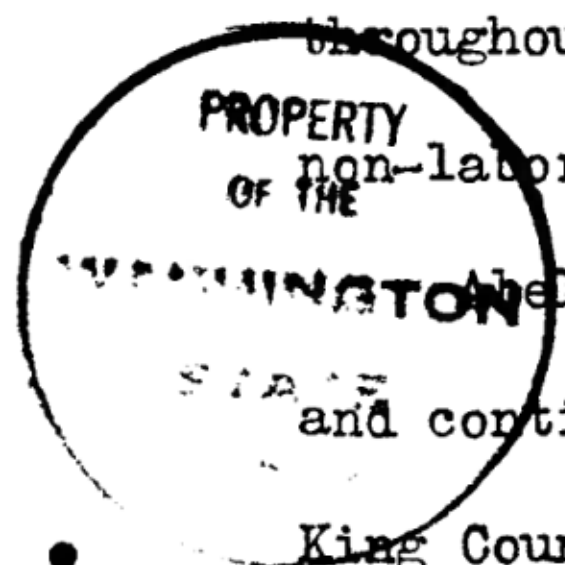
WPA employment which is at its peak with enrollment of 57,197 men and women throughout the state will receive \$2,826,175 in wages, the balance being used for non-labor expenditures such as materials and equipment rentals and supplies.

Abel also announced allocation of funds totaling \$4,500,952 for the beginning and continuation of projects, some of which will continue for more than eight months.

King County alone has been allotted \$1,241,865 for seven projects which will begin in the early part of September. The projects are Highline High School grounds, \$6,955; Robinson Point Lighthouse grounds \$6,704; clean and renovate field houses in Seattle, \$28,160; new laboratory building at University of Washington, \$26,158; King County Roads \$931,405; Seattle City Parks, \$235,438; and Redmond city park, \$7,055.

Other projects announced to begin in September are; Snohomish County, \$4,630 Everett Library white collar work; Diking district #4, \$2,648; Diking district #9, \$1,248; Everett Streets and Alleys, \$474,299; Skagit County, Mount Vernon, improve school grounds \$23,168; County-wide roads \$1,173,989; drainage district #14, \$9,282; Sedro-Woolley, \$922 for street work; Edison School building \$2,460, repairs; Jefferson County, Improvements to Fort Worden buildings, \$22,654; Kitsap County, \$11,203 for construction of rural sanitary facilities.

School District #18, Mason County, \$797 for repairs; Chehalis School Bus garage \$2,685; Lilliwaup school building and grounds \$2,728; Pacific County, women's projects \$3,440; Shelton Sewers, \$3,768; Tacoma Fire Hazard survey, \$11,424; Frederickson, new school building, \$16,825; Flood Control, Pierce County, \$20,938; Clark County Sewing Rooms, \$74,696; Fort Lewis buildings and grounds, \$128,384; Bonneville Transmission line roads, \$1,080,988; Oroville streets, \$16,500; Yakima River Flood Control, \$125,599; Clark County Fish Hatchery, \$7,864; Spokane County, East Farms irrigation system, \$8,338; Franklin County-wide sewing rooms, \$14,112; Grace Campbell Museum, Spokane, library services, \$4,596; Stevens County library Services, \$4,692; Klickitat School lunches, \$5,210.



IMMEDIATE RELEASE
AUGUST 31, 1938

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Twelfth of the state volumes in the American Guide series, "Iowa; A Guide to the Hawkeye State" was published August 23, according to an announcement released by Henry G. Alsberg, national director of the WPA Federal Writers' Project.

A broad picture of the social pattern of Iowa is given in chapters on the history, various nationality groups within the state, folkways and the arts. Davenport, Dubuque, Council Bluffs and other communities are described. Mile by mile tours point the way to the northeastern lake region, the Amana society, the river country and the great central farm area of which Des Moines is the focal point.

The Iowa Guide was sponsored by the State Historical Society and is a publication of the Viking Press, Inc. It contains 612 pages and 80 photographs. Copies may be ordered from the sponsoring agency or through the office of James W. Egan, Washington State director of the Federal Writers' Project, 102 Chamber of Commerce building, Seattle.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE



The amount and type of education acquired by Seattle youth bears a definite relationship to the occupations they go into, according to a preliminary tabulation of 1200 cases interviewed by the Seattle Youth Survey. The local survey is part of a nation-wide study being conducted by the WPA Division of Social Research according to Don G. Abel, State WPA Administrator.

Young people who did not complete their high school training, comprising about one-fifth of the cases studied, went mainly into skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled labor upon dropping out of school. Those who graduated from high school without vocational training became skilled and semi-skilled workers and domestic servants in more cases than did youths who had more specific training. Young people who graduated in vocational courses from high school or in private vocational schools went mainly into clerical or stenographic work.

Youths who attended college or university - about a third of a those interviewed were about four times more likely than the average youth to go into professional or semi-professional work. They are about twice as likely as the average to become proprietors, or officials of business concerns upon graduation. They also furnished more than their share of sales clerks in retail establishments.

A majority of the youths who had completed vocational training courses eventually found work in the lines for which they were trained. Many of those without vocational training believed that more vocational courses should be given in the schools.

Several youths who had not entered college expressed skepticism regarding the value of college work. One youth who had left school to get married after two years of high school remarked that "college makes fellows shiftless."

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Clearing operations by WPA labor along both banks of the Columbia River and its tributaries along the lines established by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, from Grand Coulee Dam to the Spokane River to provide a reservoir site back of Coulee Dam will begin in the very near future, Don G. Abel, State WPA Administrator, revealed today.

The huge project which also calls for construction of Roads which will be inundated by the rising waters of the Columbia represents an initial federal investment of \$308,539, and a sponsor's contribution by the Dept. of the Interior of \$185,231.

Operations will begin on a small scale with workers now certified transferred from projects operating in the immediate vicinity. It is not contemplated that any large number of men will be employed until after the start of the new year. At present engineers are selecting sites for the construction of the camps which will house the workers at various points along the project, according to Abel.

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Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, yesterday announced a \$43,331 WPA allotment for rehabilitation of the irrigation system at Plain, in the Wenatchee-Chewawa Irrigation District, starting September 13.

Work will include enlarging of the canal, placing pipe and flume, clearing and grubbing rights-of-way and many other works incidental to general improvement of the system, according to Abel. Purpose of the project is to provide more water for agriculture in the district. Enlargement of the channels is the principal method of carrying on this rehabilitating program, calculated to benefit directly more than 300 farmers.

Another eastern Washington project, announced to begin the same day, calls for a Works Progress Administration grant of \$1,405, for improvement of the school playgrounds at Othello. Construction of tennis courts heads the list of improvements scheduled. General excavating, grading and leveling, as well as erecting new fences, are also included in the program.

For the project at Plain, the Irrigation District is providing an additional \$17,192 for rental of construction equipment and for necessary materials. The work is expected to be completed within twelve months. School District 147 is sponsoring the Othello improvement with a \$712 pledge. This project will require approximately three months, Abel said.

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Another of Washington's widely known fair grounds will be improved by WPA.

A crew from the relief rolls will begin Tuesday on a work program to extend facilities of the fair grounds of the Sunnyside Dairy and Hog Show, under a Federal grant of \$1,625, it was announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator. The project will include construction of a new livestock pavilion, 50 by 100 feet.

This fair, which representatives of the sponsoring City of Sunnyside declare is the largest showing of grade cattle in the Pacific Northwest, will stage its twelfth annual exhibit in November. The late date was made this year at the request of dairymen who wish to complete farm work before attending, according to Abel, who explained that the new pavilion was needed to provide more inside space as a result.

The project also includes painting of the present buildings, and general landscaping of the grounds. It is hoped by local officials to complete the work in time for the November show, believed also to be the last exposition in the year of its kind to be held in Washington. The new pavilion will front on Fifth Street. Materials will be provided through a city appropriation of \$1,348.99.

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Twenty-two WPA projects for all sections of Washington, were announced yesterday 573 by State Works Progress Administrator, Don G. Abel, to begin this month under total Federal grants of \$1,858,040. Largest allotment, \$597,320, will be used in extensive reconditioning at the Bremerton navy yard.

This huge grant brought the Kitsap-King County total in WPA allotments in this announcement to \$1,166,016. Abel said six projects for northwest counties would total \$312,962. Eastern Washington's six projects will require \$237,599, and six for the southwest section aggregate \$84,463.

A statewide project to provide necessary temporary measures to avert danger caused by flood, storm, fire, and similar catastrophes, has been allotted \$57,000. Continuation of the King County sewing rooms until next June 30, required the second largest grant, of \$557,493. Besides the huge Bremerton grant, Kitsap County will receive \$11,203 for a project to begin throughout the county, September 21, on the installation of sanitary units approved by the United States Public Health Service for schools and homes in rural and other unsewered districts.

Two projects are scheduled to begin immediately in Yakima County. Sidewalks will be constructed at Toppenish under a WPA grant of \$127,437, with the city furnishing \$43,225. Yakima is sponsoring the repairing of magazines and periodicals for city schools, under a \$4,083 allotment from WPA. Sewing rooms will be continued throughout Chelan County with \$50,964, and free hot school lunches are slated for needy children of Spokane County through a \$38,148 allotment. Cle Elum gets \$9,937 to improve the city water reservoir, and a professional work relief crew will assist in experimental work at the Washington State College Irrigation Branch Station, near Prosser, with \$6,930.

Everett's water system will be extended with \$169,023, and the Stanwood High School grounds will get many improvements under a \$38,624 allotment. In and near Port Angeles sanitary sewers will be installed through \$89,067 in Federal funds. Whatcom County real estate maps will be made, giving the legal description of property throughout the county, except Bellingham, with a \$9,984 grant. San Juan and Island Counties each receives \$3,132 for the preparation of free hot school lunches.

Pierce County will benefit from two grants. A \$61,592 fund goes to improve roads and walks at Fort Lewis, and \$6,838 for the Tacoma Water Department store warehouse and shop building grounds. Library services will be organized and operated at the State Library, Olympia, with WPA clerical workers. The Tenino Union High School gym will be enlarged under a \$1,620 grant. Library services are scheduled for Hoquiam Public High School, through \$2,820 WPA assistance. A free hot school lunch project is also set up with \$3,145 for Wahkiakum County.



Washington sports history was made yesterday when 1938 college football in this state was inaugurated as the opening event at the new 208 acre WPA West Seattle Golf and Recreation area, largest project of its kind in the Pacific Northwest.

Before an estimated 3,500 enthusiastic Seattleites, Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator presented the new athletic field to Mayor Arthur B. Langlie and members of the Park Board in an impressive ceremony in the center of the gridiron, just prior to the kick-off. The swift-moving game resulted in an 8 to 0 win for the West Seattle Yellowjackets over St. Martin's College Rangers.

The West Seattle Athletic Club proved to be the invincible team fans had hoped for, to celebrate the opening of the new field, first completed unit of a WPA development representing an investment of almost a million dollars. Besides the turf gridiron, which has a 22 inch crown, and pronounced by several experts as the best in the state, the field has a cinder track, modern dressing and shower rooms and a specially equipped radio-broadcasting room.

Formal dedication of the entire recreational area will be made later when WPA completes the new 18 hole golf course, and a 60 acre boys' and girls cabin camp, and erects the magnificent club house now being planned. The area is located south of Avalon Way, and east of 35th Avenue Southwest, and was converted from a virtual wasteland of stumps, underbrush and city dump. The stadium now seats approximately 4,800 but may be greatly expanded in seating capacity.

Abel said an average of between 450 and 500 men from relief rolls have been employed on this huge WPA recreation project. The presentation ceremony was radiocast over KOMO.

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The WPA relief program of Snohomish County has been sharply accelerated with the announcement by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, that \$440,024 in six more WPA allotments bring the total in new Federal funds for this county during the past four days to \$647,671. Three of the projects run well over one-hundred thousand dollars each.

Improvement in drainage ditches throughout Irrigation District No. 4, Snohomish County, calls for complete rehabilitation of the system. Resloping, widening, deepening, clearing and brushing, in addition to building new ditches, bridges and crossings, under a \$118,441 WPA allotment. The sponsoring district is providing \$29,645 for materials and rentals of construction equipment.

Everett sewer systems will be extended and modernized with \$110,839 from WPA. There will be new lines, flush tanks and manholes, with extensive clearing, grubbing and ditching. The city will pay for materials with \$61,885.36, and work will begin September 26.

A WPA crew will begin immediately on construction and improvement of roads along rights-of-way of Seattle's power transmission lines which cross Snohomish County en-route from Skagit. Work also includes clearing transmission lines rights-of-way, and grading a substation site. To meet the \$110,004 from WPA Seattle has appropriated \$27,762, for construction equipment rentals and materials.

Edmonds will soon take on big city appearances under a \$90,513 WPA allotment for city-wide reconstruction and extension of streets and alleys. Added to the usual clearing and grading, will be new drains, surfacing, paving, new catch basins, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, drains, retaining walls and landscaping. The city will provide an additional \$71,036.20. General improvements in the school grounds near Silver Lake will be done with \$5,185 from the Federal government. A new fire station at Lowell will be erected under a \$5,042 allotment. This project includes a hose tower, and electrical and plumbing facilities.

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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania's lake shore, historic and scenic Erie County, is the latest locality to be described in a new addition to the American Guide Series. It is the second county guide to be issued by the Pennsylvania Unit of the WPA Federal Writers' Project.

For more than two years a group of research workers, writers, and editors, have been gathering, sifting and preparing accurate information about this link between Pennsylvania's industries and its markets along the shores of the Great Lakes. The result is a 160-page book—"Erie, A Guide to the City and County" — which has just come off the press.

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In line with plans for stiffening the nation's defence facilities in all branches of the service, Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, yesterday announced immediate WPA allotments of \$700,364 for projects for the navy department, \$167,178 for improvement in army facilities and \$22,027 for projects evidencing strong loyalty to warriors of bygone days.

Heading the allotments was \$597,320 for repairs and improvements at the Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton. General reconditioning and improvement in buildings, waterfront structures, drydocks, distributing systems, transportation facilities, tracks, pavements and grounds are scheduled in the elaborate plans for rehabilitation by WPA at the Navy Yard, work will be carried on under permission of the U.S. Navy Department, which is supplying an additional \$257,330 for materials and construction equipment rentals. This project will be rushed through to completion by May 6, said Abel.

Second largest allocation, \$103,044 will be used to start next Wednesday on improvement of buildings, ground and facilities at the Naval Air Station near Seattle. The Thirteenth Naval District will provide materials under a \$39,306 grant. In addition to the usual grading, and landscaping, paving, exterior and interior building rehabilitation and installation of modern plumbing and electrical fixtures will be featured items on the work schedule. This project will also be completed by May.

Two WPA projects will start Monday at Vancouver Barracks, Vancouver, Washington, for the army, and are set up to continue for six months under allotments totalling \$105,586. A WPA crew will modernize and improve the barracks, quarters, grounds and flying field, and reconstruct roads throughout the Military Reservations at this army station. The army is pledged to provide \$23,379.30 in sponsor's funds for the work. Road improvements and concrete walks will be constructed at Fort Lewis under a \$61,592 allotment, intended to continue the work until May 8, 1939. For this project the army is furnishing \$6,465 for materials.

Four months will be required to complete sewer and road construction at the State Soldiers' Home, Retsil, near Port Orchard, with \$11,460 WPA assistance. Several previous WPA projects have operated at the Home, to extend and beautify the grounds, Abel disclosed. A \$10,567, eight months project begins this week at Walla Walla for the construction of a War Memorial Building, sponsored by the city. Local authorities have pledged \$9,406.44 for materials.

Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator today announced eleven WPA projects totalling \$752,361, scheduled to begin on or before October 1st, in various channels for the furtherance of educational opportunities and facilities in Washington.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction is sponsoring a \$644,500 WPA allocation to provide, coordinate and supervise educational activities for underprivileged adults throughout the state, according to Abel. This huge fund will assure continuance of this branch of adult education to the end of next June, with assistance of \$95,675 in state funds for necessary materials and equipment rentals. The project includes the field of general adult, literacy, vocational, avocational, homemaking, public affairs, workers' education and parent education.

Abel said Grays Harbor County free school lunches for undernourished, needy children would be prepared under a \$19,620 WPA allotment and a similar project with \$7,620 will be set up throughout Mason County. The county superintendents of schools are providing sponsors contributions of \$6,800 and \$2,600 respectively.

Older children, formerly required to stay home from school to do housework, will be freed of this burden in Cowlitz County, under a \$11,535 WPA fund and in Thurston County with \$11,500. WPA will provide free home assistance in housework and care of children in the homes of the needy where the homemaker is totally or partially incapacitated because of ill health or confinement or in case of temporary emergency which makes assistance necessary. County commissioners in both counties will cooperate with sponsors' contributions.

Added to the long list of school buildings and grounds now being improved or which have been completed are school projects at Seabeck, with \$4,769; at Joyce with \$8,332; at Lincoln with \$4,469; and at Wapato, with \$8,464; all to begin immediately.

A Pacific County-wide sewing project with \$19,132 from WPA will provide the needy, including destitute school children with clothing. A \$12,420 allocation has been made to compile juvenile delinquency data in Clark County, to effect more efficient direction of activities in behalf of delinquent school children.

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More than a thousand men will begin work on two huge projects at Yakima and Walla Walla not later than October 13, under WPA allotments totalling more than a half million dollars, it was announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, who added that six other eastern Washington projects are slated for immediate operation bringing the total figure to \$730,020 in Federal funds.

Concrete curbs and gutters and extensive street grading will be the outstanding features of the Yakima undertaking, under a \$344,724 WPA allocation, resulting in development of a major improvement to the city and the training of more than 580 men in methods of building forms and cement finishing, said Abel. The project will require a year to complete and will be assisted by an additional \$104,493.24 from the city.

Sanitary sewer construction at Walla Walla under a \$296,704 WPA fund will also be carried on for twelve months with an estimated 540 men employed, and more than 15,000 residents of the community expected to benefit from the improvement. Walla Walla authorities have pledged an additional \$78,575.45 for the work.

Roads throughout Pend Oreille county will get immediate improvement under a \$56,120 WPA allotment. Safety will be the keynote of the work, through eliminating dangerous curves, widening and surfacing. Materials and rental of construction equipment will come from a county commissioners' pledge of \$14,110.

An estimate fifteen hundred residents of the Cashmere community will benefit from a \$12,003 WPA project starting September 28 to rehabilitate an unsanitary swimming pool and build bath houses. The city has added \$8,836 to the figure.

Sewers and disposal plant construction starts this month at Dayton with \$7,455 from WPA, and a new recreation center is planned for Deer Park with \$5,555. Benches and camp stoves will be built at the Colville City Park under a \$3,955 allocation. Work also includes clearing and grubbing, erecting fences and installing water pipe. The Mansfield municipal water system will be reconstructed with \$3,504 from WPA and \$2,083 in city funds.



Four King County projects and one each for Jefferson and Clallam Counties, aggregating \$76,012, are scheduled to begin this month or not later than October 6, Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator announced today.

Sewer construction at 10th Avenue Southwest and Kenyon Street, Seattle, will start immediately under a \$33,373 WPA allotment and \$11,695 in city funds. The project, which is expected to operate nine months, will include timbering, laying pipe, and constructing manholes. Elimination of cess pools and septic tanks to improve sanitary conditions will benefit approximately 3,000 residents, Abel declared.

A crew will work on the Issaquah water supply water shed, through \$12,307 in WPA assistance. The project calls for clearing, grubbing, excavating, grading and constructing a road, building a garage and all incidental work.

Just north of Seattle, along Thirty-first Avenue Northeast, sewers will be placed under a \$6,609 allocation from WPA. Plans call for completion by late in November. At Victory Heights, also north of the city a park and playfield will be constructed at East 105th Street and 21st Avenue Northeast with \$6,990 in Federal funds and \$1,826 from the county commissioners. Principal items will be clearing, seeding, landscaping and erection of tennis courts.

Kirkland is sponsoring a WPA \$4,365 allotment for improving the city cemetery. Fencing, constructing a shed and garage, and general clearing and grading will be done. Construction of sanitary units, where sewers are not available, will be carried on in various parts of Clallam County with \$14,862 from the Federal relief funds and \$5,218 from the State Department of Health, as sponsors.

The Port of Port Townsend Commission plans to have a WPA project for constructing a pile jetty and floats for a small boat harbor in Quilcene Bay, Quilcene. WPA will provide \$4,496 and the Port Commission pledges \$2,475.35.

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WPA research workers in Pierce County seek the cooperation of all interested residents in locating isolated graves in the county of war veterans deceased prior to January 1, 1938, according to Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator.

Under a project which started August 15, to locate war veterans' graves, considerable difficulty has been encountered in finding out-of-the-way burial plots, and an extensive amount of obscure information, only obtainable from relatives, said Abel. The State WPA Administrator asserted his staff would appreciate receiving communications, at its headquarters, South 38th and Warner, Tacoma, from interested persons with any useful information.

The staff is preparing a comprehensive record and wants data on the deceased honorably discharged veterans of the Army, Navy and other military establishments of the United States, including Confederate States of America. Work includes inspection of burial grounds, preparation or duplication of cemetery plat maps in uniform style, checking of death and burial records, preparation of a card record showing name, service connection, place, date and cause of death, and place and date of burial.

WPA projects have operated in various parts of the state on the general rehabilitation of cemeteries, and a war memorial project to commemorate fallen soldiers begins this month at Walla Walla, Abel said.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE
SEPTEMBER 21, 1938

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Buildings and grounds of the Adna High School, near Adna, will undergo extensive modernization with \$8,975 in WPA assistance; one of three projects totalling \$76,012 announced for southwest Washington yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator.

Additions to the agricultural building, alterations in the wash rack adjacent to the garage, changes in the mechanics pit, and construction of a new approach and doors to the bus garage, are numbered in the plans. Reconstruction of the gymnasium is regarded as the most needed part of the program. There will also be installation of modern sanitary facilities, grading of the athletic field and landscaping. Local school authorities are providing funds for materials. Abel said the job would take six months.

With \$6,000 in Federal funds the first WPA project in Washington of its kind has been set up to begin October 1, providing matron services for girls' rest rooms in various public schools throughout Cowlitz County. A similar project has received Presidential approval for Lewis county, and Clallam county school authorities are seeking such services through WPA.

A \$3,835 allotment has been made to improve the Goldendale city water system, by enlarging the supply line. Pipe and other necessary materials will be provided through a city appropriation of \$5,646.

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With all the lights, music, fanfare and glamour of a Hollywood premiere as a background, Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, September 22, formally presented the completed WPA constructed Showboat Theatre at Seattle to Professor Glenn Hughes of the University of Washington Division of Drama, during a statewide broadcast ceremony just before the curtain lifted on the opening production, a pre-view showing of "Charlie's Aunt."

Thronging the snow-white decks of this unique theatre, built to resemble the showboats famous on the Mississippi 50 years ago, were officials of the WPA, university, the city of Seattle, the press and prominent socialite first-nighters. Expressions of admiration for the new home of university drama were mixed with the colorful confusion of evening gowns, flash of camera bulbs, radio broadcasting in the foyer, flower-banked decks and appropriate music of the gay '90's by the WPA symphonic band on the midship promenade.

Messages of congratulation on the completion of the showboat were received by the university from famous writers, actors and directors in all parts of the nation, including telegrams from Douglass Montgomery and Helen Menken. Abel said the Showboat represented a total investment of more than \$60,000, and measured 150 feet long by 47 foot beam. A fifty-foot gangway leads from the shore of Union Bay, at the lower end of the University campus to the forward "deck" of the theatre-boat, which provides the main entrance. Outstanding mechanical feature is a revolving stage, providing opportunity to prepare a setting back stage while the dramatic action is progressing in front. The theatre seats more than 200, and will be open for regular productions of the University Drama Department. Bob Prins of Tacoma and Elsbeth Hofmann of Ellensburg played two of the leading roles in the production. The Department of Drama is gaining increasing recognition in the film world. Marjorie McGregor and Louise Turner, from Spokane and vicinity, who were graduated last June from the department are now in Hollywood. Others who have attained screen fame are from the department also.



Officials of the Works Progress Administration today formally presented the new Elma City Hall, as a completed WPA project, to Mayor Harry Robinson, representing the city. Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator said \$18,688 in Federal fund have been invested in the work.

The new structure, of reinforced concrete, is a one-story modernistic structure, 65 by 110 feet, and occupies the same grounds as the former old two-story box-like frame hall which was used for many decades as the seat of city government, and razed by a WPA crew. Quarters are provided for the council chamber, 27 by 64 feet. Other quarters accommodate the city clerk and the water department, police department, jail, fire engine and firemen's bunks, and garage and storage space for the street and water department.

Dismantling of the old structure began July 1, 1937 by a WPA crew under an original Federal allotment of \$11,308.25 which also covered the first portion of new construction. Later a supplemental WPA allocation of \$7,388 was made to complete the project.

Abel said six new allotments aggregating \$58,905 have been made for projects to begin immediately in southwest Washington. Improvement of the North End Reservoir, Station K reservoir and Alaska Street reservoir, Tacoma, will be made under a \$28,059 allotment, in Federal funds. The work will require approximately a year to complete and includes concrete curbs, gutters, retaining walls, roads, trails, landscaping and sprinkling systems. The first WPA project in Washington to operate centers for rug-braiding, hooking, weaving, and quilt-piecing will open October 1, throughout Lewis county, with \$11,648 in Federal funds. A \$7,188 allocation is for an office building at Shelton, for the Mason county welfare and other public agencies. School grounds and recreational fields in Olympia will be improved with \$7,133 from WPA. Ilwaco High School recreational facilities will be modernized with \$3,330 and school reconstruction at Littlerock calls for \$1,347.

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SEPTEMBER 27, 1938



PR-585

A future increase in farm production near Spokane was seen in the announcement yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, that \$43,210 in Federal funds have been allotted for immediate improvement in the Spokane Valley Irrigation District.

Operations will be carried on near Greenacres where the old flume, which is beyond repair, will be replaced in time for the next irrigation season, according to Abel. Irrigation District No. 10, according to local officials, was not financially able to make the improvement, but managed to pledge a sponsor's contribution of \$14,221 for materials and rental of construction equipment. Materials include lumber, nails, sheet metal, brushes, and paint for water-proofing.

Abel said this is a new type of work for WPA in this district, and the crew will include men who understand its construction details. The flume will be sheet metal lines, and the project will benefit more than 3,000 residents.

The city dump grounds near Tekoa will be improved with \$1,925 from WPA, said Abel. A crew will erect fence, grade and surface drives and clear debris. The city will allow an additional \$674 for materials.

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Seattle, Washington

IMMEDIATE RELEASE
SEPTEMBER 29, 1938

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Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator, today revealed plans for a \$26,466 project to improve recreational facilities at Highlands, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Bellevue, the work to begin on October 6.

Project plans call for the construction of a log cabin type clubhouse and a log shelter, tennis courts, wading pool, incinerators, digging a well, installing heating and plumbing fixtures and water, sewer and drainage systems and the demolishing of an old community building and salvaging all materials possible. Also clearing and grubbing the area.

The King County Commissioners as sponsors of the project are providing \$6,268 for materials and equipment rentals.

Abel also announced an \$11,324 sewer construction project to begin on the same date at East Marginal Way and Bond Street in Seattle. This project is designed to relieve all overflow of storm water during the rainy seasons. About 50 men will be employed for a 3 month period, Abel stated.

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The Spokane Art Center, first of its kind in Washington and third on the Pacific Coast, was formally opened September 29, at North 106 Monroe Street, by the WPA Federal Art Project acting jointly with locally interested Spokane groups. The gallery will provide travelling exhibits through the largest art gallery circuit in the world according to R. B. Inverarity, State Director of Federal Art Projects.

Other WPA fostered art galleries are being planned for establishment later in interested localities throughout Washington, to house local and state-wide exhibits, said Inverarity.

The aim is to provide art for the many, not for the few, explained Inverarity. The gallery, he said, would show art from all parts of the nation in exhibits which will be changed every three weeks. More than 50 such galleries are already established through W.P.A. Federal Art in various parts of the United States, including Sacramento and Salem.

"An understanding of art and what makes it will be fostered through this Center," said Inverarity. "Free classes will provide interested residents with the means of personally working in the various art media, under four instructors provided through WPA. Then Guild classes will provide greater opportunity for serious students, the most talented of which will be urged to obtain further preparation through private art schools."

Funds for the new gallery were raised by popular subscription through the Spokane Art Center, Inc., a local Spokane agency formed to finance and sponsor the project. WPA issued an initial allotment of \$10,000 to staff the gallery. Carl Morris, former instructor at the Chicago Art Institute, is director. Among those attending the opening ceremonies in addition to Don G. Abel, State Administrator, and Inverarity, were Joseph Danysh, Regional Advisor, Federal Art Projects, and Harold Whitehouse, President of the Spokane Art Center. Hundreds of Spokane art patrons attended the opening.



Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator, today revealed that a \$150,000 project to construct two new storage buildings and an addition to the chemical laboratory at the Puget Sound Navy Yard at Bremerton would begin on October 6. The project also provides for demolishing several existing storage buildings.

"In connection with the large ship construction program authorized by congress, it is necessary to provide additional shore facilities for the fabrication, storage, testing of the various materials and equipment required for ship construction" Abel pointed out.

More than 250 men will be employed about 7 months on this WPA project Abel said with funds totaling \$70,000 provided by PWA for materials and incidental labor. The project is sponsored by the Commandant, Puget Sound Navy Yard, U.S. Navy.

Abel also announced the beginning of another unit of the Seattle City-wide sewer improvement project which had an initial allotment of \$214,870. This unit which is slated to begin on October 5 will provide work for 180 men for 60 days constructing 6.9 miles of Sanitary sewer on Empire Way.

Other projects to begin on or near the first of the month is the extension and enlarging of the present water system of the city of Stevenson in Skamania County with a WPA grant of \$5,042 and the improving of streets and sidewalks of Lind, Washington with a WPA allotment of \$7,085 to which the City as sponsors have provided an additional \$3,578 for materials and equipment rentals.

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In connection with the National Safety Council's Five Year Safety Plan, the Works Progress Administration through its State Administrator, Don G. Abel, today announced the resumption of a series of safe driving schools to be held throughout the state of Washington this fall and winter.

Assisted by City, State and County officials and sponsored by the Seattle Council of Parents and Teachers, the first safe driving school will be held October 3 in Rhodes Department Store's Auditorium with Mrs. Scott E. Bird presiding. Outline of the program will be made by B. F. Snook, state WPA supervisor of Safety Education with talks also by G. W. Muench, Safety Instructor of Seattle High Schools and Captain Joseph E. Prince, Chief of the Traffic Division of the Seattle Police Department.

Popularity of the classes is attested by the fact that more than 78,000 persons have attended the five weeks course in classes throughout the state, according to Abel who also stated that "A more clear understanding of the traffic laws and an added sense of responsibility both for driver and pedestrian is brought about through attendance of these classes and also making possible the reducing the number of traffic fatalities and property damage."

Plans are under way at present to open safe driving classes in almost every small community, and in larger cities of the state, it is planned to operate on an even larger scale than last year by providing instruction throughout the various districts. In Seattle an attempt will be made to reach more than 250,000 drivers and pedestrians through this program, Abel stated.

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The huge WPA project to clear 28,440 acres for the lake-bed of the 151-mile reservoir to be created by Grand Coulee dam, is definitely scheduled to begin this week, according to Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator, who announced today that materials are on the ground and construction will begin immediately on the first crew camp, at Lincoln, near the junction of the Columbia and Spokane rivers. Abel said that when the full quota of men is employed it will be the largest WPA project in the United States and that more than \$9,000,000 will be expended to complete the work.

A temporary camp will be erected to house 40 men who will build an adjacent 300-man camp as the first of eight or ten to accommodate WPA crews employed in clearing the entire area. Timber will be removed, and towns and farm buildings razed. Railroads, telephone lines, roads, state highways and bridges will be re-located on higher ground by the WPA, said Abel. Dismantling of some of the farm buildings will begin in a few days, even before the first camps are completed. A second permanent camp will be erected at San Poil, while others are being planned.

The crews will clear the area of all objects which might later injure the dam. The United States Bureau of Reclamation has defined the territory as that from the Columbia and its tributaries from the dam to the Canadian border, up to the contour line 1,310 above sea level. This area will provide a 500 mile shoreline for the future lake, to be the largest body of fresh water in the United States west of the Great Lakes.

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Two large map murals of Washington, recently completed by artists of the WPA Federal Art Project, have been installed in the foyer of the Public Land Social Security Building, newest structure of the state capitol group at Olympia.

One of the panels, seven by seven feet, on the east wall depicts the area of eastern Washington. The other panel, the same size, on the west wall shows the western part of the state. Symbolic figures and pictures indicate points of interest, natural resources and industries, and colorful patches mark the location of state and national parks. Main mountain peaks and ranges as well as principal roads are drawn in. Special markings indicate outdoor recreational facilities and districts which feature hunting or fishing. Designs for the murals were made by Miss Z. Vanessa Helder, formerly of the Federal Art Project in Seattle and now an instructor at the WPA sponsored Spokane Art Center, according to R. B. Inverarity, state Director of Federal Art. The Murals were painted by several WPA artists.

With completion of this work nine murals have been painted and installed by WPA in public buildings of Washington. Three are installed at the University of Washington Drama Library, three at West Seattle High School and one at Indian Hospital in Tacoma. Federal Art Project artists are now working on designs for future murals, said Inverarity.

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Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator, today announced the completion of negotiations with the Spokane City Commissioners on the new \$482,445 WPA Spokane City sewer construction program which can be started immediately he said pending the final completion of the working plans.

The project which will provide work for about 1,000 men for more than eight months calls for the construction of 5.5 miles of new interception sewer as a preliminary step in the contemplated construction of the new sewage disposal plant. The project also includes excavating, backfilling, laying pipe, constructing manholes, removing and replacing concrete curbs and walks in the Cannon Hill district along Maple, Cedar and Walnut Streets.

The City of Spokane as sponsors will provide an additional \$192,433 for materials and supplies.

Abel also announced a project to rehabilitate the Roslyn City Water supply system. The WPA will provide \$12,252 and the city officials will augment this with an additional \$2,149.50. Project plans call for building a new intake bulkhead, installing 1,000 feet of 12 inch pipe, clearing 3 miles of creek bed and improving six miles of roadway.

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Improvements to Fort Lawton, U. S. Army Post and Sandpoint Naval Air Station, both in the Puget Sound area, calling for a WPA investment totaling \$292,148 and sponsors funds amounting to \$231,312 were assured today by Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator, who announced that work would begin within a weeks time on both projects.

The Sandpoint project which has been allotted \$160,000 of WPA funds calls for the construction of a one-story steel-frame and brick addition to existing storehouse #5 and 2 two-story lean-tos to landplane hangars also of steel frames with corrugated asbestos siding. The project will take five months to complete and provide employment for 163 men who will be transferred from other projects.

"This project covers labor and incidental materials in connection with which funds for materials have been furnished by P.W.A. to the amount of \$185,000" Abel stated.

At Fort Lawton the improvements will include the construction of a 50 x 100 gymnasium which will seat 460 persons and will be used for dances and drill and the construction of 2 six-car garages, improvements to kitchens and dining rooms of barracks and government owned homes of enlisted men and commissioned and non-commissioned, 75 acres of reforestation, rehabilitation of the bathing beach, and rifle range, landscaping and installing sprinkler system, installing plumbing, electrical, heating and telephone facilities, and other incidental work.

About 243 certified WPA workers will be transferred from other projects and given eight months work on these improvements. June 1939 is the expected date of completion. The WPA is providing \$132,148 and the Army \$46,312, Abel said.

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Sponsored by the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma the Works Progress Administration, through State Administrator Don G. Abol, today revealed plans to improve Titlow Beach Park in Tacoma, by a WPA project that will represent a federal investment of \$276,050.

The project which is slated to begin on October 9 provides for constructing shelters, kitchens, boat houses, bath houses, comfort stations, rest rooms, tennis courts, bulkheads, guard rails, bridges, sidewalks, steps, storm drains, and sewers; developing parking and picnic areas; reforestation and soil erosion control, laying water mains, installing hydrants and drinking fountains, clearing, grubbing, building roads and trails and other incidental work.

"More than \$75,000 has already been invested in this park by WPA and this new project which will enable the work now being done by certified WPA workers to be brought to a satisfactory culmination will transform Titlow Beach Park into one of the finest parks on the Coast in addition to providing work for 385 men for about 12 months" Abol stated.

The Metropolitan Park District is providing \$64,081.88 for materials, equipment and supplies.

Abol also announced a \$3,475 WPA project to construct a milk house and improve the reservoir and water system at the Western Washington Experimental Station near Puyallup, the project to begin October 9.

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The largest WPA park improvement project ever launched in eastern Washington is scheduled to begin at Spokane October 13, with Federal funds aggregating \$225,592, it was announced yesterday by Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator.

Walks and drives will be made and improved in park areas throughout the city, Abel said, with extensive additions in recreational facilities as features of the program. Spokane has received the benefits of three other large WPA park projects aggregating more than \$100,000. There are 53 established parks in the city which will receive needed improvements through this large project to make them more serviceable to the public, according to John W. Duncan, Superintendent of Parks.

The project is expected to provide employment for more than 135 men approximately 12 months. The city is providing an additional \$56,594 for all necessary materials and for rental of equipment. Local city officials estimate the improvements will benefit more than 10,000 persons. Plans include new tennis courts and recreational field bleachers.

Abel also announced a \$12,720 allotment from WPA for a project providing persons to read to the blind, "shut-ins" and patients of public hospitals, wards and old people's homes, throughout Spokane county, under sponsorship of the county commissioners. The allotment assures continuance of this assistance which has operated under two previous WPA funds totalling \$11,898.

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Allocation of \$363,628 in WPA funds to continue improvements to farm-to-market roads in Island County was revealed today by Don G. Abel, State WPA Administrator.

The huge allotment will include clearing, grubbing, grading and surfacing more than 80 miles of roads throughout the entire county. It also provides for the construction of drainage facilities, culverts, bulkheads, and guard rails.

Sponsored by the Island County Commissioners who have provided \$98,188 for equipment rentals and supplies, the project will supersede eleven other projects previously started and is expected to complete the ambitious road improvement program instituted by the county officials.

Project plans call for work to begin October 11 and to be completed by June 1939
Abel stated.

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Five WPA projects for Snohomish County representing federal investment of \$298,888 with sponsors contributions amounting to \$116,207 were today announced as ready to begin operations by Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator.

Largest of the five projects is the Skykomish River flood control project in Snohomish County calling for \$123,458 in WPA funds and an additional \$32,520 provided by the Snohomish County Commissioners. The project will include constructing embankment and brush revertments, sloping banks, riprapping, snagging and other incidental work.

Sewer construction for the City of Everett, made possible by a WPA allotment of \$110,839 and \$61,885 from the city will provide work for 257 certified WPA workers for about 8 months and the completed project will serve much of the city now without sewer system, Abel stated.

The other project announced by Abel is the reconstruction of 8 miles of streets and 3 miles of alleys in Marysville. The WPA is providing \$54,204 and the city of Marysville \$19,949.

Construction of a school and garage at Granito Falls, sponsored by School District #332 and made possible by a WPA allocation of \$6,334 is slated to be under way by October 11, with the reconstruction and landscaping the grounds of a rural school near Monroe sponsored by School District #334 which calls for WPA investment of \$4,053, scheduled to begin the same day.

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Fifty-four miles of secondary roads will be improved in Benton county, beginning October 13, under WPA allotments totalling \$42,373, Don G. Abel, state Works Progress Administrator announced today.

The work will improve outlets to market centers by widening shoulders, increasing drainage facilities and regrading fills and cuts. Eight months will be required to complete the project which is expected to benefit more than 7,000 residents of the county. The county commissioners have plodged an additional \$8,388.50 to provide rentals of construction equipment and for materials.

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Construction and extension of the Riverton Heights Water system, south of Seattle, was assured today by Don G. Abel, state WPA Administrator, who announced an allocation of \$25,495 for the project.

Sponsored by Water District #43, the project provides for clearing, grubbing, excavating, backfilling, tunneling, laying pipe and service branches to property lines only and performing incidental work. The Water District is providing \$11,075 for materials and equipment rentals.

The project which is expected to begin on October 10 will provide work for 75 men who are now certified and working on other projects and will be completed in about 5 months, Abel stated.

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Domestic and irrigation water lines, including hydrants will be built in Yakima under a \$2,689, WPA allotment, starting October 13, according to State Works Progress Administrator Don G. Abel. The area affected is bounded by West Yakima Avenue, Summitview Avenue, 22nd Avenue North and Gilbert Place.

The work will provide a dual system for irrigation and drinking water, and involves construction of 1,600 lineal feet of six inch cast iron pipe, 100 feet of three inch pipe and five fire hydrants. The district will have its first adequate fire protection and residents are jubilant over the future conveniences of the system and prospects of lower fire insurance rates, Abel said.

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