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## WPA Does Credit To Hackettstown

**U**NLIKE accounts appearing in newspapers of Works Progress projects, Hackettstown is receiving full value of Federal work relief money and is accomplishing a much needed improvement.

The clearing and widening of the brook that flows back of Park Avenue, then through the dump meadows on Franklin Street before it empties into the Musconetcong, is a worthwhile project from a sanitary point.

Now the WPA workers, having completed this part of their work, are busy digging the ditches for the storm sewer down Franklin Street which will carry flood waters off High, Sharp, Cook, and Franklin Streets.

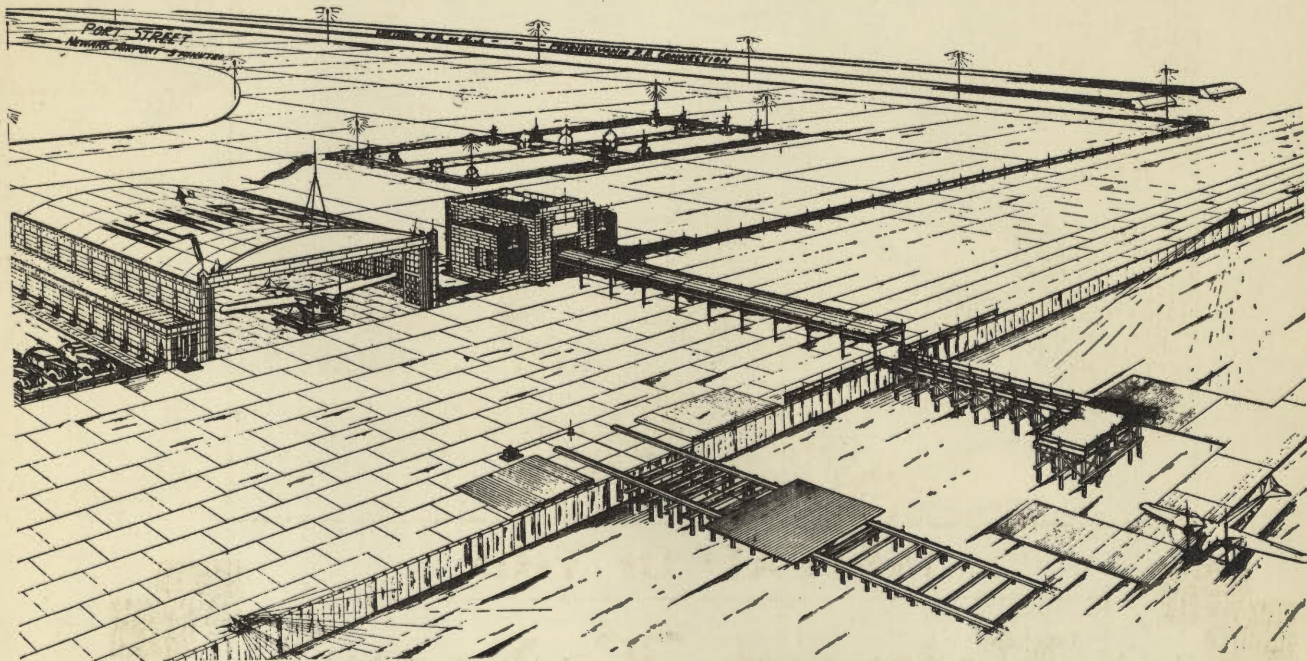
Federal money is being spent wisely and well in Hackettstown. There can be no great hue and cry of wasted funds when citizens see the result of the labors of the WPA men.

Washington (N. J.) Star, April 10, 1936.

# THE DAWN

## NEW JERSEY W.P.A. BUILDS FOR THE NATION'S POSTERITY

### HOW PORT NEWARK SEAPLANE BASE WILL LOOK



FROM THE DEPTHS of the abandoned shipyard of the Submarine Boat Corporation rises a new pride of the city in this artist's conception of the seaplane base now being constructed by WPA workers at Port of New-

ark. The base will cost approximately \$100,000. A plane is seen at the right in the drawing. Passengers will cross to the waiting room over the ramp and the seaplane will be drawn by winches over the marine rail-

road to the hangar shown at the left. Newark Airport, a short distance away, is in the upper left background. The base is being built to meet future needs for connections with transatlantic transports.

## Newark Plans Seaplane Base By Its Airport

W. P. A. Project Intended to Give Field Chance to Get Atlantic Air Traffic

Uses Submarine Base

Cost Is Kept to \$100,000 by Salvaging War Property

A bid for trans-Atlantic air traffic of the future and a move to intrench itself more firmly as New York's official air terminal was made yesterday by Newark Airport, in announcing plans for a seaplane base in Newark Bay, adjoining the field. Preliminary work on the development, a \$100,000 Works Progress Administration project, has been under way for a week, according to Mayor Meyer C. Ellenstein of Newark and the base will begin operations August 1.

"It occupies the site of the old submarine boat base adjoining the inshore channel of the Port of Newark," Mayor Ellenstein's announce-

ment said, "the property having been leased to the United States Shipping Board during the war and subsequently reverting to the city. The area concerned in the immediate development has a shore frontage of 400 feet and a depth of 300 feet from the city bulkhead line. There is 2,000 feet of additional frontage on the bay for additional expansion."

The Mayor said he had deferred action on the seaplane base until he had "won the decision in two successive bouts" with Mayor F. H. LaGuardia of New York over the latter's effort to have the Post Office Department designate Floyd Bennett Field as the city's air mail terminal in lieu of Newark Airport. He said the new development was designed specifically to tie "trans-Atlantic and intercoastal service with overland

Recently American Airlines contracted with Zeppelin officials to establish a shuttle service from Lakehurst, where the transatlantic dirigible service will terminate. Overland connections will be made at Newark Airport. With the establishment of a seaplane base adjacent to the airport, it is believed Newark will have consolidated its position for years to come as the busiest airway terminal in the world.

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planes traversing the airways of America."

The plans were drawn by Newark's engineers under supervision of George B. Post, chairman of the marine air terminals committee of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce. They were approved by the State Aviation Commission, Army and Navy engineers and experts of the Bureau of Air Commerce, whose head, Eugene L. Vidal, indorsed the undertaking for a W. P. A. allotment under the recent ruling making marine air bases all over the country eligible for such funds, with airports and landing fields. The plans provide for "a ramp that will accommodate the largest flying craft now under construction or contemplated."

"It has been possible to keep the estimated initial cost at a comparatively low figure," Mayor Ellenstein said, "because of salvage savings. The old shipways, constructed by the government as a part of the submarine base, obviates the expense of driving piles to support the ramp and catwalk and represents a tremendous saving. Another economy will be effected by removing the present municipal hangar from the airport to the seaplane base, to make way for a new \$1,000,000 hangar on the field.

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# WPA WORK PROGRAM PROVIDES THIS



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### TRENTON FLOPI



*The Siege of Trenton! Unemployed men camping in the N. J. Assembly chamber turn in for the night on floor and benches, determined to hold the fort until the Legislature does something about relief.*

# Outfit In Shore WPA Layette Shop Awaits 'Little Stranger' Expected At Elliott Roosevelts

## Daintily Made Baby Garments Also Placed on View in Nation's Capital

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt this week was presented with garments made in the resort's WPA layette shop, the only one of its kind in the state, for a soon-expected grandchild in the Elliot Roosevelt family.

Another bonnet and dress made in the shop is being presented to the Dowager Queen Marie, of Roumania, while still another garment was sent to Washington for display in the permanent exhibit in the nation's capital.

As a result of the various clothing sent to these designations, the layette shop is likely to gain considerable fame.

The garments presented to Mrs. Roosevelt were an infant's bonnet and dress. They were not made specially for presentation to the First Lady, they were taken from the stock of infants' wear made by the women in the sewing room at 2520 Atlantic av.

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### Material Of Fine Nainsook

However, they could not have been more beautiful nor more daintily made had they been manufactured to order by Mrs. Roosevelt.

The dress material is of fine nainsook. It is made with tiny pin tucks, trimmed with hand-made tatting and decorated with tiny pink embroidered rosebuds. The bonnet is made of the same material, lined with silk and also decorated with embroidered rosebuds.

The articles were taken to Washington by Mrs. Mamie Stone, Egg Harbor postmistress, and presented to Mrs. Roosevelt personally. The First Lady said she had never seen more beautiful work, and that it would be a great pleasure to accept them and to later present them to her grandchild.

The garments for the expected arrival in the President's family are displayed in the accompanying picture by Miss Eileen Barry.

The dress and bonnet shown in the picture by Miss Dorothy Giberson (left) is made of white organdy, hand embroidered and trimmed



SUCH LAYETTES AS THESE GO TO RELIEF CLIENTS

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with fine lace. These are the garments being sent to Queen Marie.

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### Garment On Exhibit

The little dress in the centre of the picture, held by Mrs. Irene Popper, supervisor of Women's and Professional Projects, is made of Robin's Egg Blue crepe, smocked in the beautiful pastel shades. This is the garment that will be made a part of the Washington exhibit of garments made by women working on WPA projects from all parts of the United States.

Many of the women engaged in this work here are foreign-born who later became citizens of the United States. They learned their fine needlework in the days of their youth in their native lands and they take delight in putting their best efforts into the garments they are making, especially on the infants' layettes, in which they seem to take a special motherly interest. There are 29 pieces in each layette, and material and workmanship are equal to those turned out by the best and most expensive private shops in the nation.

They are made, of course, for distribution among relief families of

the state, and the young mothers, who could not afford to purchase anything equally as good for their little ones are delighted when they receive one of these full and beautiful outfits.

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### Another Successful Project

In the All Wars Memorial Building in this city, are a number of other women engaged in making garments for men, women and children. For the men, they are producing pajamas, shirts and underwear. For the women and children, they make underwear, dresses, and suits and coats. They also manufacture sheets and pillow cases, terry towels, and utilize the scraps of other productions to make the patchwork quilts for baby cribs.

And these women, many of them accustomed to living in ease and comfort, but now in straightened circumstances as a result of economic conditions, take great pride in their work. Their hours are not long, nor the pay large, but it enables them to at least live without any longer being obliged to be subjects of charity, and they are correspondingly happy and contented.

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## W.P.A. ROADS HELP BRING FRESH PRODUCE TO CITIES



SUCH ROADS AS THESE HELP RURAL FOLK AND CITY DWELLERS.

### Chicken Industry Threatened From Impassable Roads

Richland and Milmay Farmers Say \$60,000 Business May Be Lost

#### PROMISE WPA AID

The miry roads in this section are threatening to wipe out a number of poultry farms located in the Richland and Milmay section, it was revealed last night.

A delegation of poultrymen who conduct farms in that area appealed for aid to the Buena Vista Township Committee, stating that "not even a horse and wagon can get through the roads at the present time."

John Woshenko, spokesman for the delegation, declared that the large flocks of chickens on these farms are faced with starvation because of the inability of any vehicles to penetrate the muddy and sodden thoroughfares. "Chickens are being fed scraps of food and are reduced in their rations in an effort to keep them surviving," he said.

The Buena Township Committee promised to transfer 100 WPA workers, now employed on other projects, to these roads in an emergency move. The workers will also be stationed on other roads in that township.

### Muddy Roads Prove Costly

Poultrymen Report Flocks Face Starvation Because Trucks Cannot 'Navigate' Roads

VINELAND, March 4.—Poultrymen of Richland and Milmay section in Atlantic County are threatened with loss of their business, valued at \$60,000, because of the muddy condition of rural roads.

A delegation of poultrymen who appealed for aid from the Buena Vista Township announce that 100 WPA workers had been transferred from other projects in the Township to the imperative one of making the roads passable.

John Woshenko, spokesman for the delegation, told the committee that their poultry farms have been isolated the past week and that even a "horse and wagon cannot pass over the roads."

### WPA Rebuilds Road of 1856

Old Dennisville-Court House Wagon Road Presents Work for 78 Men

Court House.—It was with evident cheer that 78 WPA workers began a \$33,425 road improvement program in Middle Township this week.

### WORK IS STARTED ON FARM-TO-MARKET RD.

Middle Township WPA Men Assigned to Project of Building Highway

Work began on Friday on the farm-to-market road project, that is sponsored by the Middle Township Committee. As a result, the controversy that has been waged by the committee and WPA officials came to an end.

Over 100 Middle Township workers were assigned to the road improvement, Charles H. Springer, chairman of the township committee, announced. The road will be constructed from Cape May Court House to Dennisville.

The entire cost of the work is \$33,425.00. Of this amount, the WPA will furnish \$29,035, leaving \$4,390 to be contributed by Middle Township. The project will continue for seven months.

In the meantime, Upper Township committee has gone on record rejecting any WPA projects. Joseph A. French, member of the committee declared that Upper Township taxpayers declined to have projects approved because of additional taxes that might be added to the already overburdened load.

The committee has rejected a project that calls for the erection of a playground at Tuckahoe. It would occupy seven acres of ground. The purchase price of the ground was \$700 and taxpayers declared that it was exorbitant, stating that the ground was not worth more than \$10 an acre.

## EDITORIAL AND NEWS COMMENDATION OF JERSEY W.P.A. PROJECTS

### FUN AND RECREATION

The story is told of the visit the famous Russian author, Maxim Gorky, made to this country. While here a group took him for a taste of life at Coney Island, and showed him all the sights, in the air, on the ground, and under the ground. They expected him to be impressed with the myriads of devices and contrivances designed to amuse and thrill, and at the end of the day asked him expectantly what he thought of it all. He commented soberly but sincerely, "This must be a very sad people".

We are not informed what this great judge and portrayer of human life and its emotions meant exactly: whether we are a very sad people to need such expensive and terrific instruments of amusement or whether the whole business appeared quite futile to yield any real or lasting enjoyment.

Certainly both interpretations would apply to the American scene. With more leisure and opportunity than most other peoples, it has been said of us that we do not know how to play. Most of our so-called recreations and vacations find us more in need of rest and restoration at the end of the trail than when we started out. Much of our amusement is banal, if not vulgar, providing a mere escape from responsibility, and is no recreation of our vitality and initiative at all.

It is therefore timely that the attention is being given by the government in its W.P.A. projects to teach us how to play. We believe that one of the most valuable public works is that of the adult education and recreation schools, the instruction and guidance for which is entirely voluntary and free to all who are interested.

The other evening we witnessed a Passion Play presented by the colored unit of the W. P. A. Theatre Arts Class of Atlantic City and given in the Egg Harbor City A. M. E. Church on Norfolk Ave. We expected to see something worth-while, but even our expectations were surpassed. The whole production, though given under apparent difficulties and limitations of location, was on a very high level of dramatic art and expression. It was one of the finest plays of its kind we have ever witnessed, and our only regret was that more of both the white and colored folk were not present to witness it. Too much credit cannot be given Dr. Mario Badillo, the director, a graduate of John Hopkins University and a student of Max Reinhardt. Surely the players are the better for using their leisure to develop such talent and we to enjoy it. This is the sort of pleasure and recreation that builds up rather than lets down.

We have here in Egg Harbor City classes provided us in much the same manner. Though we have none in the dramatic arts we do have in music, with classes for the colored folk as well as for the whites. We were well impressed with a brief talk Dr. Badillo gave before the play the other evening, in which he said that what his players did we could learn and do here also.

Perhaps there is still some misunderstanding about these classes. As we said above, there are separate classes for the whites and colored. The classes are free to all who are interested and you by no means have to be connected in any way with relief. There is personal as well as group instruction for those who desire it, and there is no compulsion for members of the classes to attend every night, though of course, the more frequently they are present the more they will profit and the more progress will be made in some group project, such as the singing of a cantata or the giving of some suitable concert. It is the hope of the teachers, that added interest will now be taken in these classes, else they may have to be discontinued altogether, and that a program worthy the talent and interest of this community may be produced.

### "Brother Mose" Vividly Staged by Negro Players

The Federal Theater Project made its debut in this state last night with a Negro play by Negro players. The play "Brother Mose," written by Frank Wilson, Negro actor, was given at the Clinton Manor.

"Brother Mose," which was presented in New York by a WPA group and had a good run is no great shakes as a play, but what gives it entertainment value is the vivacity of the actors.

This "Brother Mose" of this play, like his namesake of old, is a leader, but he doesn't seem fitted to lead his people out of the wilderness. He is too humble to suit those who dislike "church folk." His meekness causes him to comply readily to a ukase of the whites that his people move to a less desirable part of the town, because their homes are wanted as a factory site.

#### People Turn Against Him

The "promised land" is such a dismal swamp that his wife nearly dies. Other troubles befall and his people turn against him. Oil is found on the site he took. Thus Mose becomes rich and a benefactor.

This outline is more plausible than the play, yet the group gives it a sense of reality because of natural aptitude. Elvis Mason gives a good account of himself as Mose. His weakness is a tendency to under-act. Harriette Harris plays his wife. One might go far to find a more suitable person for the comedy role of Miss Minnie than Carrie Adams.

Spirituals and songs provide a musical setting.

The presentation was in aid of the Frederick Douglas Memorial Home at Anacostia.

No further performances of "Brother Mose" have been announced but other productions will be given.

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# WHAT NEW JERSEY EDITORS THINK OF W.P.A. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## "SWAT-THE-WPA" A POPULAR BUT OFTTIMES UNFAIR PASTIME

This business of accusing WPA of every kind of political crime is getting to be like the old slogan of "swat the fly." Whenever someone has failed to get a job, he immediately raises the cry of politics, that you have to belong to such-and-such an organization before you can attach yourself to the payroll.

Some of these accusations may be true. After all, the Federal administration has made no secret of the fact that it has built up its bureaus and bureaucracies by naming in charge men who are "in sympathy with the aims and ideals of the New Deal." With rare exceptions, the majority of people who fall into this category are Democrats. Thus, all things being equal, many of the key jobs have gone to Democrats. Thus is the American political system worked.

But too often of late, the hue and cry of political connivance has been raised by those who have sought to make connections but have failed. It makes good reading when they make the charges. But when sifted as to their truth and falsity, it generally develops that "I have no proof, but I got it on reliable information from Johnny So-and-So who heard it from Mary This-and-That."

Considering the manifold angles in WPA, it would seem that William J. Burke, who is head of WPA in this section, has done a good job in holding complaints down to a minimum. If he earns criticism, he should get it. But it should first be constructive criticism that has substance and sense, instead of hearsay and unsustained rumor.

## A Sore Spot Remedied

A sigh of relief must have gone up around Bayonne yesterday when it became generally known that the City Hall annex was actually being torn down. The one-story structure housing the water department offices was condemned as unsafe many months ago. The feeling of relief is due to the fact that someone at last decided to do something about the imperative job of tearing it down.

Many projects devised to provide work for WPA employes have drawn serious criticism. But no one who saw the City Hall annex in recent years will have anything but applause for the assignment of these relief workers.

## School Repairs Assured

Parents and property owners of West Fort Lee were greatly cheered during the past week by news that the Federal Government had approved a WPA grant for the repair of the West Fort Lee schoolhouse.

This ends a long battle over a very controversial subject and, it is hoped, will result in the prompt modernization of a building that is in dire need of such treatment.

When the proposal to abandon the West Fort Lee school came to the attention of the community of that section there arose a justified burst of protest.

Through definite community action it was shown in no uncertain way that West Fort Lee would not stand for such treatment. Since the Fort Lee school officials were whole-heartedly in favor of the modernization plan, the State and Federal authorities came to a quick realization of the public's demands.

The approval of the WPA grant for something more than \$20,000 is really the first Federal funds of any amount that Fort Lee has received under the New Deal. It is to be hoped that more will be forthcoming for other improvements of an important nature.

## SEWER PROJECT APPROVED

The Fort Lee Mayor and Council has exercised good judgment in choosing the West Coytesville sewer project in preference to the road improvements since the Municipal Finance Commission will not permit the borough fathers to undertake both.

For many years the section in question has been without the benefit of a sewer system. Often the overflowing of cesspools has created a condition that was not only very unpleasant but an menace to health.

The officials have been cognizant of the bad condition for a number of years but because of Fort Lee's sorry financial plight were unable to provide a remedy. A majority of the property owners effected were in no position to shoulder an assessment if the work was undertaken under the old accepted procedure.

Thanks to the operation of the W P A the citizens are now able to get a modern sewer system at a minimum cost to the borough.

## WPA Diggers Find \$25,000

All the work of the WPA forces is not centered upon digging in public parks, streets and other places. One good piece of digging has been done indoors. A crew of 20 WPA workers was set to digging into claims for exemption from the three percent tax on gasoline. Many of the claims have been proven, by these workers, to be without merit, and already \$25,000 is being salvaged. It is expected that the work will salvage another \$25,000 before it is finished.

Evening News Peterson, N.J. Apr. 18, 1936

Sentinel Fort Lee, N.J. Mar. 13, 1936

Palisadian Fort Lee, N.J. Apr. 17, 1936

Evening Times Bayonne, N.J. Apr. 18, 1936

Hudson Dispatch Union City, N.J. Apr. 24, 1936

# Our Faith Today the Same As Yesterday

## Declaration of Independence—1776

"WE HOLD these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

## Lincoln's Gettysburg Address—1863

"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new Nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. . . . It is for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause to which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that those dead shall not have died in vain—that this Nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

## Roosevelt's Inaugural Address—1932

"This great Nation will endure as it has endured, will revive and will prosper. . . . We face the arduous days that lie before us in the warm courage of national unity; with the clear consciousness of seeking old and precious moral values; with the clean satisfaction that comes from the stern performance of duty by young and old alike. We aim at the assurance of a rounded and permanent national life. . . . In this dedication of a Nation we humbly ask the blessing of God. May He protect each and every one of us. May He guide me in the days to come."

## President Roosevelt—1936

"You believe, as I believe, that something which needs to be done, can be done. And how significantly American it is to believe that. The vigor of our history comes largely from the fact that as a comparatively young Nation we have gone fearlessly ahead doing things that were never done before. . . . It is part of the spirit of America to believe that now, in our day, we can do equally well in getting things done. . . . There cannot be too many Americans thinking about the future of America."

Established as a section of the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935 "to provide relief, work relief and to increase employment by providing for useful projects."

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"ONLY THROUGH A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING BY EVERY CITIZEN OF THE OBJECTIVE, ORGANIZATION, AND AVAILABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES CAN THEY RENDER TRULY EFFECTIVE SERVICE AND ASSURE PROGRESS TOWARD ECONOMIC SECURITY."

—FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

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## LENDING A HELPING HAND



## LABOR'S OUTLOOK BEST IN 5 YEARS

*Employment Conditions Improve—75 Per Cent of Unions' Members at Work Compared With 25 Per Cent a Year Ago.*

Labor's outlook in the construction field this season is the best in more than five years, according to James J. Miller, chairman of the Building Trades Council, which embraces seventeen locals of the various crafts with members in all sections of Union County except Plainfield, Fanwood and Summit.

Employment conditions already have shown great improvement since the first of the year with an estimated 75 per cent of the union organizations' members at work. This is the best it has been in five years. A year ago it was estimated that only 25 per cent of the members were employed.

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# WPA WORKERS PRODUCE QUALITY AS WELL AS QUANTITY WORK

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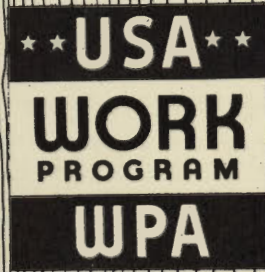
### Jersey Official's Records Being Corrected by New Deal

Special to the Herald Tribune

MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., April 24.

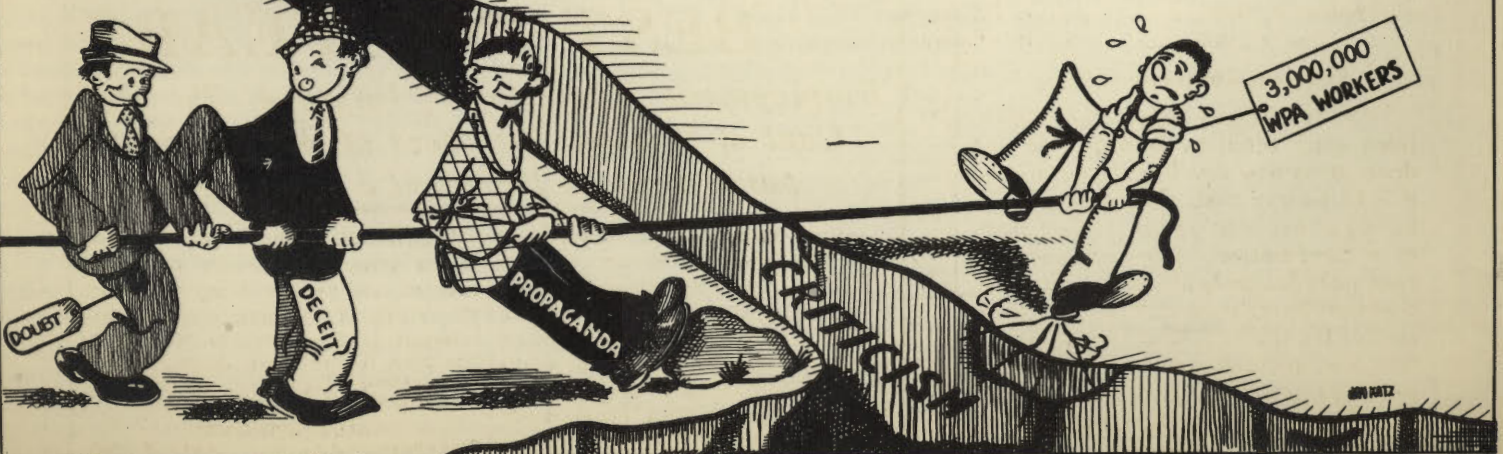
—A Works Progress Administration project for the re-indexing of all property conveyances in Burlington County since 1765 won the commendation here today of L. C. Mingin, Republican County Clerk. Each of the twenty-six men and forty women engaged on the project—correcting title record lists said to be more than 60 per cent incorrect—"has a clear understanding of his duties and is conscious of the responsibility and the importance of accuracy in every detail," Mr. Mingin said.

"The work is progressing smoothly," he wrote to Miss Marion E. Paterson, supervisor, "with a well balanced organization. They are producing not only the finest quality of work, but quantity that, in my opinion, stands next to none."



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# Co-ordinating Activities of the National Emergency Council

By

CHARLES EDISON, THE STATE DIRECTOR FOR NEW JERSEY

The National Emergency Council functions (so to speak) inside a horn. The big end, flung out in the field, picks up the problems of 60-odd Federal agencies. The little end, planted on the President's desk, pours these out solved—except for the finishing touch.

## The Heart of Trouble

Thus, the Chief Executive tackles the kernel of his problem. Irrelevancies have been shucked away.

The NEC is the refining machinery inside the horn. Watch it work.

The WPA proposes draining (say) an airport site. That requires ditching.

The PWA may be carrying on a flood control project. One of its problems is to see that outlying waters are not run into the rivers so rapidly that, at flood time, the banks and dykes will not hold the stream. So PWA looks askance WPA's drainage plans.

The Soil Conservation Service is out to stay wind and water from carrying away top soil. Consequently it turns a weather eye to all ditching which may hasten soil erosion.

There is conflict. The PWA fears drainage that may swell streams too rapidly. The Soil Conservation Service fears ditching that may provoke soil erosion.

Now each of these agencies is pretty sure. Each has its charter from the President. In the natural scheme of things each would run to Washington asking: "What shall we do?"

## NEC at the Round Table

Now this is where NEC picks up problems at the big end of the field-to-Washington trouble horn.

Representatives of these agencies are called in. In conference, with experts sitting, it may be discovered that soil erosion would be hastened in only a small section in which ditching is planned for drainage, and that water may be piped underground through that section.

Engineers may determine that swamp lands can be drained into a reservoir that will let water out into the river at an even, delayed flow: that immediate drainage into the stream is not necessary.

There may be alternative methods of solving these problems. If so, a preferred plan and alternates are submitted to the President, a clear statement of cost and time required, attached.

The President chooses among these. They are the problems solved, except for the finishing touch, that reach his desk through the little end of the horn in which NEC functions.

## NEC on the Bench

But the NEC is more than that. It also determines, when a question arises, which agency is the logical one to tackle a given project.

Say it is Soil erosion again. Where the work is coastal it is within the province of the National Resources Board. Where it is not, it is apt to be the work of the Soil Conservation Service.

But suppose the work site is miles from the seaboard, though its ultimate aim is to prevent coastal soil erosion. Whose job is it? An intending sponsor may have had the project turned down by both agencies, each protesting lack of jurisdiction.

The NEC—again in conference and with the aid of experts—decides whose job it is. Otherwise Washington would have to hear a dispute between sponsor and Federal agency this time; not between agencies.

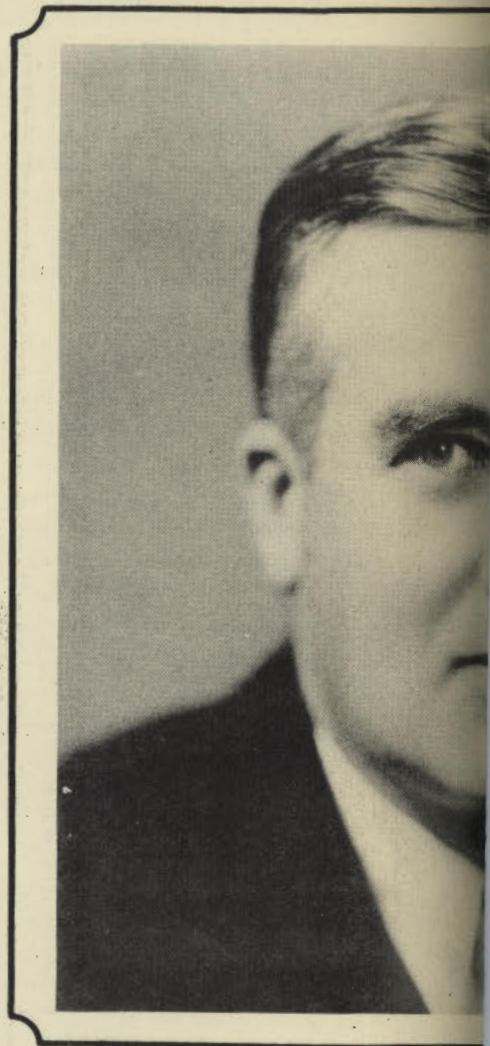
Since it is the co-ordinator general of these agencies, the NEC is charged also with reporting their combined stewardship to the President.

Newark remembers how such a report was carried before the President's eyes (and the public's) last January 18th, at the Robert Treat Hotel.

Now here are some of the specifications President Roosevelt laid down Feb. 2, 1934, when he outlined the policy NEC was to follow before the State Directors assembled at the White House:

"We have felt, as you know, for a long time that it was necessary to tie in, in some way, the entire program which, in its many ramifications, we have been undertaking from time to time. We feel also that this work of disseminating information and preventing the crossing of wires, had to be done through decentralization. . . You are the great decentralizers for the Federal Government and, in a

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sense, also, you are the co-ordinators between the Federal Government, the State and the local Governments. . .

## Major Menace

"One of the most difficult tasks that I know anything about is to get around and avoid the results of certain perfectly normal and natural human impulses—impulses based on selfishness and which take certain forms well known to most of us, either the purely personal form of trying to get special authority or special credit for individual applause or aggrandizement. Another thing we run into is the idea, the thought on the part of some people, of trying to make political capital out of relief work, out of the building up of what is in many ways a new theory of the relationship not only of government to citizen but also the relationship between employer and em-

ployee—the problem of human needs.

"Where we have seen these past months about ninety per cent falling down has frankly, by individual either personal or of something that either of those far any shape, manner

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the United States on the head, in carrying out this general program."

**New Jersey Leads**

This constituted a pretty large order. And there were other specifications as exacting as these.

Still, New Jersey acquitted itself well according to the President's own verdict when he heard this State's report last January. He said:

"I am very proud of New Jersey. You have been one of the first States in the Union to carry through the coordination, the tying together of all of our Government activities. You pointed a lesson that is being followed out in every other State in the Union, with the objective within a very short time of having an excellent organization similar to this one operating in all the other States."

**Spanish Tunnel to Africa Planned as Relief Project**

The President, of course, spoke only of the ambitions of other States to assemble a smooth-running work relief machinery. But the idea is contagious at greater distance than that which separates States. The Associated Press reports a new Spain, rediscovering a new America.

MADRID, May 8, 1936.—Renewed interest in the Gibraltar tunnel project has brought announcement by the new Azana government that it would push completion of the long-fostered plan.

Recently revised plans for the proposed land-link between Spain and Africa call for the construction, at an estimated cost of 350,000,000 pesetas (about \$50,000,000) of twin tubes nearly 22 miles long extending under the Strait of Gibraltar from the southernmost tip of the Iberian peninsula diagonally to the Moroccan coast.

The project, originally conceived more than a dozen years ago by Colonel Pedro Jevenois of the Spanish army engineers, found much encouragement from King Alfonso XIII.

**A Relief Project**

The subsequent downfall of the monarchy and successive changes of government under the republic, however, shuffled the project to the background.

Minister of Public Works Santiago Casares Quiroga has included development of the tunnel project on his extensive public works program for the relief of unemployment. He has announced

he will ask Congress to appropriate funds.

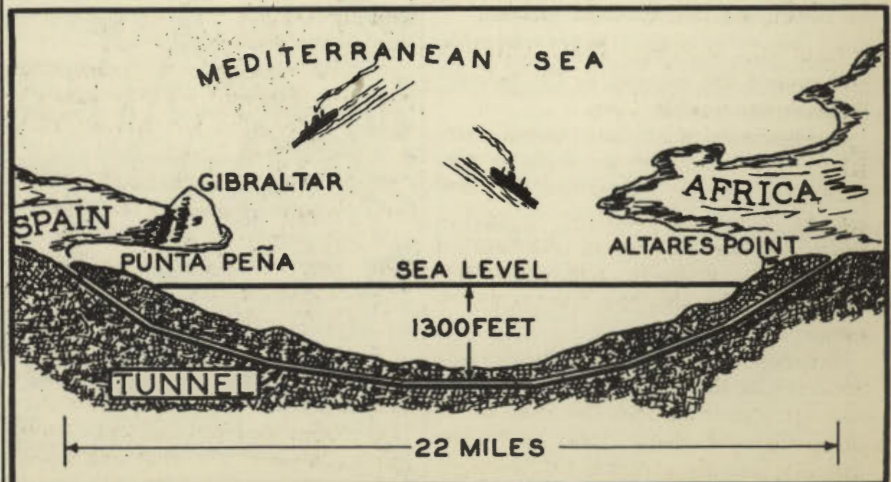
Preliminary geological work has been completed by the National Institute of Oceanography and test wells 1,300 feet deep at the projected terminal points of Torre de la Pena on the Spanish side of the strait and at Punta Altares, northeast of Tangiers, have convinced engineers conditions for excavation are "ideal."

**Natural Rock Roof**

Jevenois, continuing as director of the preliminary work, believes the 300-foot thickness of rock between strait bottom and tunnel ceiling will give a safe margin of protection.

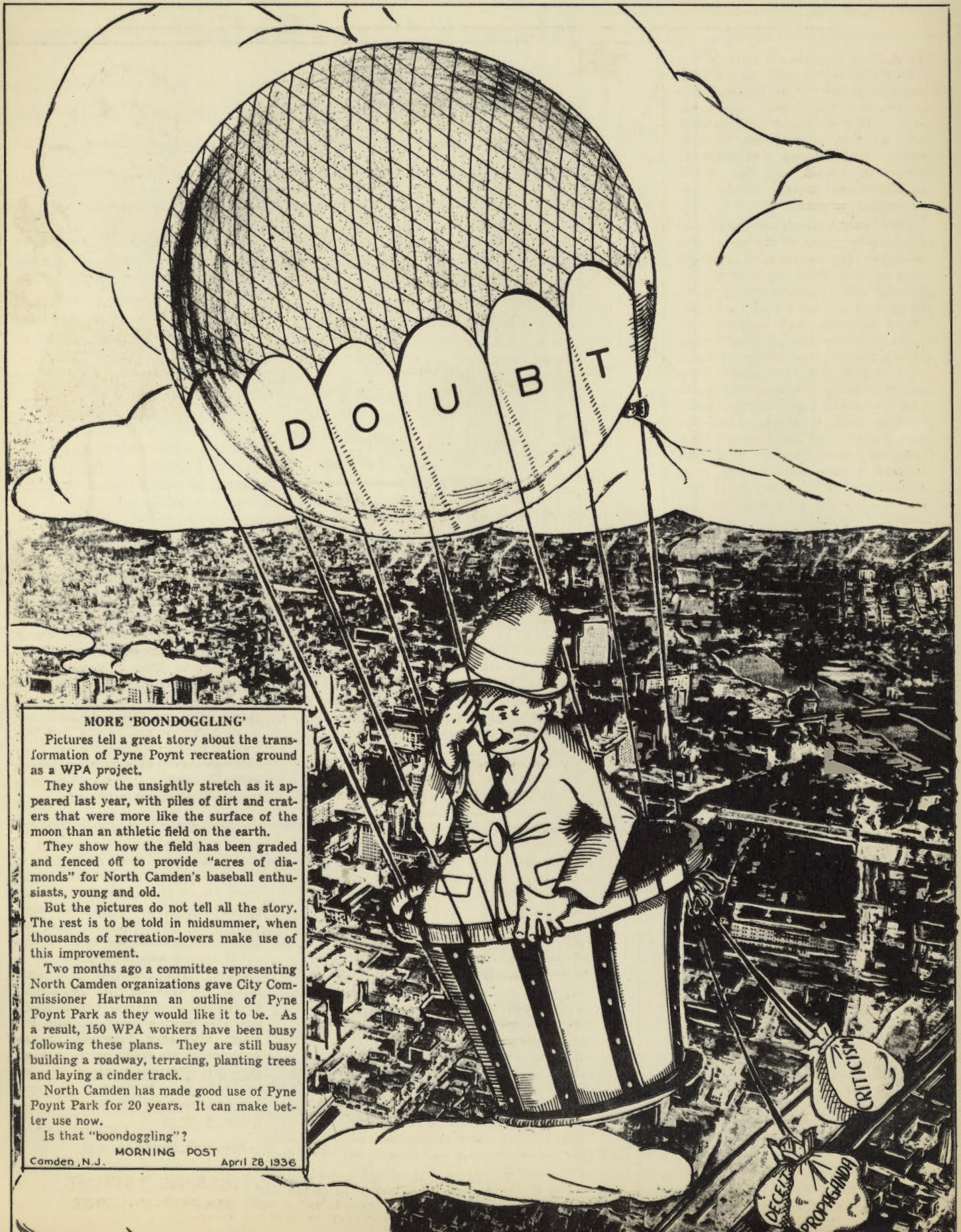
As projected, the tunnel will have but a two per cent grade from the Spanish terminal to the lowest level and the grade from that point to the Moroccan terminal will be one of 3.58 per cent.

There will be two rail tubes and a service tube. Vehicular traffic would be loaded on specially constructed flat-cars with electric locomotion, thus avoiding fouling of air by exhaust fumes. No artificial ventilation is contemplated under present plans but they allow for installation of a ventilation system should it prove necessary.



The route of Spain's projected under water tunnel to Africa, which would begin at the Iberian peninsula and extend to Altares Point, near Tangiers, in Spanish Morocco, is pictured above.

# WPA ACCOMPLISHMENTS LOOM OUT OF A CLOUD OF DOUBT



### MORE 'BOONDOGLING'

Pictures tell a great story about the transformation of Pyne Poynt recreation ground as a WPA project.

They show the unsightly stretch as it appeared last year, with piles of dirt and craters that were more like the surface of the moon than an athletic field on the earth.

They show how the field has been graded and fenced off to provide "acres of diamonds" for North Camden's baseball enthusiasts, young and old.

But the pictures do not tell all the story. The rest is to be told in midsummer, when thousands of recreation-lovers make use of this improvement.

Two months ago a committee representing North Camden organizations gave City Commissioner Hartmann an outline of Pyne Poynt Park as they would like it to be. As a result, 150 WPA workers have been busy following these plans. They are still busy building a roadway, terracing, planting trees and laying a cinder track.

North Camden has made good use of Pyne Poynt Park for 20 years. It can make better use now.

Is that "boondoggling"?

MORNING POST

Camden, N.J. April 28, 1936

## W.P.A. IS RECOGNIZED AS RESERVOIR OF SKILLED WORKERS

To the New York Herald Tribune:

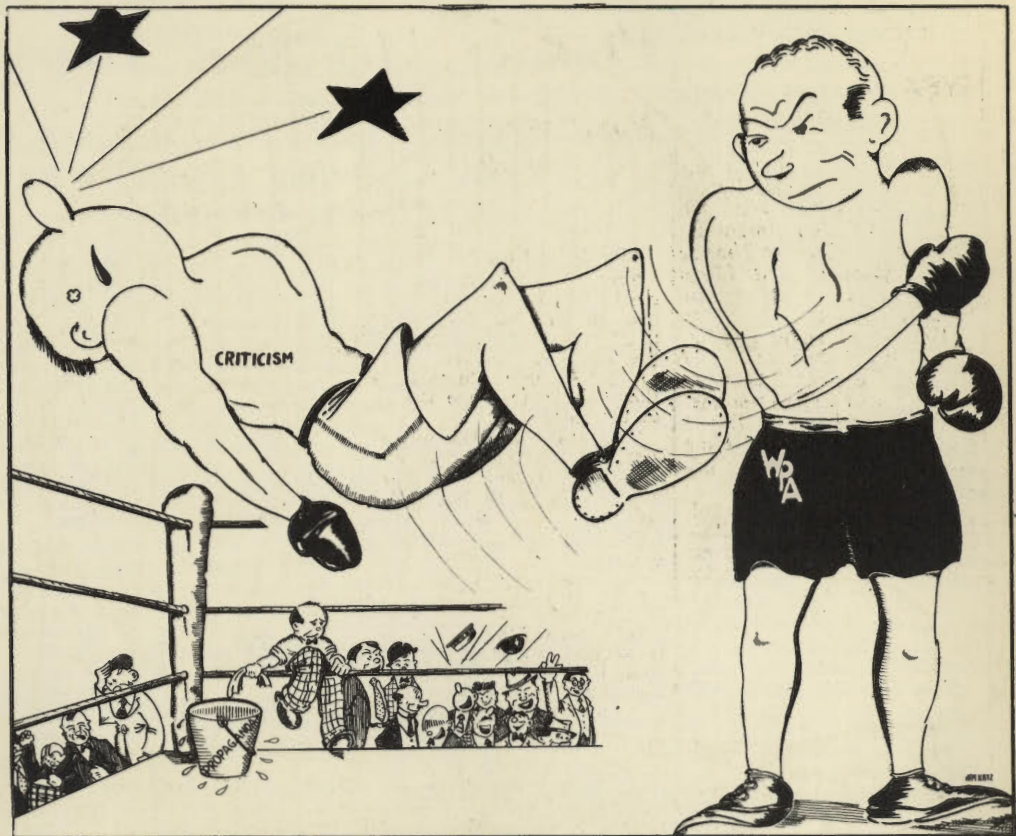
In the mass of conflicting publicity concerning the Works Progress Administration the average citizen has seldom, if ever, found time to consider a group which seems to have been caught between two powerful factors of opinion, and that is the administrative section of the local work-relief program.

They come in for all the opprobrium supplied by critics of the works program, yet they can claim no credit for their service. Their job is never ending, the work of checking the progress of projects, accounting of funds, ordering materials and supplies and, above all, seeing that pay checks reach the 200,000-odd dependent relief workers promptly each week, all the mass of detail connected with running a huge undertaking goes on relentlessly. Most of them have been doing this work for two and three years. They have seen administrators come and go, with a consequent shift of their routine and responsibility from Federal to state, to city, and back to Federal supervision.

It must be remembered that the bulk of these employees were assigned strictly on the basis of qualifications as engineers, accountants, clerks, and so forth. That was two and a half years ago, when the old civil works program got under way, and no other requirements, such as financial need, were necessary. In other words, they were employed to do a certain job and they have for the most part been able to continue in their respective capacities for which their previous training fitted them.

There are several thousand of them, men and women, in the administrative section. Most of them are located in the modern building of the Port of New York Authority at 111 Eighth Avenue, where several floors originally intended for warehouse space have been converted into offices. Many of them have filled good positions in private employment as managers, department heads, certified public accountants and technicians. Others, mostly young men, are receiving their first real training. All of them agree, quite naturally, on one point: they want to return to private employment.

In their frequent efforts to do so, they report, however, that their applications are greatly handicapped, if not entirely invalidated, by the fact that they have been employed by the Works Progress and its predecessor administrations. In other words, they have run up against a prejudice in the minds of private employers, born,



no doubt, of the same frequent criticism leveled at relief work in general and which they cannot hope will make a distinction for the administrative forces.

They feel, however, very definitely that their present experience has been very valuable and a training which should be of the greatest interest to their future employers. They can point out their duties in connection with setting in motion and administering such an unprecedented large-scale enterprise taxed and developed their judgment and their initiative to the utmost. They themselves were called upon to lay down precedent and procedure. They had to organize from the bottom up. They had to turn out huge quantities of routine work. They had no hours—evenings, sometimes all night, Sundays and holidays found them at their posts.

They recall when they had little more than one typewriter and a few rickety tables for equipment. They kept their organizations on a mobile footing, to make frequent and rapid adjustments when a sudden change in regulations occurred. They wove a network of co-operation and liaison among a dozen scattered departments. They learned to face and dispose of sudden emergencies, and in general assume responsibilities of the highest nature.

These men and women believe in the future and have the self-respect of people who know they have done a good job. They feel there is a place for them in private industry, and they want to bring their service record with the Works Progress Administration as one of the best references they have, not conceal it as a handicap. It is a problem bigger, perhaps, than the ones they have faced and mastered in the past.

Undoubtedly they will master this one. They are only a bit puzzled as to the method. They would like to tell the public—from whose ranks their future employers must come—about themselves. More than that they would like to hear from the public, from business and professional leaders and responsible thinking men. They feel that their problem is not local—all over the country thousands of sincere, conscientious and able persons connected with the many emergency functions of the government are faced by it. Shrewd managers of private industry could do no better than to draw on this vast training reservoir of skilled professional workers.

NEW YORKER.

New York, March 23, 1936.

HERALD TRIBUNE  
MARCH 26, 1936

# W.P.A. MEETS A VARIETY OF NEEDS

## Jersey's State Prison Inmates Produce Art and Literature

### Many Magazine Contributions Originate Within Walls, Kimberling Reveals; WPA Finances Instruction

By RUSSELL M. STODDARD

Trenton, April 12.—Some of the most graphic literary work being done in America today is originating in the State Prison here. Many of the pungent cartoons and some of the advertising illustrations in national magazines are the handiwork of prisoners.

This was revealed today by Col. Mark O. Kimberling, principal keeper, in commenting on a new program of fine arts instruction in the prison, inaugurated by Dr L. M. Yepsen, director of education in all state institutions.

"Portrait of a Lifer", which appeared in last month's American

Stone in human, sympathetic and true light and with exceptional skill, will be presented to Col. Clifford R. Powell, Col. Stone's successor as commander of the 114th Infantry, Armory with other portraits of former commanding officers.

John A. Reynolds, of Trenton, is in charge of the various courses, and heads a faculty of college graduates who are required to have the same qualifications as instructed in public schools. Reynolds is a graduate of Temple University.

#### 150 Attend Classes

Under his direction now are 150 inmates of the prison who attend classes. The classes are held from and from 1 to 3

## Furniture Repair Shop Interesting

### William Porter Directs Work At Poplar Avenue School Here

Among the many recreational and occupational projects which the Works Progress Administration is conducting here in Maple Shade, about the most novel and unique of them all is the "Old Furniture Repair Shop" which Mr. William Potter is conducting in the Poplar Avenue School. Here, old and broken pieces of furniture which might otherwise be discarded, are restored to their original newness and usefulness with an Aladdin-like touch which is truly remarkable.

The "shop" is open every day except Saturday and any employee of ERA or WPA may take his broken and worn out furniture here and have it repaired at only the cost of materials used. The service is not open to the general public because it is not thought fair or advisable to subject legitimate business to such competition.

The "shop," like the many other projects which WPA is fostering here in Maple Shade, is under the direction of Mrs. Ethel Burr Dudley of Moorestown, supervisor of the Recreational Division.

## WPA Workers Search Indian Relics.

The Works Progress Administration's Archaeological Survey gained momentum last week received the endorsement of the Geological Society of New Jersey gained pledges that fifteen largest archaeological collections in the State will be lent to WPA workers.

The project, sponsored by the Jersey State Museum, Trenton, aided by the State Conservation Department, is to locate and map Indian sites on which excavation of earth evidence of history is recorded.

Colonel Leigh M. Pearsall, field, president of the State predicted valuable achievements by members of his organization working with the WPA. He said, however, that it had contributed to archaeological discovery, a vast field of unearthed relics. Miss Dorothy Cross, Supervisor of the project, said work would begin in Mercer County and proceed in Burlington, then in Gloucester County.

Archaeological specialists, at the meeting at the home of Lancelot Ely, member of the city's executive board, called attention to recent excavation of Indian pottery by CCC workers.

## HER STUDIED ASSIST FARMERS

### Experts Seek Method Determining Seasons Before Planting

gton (UP).—Farmers may have forecasts of what the weather will be for their crops' growth before the seeds even germinate, W. R. Gregg, chief of the Weather Bureau, revealed today under a Works Progress Administration grant of \$17,000, the bureau are making the comprehensive American study. It is possible to foretell weather will be months in advance, Meteorologists until now have been skeptical of the value of long-range forecasting. A study of the monsoon season in the East by a study of the weather in Australia six months ago converted weather experts into a study, which is under the direction of R. H. Weightman, chief of the Washington division, undertaken in an attempt to determine whether weather conditions in other sections of the world may be used to help determine the weather in this country.

## HEALTH SERVICE PART OF FEDERAL WORK RELIEF

### State Nursing Project Continued Under WPA

What has been gained in health service to public schools throughout the State through federal work relief projects has been recently published by Miss Lulu P. Dilworth, assistant in health education, New Jersey State Department of Public Instruction, in a report of the State-wide school nursing project begun under the CWA, maintained through the ERA and now continued under the WPA.

The report covers the period from January, 1934, to November 14, 1935, and reveals that sixty-three nurses and two stenographers were given employment in school nursing during this time. The success of the project, in terms of actual service given to the schools, is described in the report.

## FISH, HERE IS YOUR NEW HOME

### First Load of Junk Dumped on Fishing Grounds

The first bargeload of junk to be dumped into the Atlantic Ocean nine miles northeast of this city as foundation for a new fishing bank was towed to sea yesterday.

It contained a variety of old auto parts and other iron fixtures which, according to experts, will form a perfect fishing grounds after the debris starts to gather marine growth and the fish are lured to the spot for feeding and spawning.

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the project with the aid of the Department of Public Works and WPA, which is supplying the labor. It is expected that 20 loads will be lowered to the ocean's bottom. The fishing bank, when completed, will range along an area four-miles long and one mile wide.

# THUMB PRINTS

## WILLIAM J. BURKE, District 1

Born and educated in Lyndhurst, New Jersey. He has been interested exclusively in the construction business, having built over eight hundred houses, several churches, apartment houses and golf clubs, together with general road and sewer construction. He served his apprenticeship as a carpenter in the employ of his father, who was in the construction business for twenty-five years. He has been a large developer of real estate, holds a New Jersey realtor's license, and is a Certified Appraiser for the FHA, banks, B. and L. associations, and the State. He also has a wide experience as an adjuster of fire losses. Life member of the Elks, member of the Yountakah Country Club of Nutley, N. J. Appointed District Director July 3, 1935.



William J. Burke

## THOMAS E. LYNCH, District 2

Born in Jersey City. Educated in Jersey City P. S. 12, St. Peter's High School, Clason Point, Georgetown University and graduated from Georgetown University Law School, 1932. Was appointed Deputy Administrator to the New Jersey Industrial Recovery Administration and served in that capacity from February, 1934, to February, 1935. Served as executive in the Compliance Division of the National Recovery Administration under Charles A. Edison from February, 1935, to July, 1935. Personnel Officer in District 2 of the WPA from July, 1935, until January 15, 1936. Supervisor of Employment from January 15 to January 31. Member of the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity. Appointed District Director February 1, 1936.



Thomas E. Lynch

## FRANK E. WALSH, District 3

Born and educated in Newark. While at high school he served as manager of the baseball and football teams for more than two years. After finishing school he went into business with his father after whose death he started a business of his own, later going into the insurance business. In 1931 and 1932 he was secretary to Lawrence M. Hicks of the State Highway Commission.



Frank E. Walsh

He held this position until December 15, 1935, at which time he took over the directorship, succeeding Acting Director Henry Lewis, present Deputy to Mr. Walsh. He completed a term as Exalted Ruler of Newark Lodge No. 21, B. P. O. E., last month and has since been elected as a State delegate of the organization. Appointed December 16, 1935.

## J. H. WEITZEN, District 4

Born in New York City. Educated there and in Perth Amboy. On completing his training he served local industries in various administrative capacities for eight years. Enlisted for service in the World War on August 8, 1917. He was discharged in March, 1919, with the rank of First Lieutenant. Organized Superior Garage Company, Perth Amboy, in 1919, and is now president of the corporation.

He was purchasing agent for Middlesex County CWA. He is Past Exalted Ruler of the Perth Amboy Lodge of Elks and is a member of the State Elks' Committee for Crippled Children. He lives in Perth Amboy with his wife and two children. Appointed District Director July 3, 1935.



J. H. Weitzen

## JOSEPH H. GEHRING, District 5

Born in Philadelphia. Graduated from Rutgers in 1924 with degree of B.S. and received his C.E. degree in 1927. After leaving college he was connected with the engineering department of the Central Railroad of N. J. as Resident Engineer of various construction projects in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Leaving the Central Railroad, he opened an office for General Engineering



Joseph H. Gehring

and Surveying in the City of New Brunswick and was Township Engineer for Piscataway Township. In charge of the Engineering Department in Middlesex County under CWA. Regional Engineer for Monmouth County under ERA. Later transferred to State Headquarters in charge of preparation of projects for submission to State Emergency Relief Council. Holds New Jersey license for Railroad, Municipal and Construction Engineering and Land Surveying. Appointed WPA District Director July 16, 1935.

## J. FRANCIS MORONEY, District 6

Born in Phillipsburg, December 29, 1905, and received his early education there. He went to Villanova College, graduating in 1925, and then to Georgetown Law, from which he received his LL.B. in 1929. He became associated with Smith and Smith, Law Offices, in 1929 and remained there as clerk until 1931 when he passed the bar. He remained with the Smith and Smith office as practicing lawyer until he was appointed District Director January 16, 1936. He now resides at 239 Irwin, Phillipsburg.



J. Francis Moroney

## M. WILLIAM MURPHY, District 7

Born in Trenton and received early education there. At State Model School he was a four letter man in athletics. Graduated in 1903 and then attended Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Mr. Murphy is active in the civic life of his city and in its business and banking affairs. Director of the Trenton Trust Company and of the United Building and Loan Association.

As a member of the Mayor's Citizens' Committee he was in charge of physical welfare work. During the war he had charge of the Knights of Columbus activities at Camp Dix. He is a member of the Advertising Club of New York, of the Moose, Elks, Eagles, Red Men, K. of C. and A. O. H. He lives with his wife and three children at 149 North Warren Street, Trenton. Appointed WPA District Director July 16, 1935.



M. William Murphy

## HENRY D. YOUNG, District 8

Born at Salem, New Jersey. Graduated from Salem High School and Pierce Business College, Philadelphia. Has been engaged in the Real Estate and Insurance business in Salem for 12 years and is responsible for a number of apartment house and residential section developments in Salem. He is a former Salem County Jury Commissioner and a former appraiser for the Home Owners' Loan Corporation. He is president of the Salem Exchange Club and former secretary of the New Jersey Affiliated Exchange Clubs. Mr. Young is married and has three children. Appointed April 1, 1936.



Henry D. Young

## GEORGE R. SWINTON, District 9

Educated in Public Schools of Atlantic City and graduated from Lehigh University in 1922 with degree of Civil Engineer. Had thirteen years of office design and field supervision of structural steel and reinforced concrete bridges and buildings. For the past eight years maintained private office of consulting engineer in Atlantic City, specializing in the construction of buildings, ocean piers, wharves, docks and difficult foundations and underpinning. Structural engineer for the new terminal of the Penn-Reading Seashore Lines here, and for the new Federal Post-office; constructing structural engineer on the Knowlton Bridge, Portland, Pa. Appointed WPA District Director September 1, 1935.



George Robt. Swinton

## W.P.A. HELPS HANDICAPPED



TYPE OF ARTICLES MADE BY SHUT-INS

## WPA Shut-in Visitors Teach Handicrafts

Bring Smiles, Happiness  
to Stay at Homes  
Through Work

BY EDNA A. W. TEALL

Old Aunt Arretta had been kept to her plain little home for years. Unable to move, she sometimes wrote verses, prayerfully—it seemed to help the days along.

One she found particularly helpful was, "Lord, teach me how to smile," with a stanza which ran— "Highways of life, they say will turn, Then teach me Lord, to work and earn,

And in the meantime let me learn  
To live, to pray and smile."

Sometimes her colored friends came to visit her, but the days were long. Then the visitor came.

"My prayer in verse is answered," said she, for the days were changed. First there were quilt pieces to sew together for patchwork, and when the quilt was finished it was sold. Money actually earned by Arretta!

Later there was an artificial leg and gradually she became able to move about after years of confinement.

But Aunt Arretta wasn't the only one who had a visitor; there was 20-year-old Dick who had been prone in bed for months, unable to use hands or arms. After the first visit, which featured a chat about making colorful tally cards of cancelled

stamps, life took a new turn.

The next week when the visitor came, he was making an effort to sit up. Four weeks later he could use his hands enough to work at the cards and was beginning to develop some movement of his arms.

### Two Women Responsible.

The changes in these lives were brought about as the result of the work of two elderly women, employees of the Recreation Division of WPA, conducted by Mrs. Lucie E. Sill in the Oranges and Miss Julia F. Bredt in Newark. They teach arts and crafts to persons suffering from arthritis, cardiac conditions, incurable diseases, paralysis, and to aged and crippled persons. Much careful planning has been necessary, the teachers say, but the results have been helpful and profitable to shut-ins in providing them with something to fill their days and give them a feeling they can earn.

Donations of crepe paper, old Christmas cards, rags, string, wool, rope and cancelled stamps are wanted. In Newark they will be received at the Recreation Division office, Fifth Precinct Police Station. For the Oranges they should be sent to Miss Frances H. Haire, East Orange Recreation Council for Shut-ins, East Orange, City Hall.

Many appealing stories are heard in the work. One is of a girl of 18, a shut-in, who received \$7 as a gift. Instead of using it herself, she bought materials and gave them to the WPA teacher who came to her home for

Donations of Crepe Paper,  
Christmas Cards, String,  
Etc., Sought

supplies for others.

### Happy in Last Days.

Many of the persons taught have only a few weeks to live and it means that those last days are the only ones in their lives on which they have had the happy, satisfied feeling they could help themselves.

The visitors teach knitting, crocheting, making afghans, bed spreads, baby clothes, weaving rugs and mats from rags and rope fiber and the making of other articles from which the patient can often realize a small profit when they are sold through special clearance bureaus. Much of the money is used for purchase of more material.

Many of the articles are most ingenious as to fundamentals. Good looking, usable sewing baskets are turned out of corrugated paper and Christmas cards; snappy pups, also

of corrugated paper, are good amusement for small folk. Even the few minutes a day some of the weaker ones are able to work give them benefit from the activity both in moral and in physical well-being.

## More Than 5000 at Pageant View WPA Results in Giving Jobs and Spreading Cheer

The S.R.O. sign hung in front of Convention Hall last night.

It was "standing room only" long before the show began, one of the most popular ever staged in Camden.

By the thousands, men, women and children from all parts of the city, from the suburbs and from nearby counties swarmed into the civic auditorium which has housed many notable assemblages.

There was something of tremendous appeal in the idea of a WPA Pageant in which those who have been given employment developing their talents as well as their usefulness to society could show how hopefully and enthusiastically they have responded to the opportunity.

"If this be boondoggling, let's have more of it."



**WHAT THE WELL-DRESSED  
YOUNG MAN WILL WEAR**

An audience of at least 5000 left no doubt that such was their sentiment. Enthusiasm, on the stage and off the stage, was contagious.

The word pageant scarcely describes it. To call it a musical and theatrical entertainment is inadequate. It was, in a sense, an exhibit of what is going on in developing theatrical, musical, recreational, art, and women's projects under WPA, and yet it was more than that.

Perhaps the underlying significance of it all was best brought out in connection with the fashion show feature.

### WPA Sewing Modeled

Across the stage, to the plaudits of the vast audience, walked from wing to wing 156 women and girls and 30 children "modeling" wearing apparel designed and made in nearly 50 WPA sewing rooms in the Camden district, which includes Camden, Gloucester and Salem counties.

The sewing rooms turn out garments to be distributed among the needy, and were they attractive, whether worn by slims or stouts? The audience said they were; and applauded when the three field supervisors of this work were introduced by Walter Stanton, who was master of ceremonies. They are: Mrs. Anna Easter, Mrs. Alice Bishop and Rafaelae Camilli.

And Mrs. Mabel A. Tiffany, state supervisor of sewing rooms, was there to tell what it all meant—work for those who needed work translated into clothing for those who needed clothing.

That didn't seem like boondoggling to the audience.

And there was something amazing in the sight of so many women, girls and children exhibiting these garments without any apparent trace of self-consciousness, perfectly at ease with the eyes of thousands focused on them. Most of them had helped make the clothes themselves. They showed the self-confidence and pride of creators.

### Many Features

But that was only one feature. If the pageant had any fault it was that of offering too much to grasp at once.

The musical unit, under the direction of Joseph Fuhrman, the theatrical unit under the direction of Harry Horne, the recreational unit, directed by James Hagans, the art unit, headed by Mrs. Esther Inglesby each had something to reveal to a public that lives "not on bread alone."

To unify the kaleidoscopic display of the work of those engaged in all these projects was the task of Mrs. Margaret A. Kerney, director of women's and professional projects for the Camden district. She was assisted by Mrs. Leona Kramer and Mrs. Astella Lewis, supervisors.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Denny Vann, state director of the division of women's and profession projects, came from Newark for the pageant and paid tribute to the accomplishments of Mrs. Kerney and her aides.

And City Commissioner George E. Brunner was on hand with words of congratulation to all taking part.

Let's not forget the part of the 46 children from the Pyne Poynt recreational centre who sang and danced their ways into the hearts of the audience under the direction of Mrs. Josephine Adams. Tots from 4 to 9. Not regimented, but trained to be free in expression and



**COSTUMES OF CAMDEN  
CITIZENS, OLD AND NEW**

act naturally.

But to mention any one group as outstanding is to be unjust to others equally worthy. There was glory enough for all, for those who trained the participants and those who took the limelight.

The revue put on by the Negro theatrical unit was a "wow" in the theatrical parlance. If the audience did not roll in the aisles it was because there was no room for rolling. Tops in the revue was a comedy dance by Rodgers and Ingram.

### Stage Vets Appear

In the main theatrical show the audience heaped plaudits on Tom and Gertie Grimes, probably the oldest vaudeville team in existence. Veterans of the Keith, Proctor and Orpheum circuits, on which they played from 1888 until 1910, at 75 each, they came from retirement on their Sicklerville farm to give the boys and girls of today a treat, and they did.

The singing of Anita Crosby in this portion of the entertainment was another hit of the show.

Tap dancers and a series of fashion tableaux by the Gloucester recreational project pupils under direction of Mrs. Jennie Marshall, were the opening feature to start the ball rolling. And it kept rolling for more than three hours, with dancing to follow until 1 a. m.

A graduation party was a highlight of the main fashion show.

"No school girl need have a heartache because her parents cannot afford an appropriate frock for graduation," Mrs. Tiffany explained. All these gowns were made in the sewing rooms for distribution to just such needy ones.

On the walls in the rear and on the sides of the hall were displayed work of the art unit.

It included a group of kindergarten murals to be installed in 14 schoolrooms, paintings that would be costly to the board of education if it were necessary to purchase them.

Two large murals on display are intended for the H. H. Davis School of Camden. One depicts Camden as an industrial city centering around the cogwheel of education. Its companion piece shows some historical features of early Camden superimposed on a layout of the original city.

There were booths showing work of women in arts and crafts.

Gloucester City had a rag rug exhibit, including one 9 feet by 12 made by Mrs. Florence Thomas, 69, and a hand-plaited one by Mrs. Florence Kelly, 74. Mrs. Olive Bach is supervisor of this work.

In all, about 1000 persons took part in last night's pageant, and there was only one rehearsal, despite which the program was carried through with remarkable smoothness.

The WPA band was conducted by William Townsend, formerly affiliated in band work with the Camden County schools. The WPA orchestra, also in the musical project directed by Fuhrman, also played.

# W.P.A. ADULT EDUCATION TO SUIT MODERN NEEDS

## WPA to Conduct Dramatics Course At Evening School

Members of the public class conducted at Wilson of Lodi every evening, under WPA Adult Education will study dramatics. A one-act plays will be rehearsed which elocution, posture and will be stressed.

The class had completed of debate on compulsory insurance under a State age presented with the affirmative held by James Russett and Anna Criscuolo and the negative by Jerome Anzalone and Joseph Posito. Mrs. Bessie Brown, chairman. Decision was the affirmative.

Adults may attend evening school and 9 o'clock.



To the pupils and Teachers of the United States  
*Franklin Roosevelt*

## Adult Education Classes Begin Next Week

Evening Adult Education classes conducted under the WPA, in some Nursing and Literacy (organization) are ready to begin every evening at 7:00 o'clock. It has been received that the enrollment for these classes have been

as soon as the men teachers are ready, which may be any day, the first class also will be ready

Classes will be open from 7:00 every evening in the White Horse School. Any one who

any of the classes may be as many evenings as this is an opportunity

you already know, something new, and any will take advantage of it.

WPA is conducting a series of free lectures on music appreciation under the

adult education project. The lectures will be held from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon.

Members of the adult education project will be invited to attend. The lectures will be conducted by the adult education project.

Two influences will be combined in the course. The first will be the study of music and the second will be the study of art.

Classes for the study of advanced German meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights at Mount Hebron School, and a class for beginners

## Carpenters and Household Servants Take Advantage of Adult Education Courses

Domestic servants who desire to become more proficient with the needle and carpenters who seek to increase their efficiency by understanding architectural drawings comprise two classes that have been formed under the direction of the Montclair Department of Adult Education, it was reported yesterday.

When courses in adult education were resumed last week after provision had been made to maintain the classes as a WPA project it developed that several women and girls employed as servants desired to devote their "afternoons off" to dressmaking. In accordance with their request, a class in dressmaking has been formed and will meet each

elementary English meet on the first five nights of each week at Glenfield School. At the same school on Americanization class meets on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights and there is also a dressmaking class meeting on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday nights.

Evening classes for adults have been started at Hillside School as follows: Americanization, Friday; dressmaking, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; Spanish, Thursday and Friday.

Classes for the study of advanced German meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights at Mount Hebron School, and a class for beginners

## 605 Students, 310 Over Quota, Enrolled in WPA Courses Here

**Ages Range from 16 to 56, with 92 Percent Unemployed, 25 Percent High School Graduates and 21 Nationalities Represented in Classes**

With an enrollment of 605 students, 310 over the original quota, the WPA General Adult Education Project at the Clara S. Burrough Junior High, Kaighn School and Y. M. C. A. is entering its ninth week of scholastic activity.

Dr. Leon N. Neulen, superintendent of schools, on visiting the project, stated that a well-organized and going concern was functioning, doing

important work among Camden's unemployed.

Statistics revealed that out of the enrollment 21 nationalities were represented, 92.3 percent unemployed. The age range was 16 to 56 years, 72 percent between 24 and 30. The educational range was from no schooling to college education, 25 percent being high school graduates.

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OPEN WPA ART SCHOOL IN CAPE MAY COUNTY  
CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE  
The first class in sponsored Cape May school opened Thursday. The school house began to be used for the purpose of the WPA project.

WPA to Teach Special to the HACKENSACK Boys and girls in Bergen County school state, will receive in automobile as includes studies in mechanics, motor vehicle, etc.

TO TEACH HOME NURSING IN WPA CLASSES AT SOMERVILLE, N.J.  
Union in home nursing each Friday night eight weeks, part of the Oral Group school. 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. safe.

ART MUSIC LECTURES TO BEGIN WEDNESDAY  
In a series of free lectures on music appreciation under the adult education project, the lectures will be held from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon. Members of the adult education project will be invited to attend. The lectures will be conducted by the adult education project.

Adult Public Speaking Class  
Classes will be started Monday for the one-act play. Evening class of the speaking class of the struggles of the incidents of success.

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# SPORTS BUILD STRONG BODIES AND HEALTHY MINDS

## Spring and Summer Recreational Program of WPA Is Assembled

### WPA Leaguers Begin Playoff

The WPA Basketball League playoffs will get under way in the Atlantic City High School gymnasium tonight. The feature game of the evening will be between the Atlantic City Hoopsters, who are the defending champions, and Yale's 4 title. The playoff will consist of the following: Atlantic City Hoopsters vs. Yale's 4 title.

ring and Summer recreation of the WPA was announced yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the Hudson County WPA Recreation Division, 200 No. 6, Central Av. and 12th St. The program will include athletic meets, competitive features and entertainment among the events to be held in the coming months.

music supplied by WPA were discussed by William Maywalks, picnics and the guidance of graduates were also planned. Dr. Alexander F. of John Marshall will be judge of the contest now under way. A one-act play will be presented at the meeting.

### WPA Court Final Round At A.C.H.S.

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### WPA OUTLINES PLAY PROGRAM

Recreation Leaders Propose Series of Contests and Classes.

County Administrator Thomas Lynch announced at a special meeting of the Hudson County leaders of the WPA recreation projects, held yesterday afternoon in Public School No. 6, Central avenue and St. Paul's avenue, Jersey City, that an extensive, spring and summer, program will get under way shortly.

John McGann, now county supervisor of recreation, was named as district commissioner for the county soft ball program.

A county soft ball league will be started within a few days, according to the plans as outlined by State Commissioner Gene Martin. The winner of the county championship will engage in a State tournament. The national tournament will be held at Chicago.

An amateur boxing program is in charge of the former state champion, Allie Ridgeway.

William McKenna, director of the WPA musicians project will supply music for outdoor dancing under the same plan as that of "The Central Park Mall" weekly dancing hour.

#### Kite Contests

In the city and county parks a series of kite flying contests for boys and girls will be held. Model yacht, motorboat and sailboat contests are to be staged. Capable instructors will be on hand.

are: Public Recreation Division 1; Nickerson Athletic Club; Division 3; Freddie Northside Division; Northside championship; Hampton, Director of Recreation; Swinton, Tommy Coyle, Recreation, in the ac-

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### 45 to Take Part In Bicycle Event

WPA and County Park Board Sponsoring Program Tomorrow

Forty-five entries have been received for the bicycle play day which is being planned by the Passaic County WPA Recreation Department and the Passaic County Park Commission. This event will take place tomorrow at 1:30 p. m. in Rocky Hollow at the Garret Mountain Reservation.

Through the efforts of L. N. Southmaud, vice-president of the League of American Wheelmen, this league has offered gold, silver and bronze medals for awards. These medals are on display in all local sport stores.

The honorary chairman for this affair will be Frederick W. Loede, Jr., engineer of the Passaic County Parks, the honorary committee consists of William Donnelly, supervisor of District Number One, WPA recreational activities and Charles Winans, secretary of the Passaic County Park commission. The active chairmen are Abram Roughgarden, supervisor of Passaic County recreation and Arthur Jarvis, supervisor of recreation of the park system.

### 10-Mile Relay Race Feature Of 'Field Day'

WPA Event to be Held at Local High School

DATE, JUNE 6TH

A 10-mile relay race with fifty school boys participating will feature the third annual WPA Recreation Field Day to be held at the Lakewood High School field June 6, it was announced today by James R. Adsit, assistant County Supervisor of the WPA Recreation Division.

A trophy, to be competed for each year at Lakewood, is being donated by Mrs. Charles Lathrop Pack of Forest avenue, wife of the noted forester. Prizes will also be awarded for second and third places, Mr. Adsit said.





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