

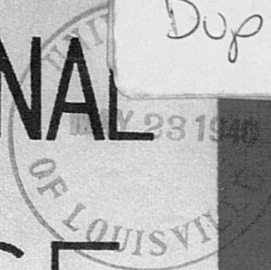


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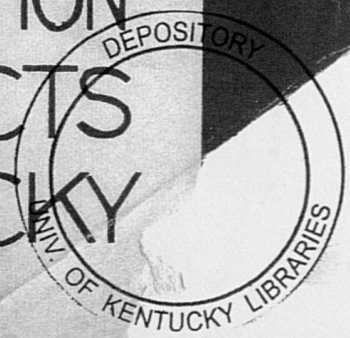
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The Work Projects Administration is a Federal Agency designed to cooperate with state and local governments in carrying out needed public improvements and services by the employment of needy, able-bodied unemployed.

WPA pays almost all labor costs of work projects. Project sponsors pay most of the cost of materials, housing, and equipment. Twenty-five percent of the total cost of work projects is now a minimum requirement for sponsors' contribution.

WPA does not give direct relief. Such relief is provided by states and localities.

The Federal Government adopted a work relief plan because work preserves the skills and self-respect of the workers pending their return to private industry; because communities are greatly in need of the public improvements; and because work projects bring a valuable return to the communities and the nation.

WPA does not certify people. Certifying Agents are employed by county or city administrations and are not WPA employees. Certifications are made on the basis of need and employability. After certification, employable persons are assigned to work by WPA according to their skill, aptitude and experience. Of each one hundred persons employed, WPA may employ five workers from non-certified sources for executive, administrative, supervisory, and expert clerical positions. WPA workers are registered with the U.S. Employment Service, which makes a constant effort to place them in private jobs.



The scale of wages paid WPA employees is established by authority of an Act of Congress. Employees are rated according to ability as unskilled, intermediate, skilled, and professional and technical. They work 130 hours a month.

WPA wages are spent in each county of the state for food, clothing, shoes, rent, fuel, and taxes, thus enabling many businesses in these localities to continue to operate and to hire clerks, stenographers, truck drivers, and other employees who otherwise would be unemployed.

The demand for materials used on WPA projects creates additional employment for persons not on Federal payrolls.

The Work Projects Administration provides work fitted to each worker so that the best return for wages paid is realized. It has preserved the skills and given training to the unskilled, as well as training in new fields to persons whose regular occupations have disappeared. Approximately fifteen percent of the number of workers employed have been women, who are responsible for the support of their families.

Because of the variety of work being carried on, Projects were grouped in two operating divisions:

1. Projects to employ men in construction of all kinds - buildings, roads, streets, and sewers
2. Projects to employ men and women who were employed in schools, offices, executive positions, as artists, writers, clerks, seamstresses, maids, cooks - all those employable persons

who were unfitted and untrained for manual labor.

This latter division is known as the Professional and Service Division, and the projects herein described are in this classification.

For further information you are invited to call or write the WPA State Office, Ninth and Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky or your nearest District Office. Inspection of various projects can be arranged for any operating day. Expressions of interest, suggestions or criticisms are invited.

#### PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE PROJECTS

The Professional and Service Division concerns itself with projects grouped into three classifications: Welfare, Community Service, and Research and Records Projects.

Welfare projects make and repair clothing, furniture, and toys for free distribution to the needy and to tax-supported institutions; train household aides and furnish their services in homes of the needy sick; prepare and serve school lunches to needy and undernourished children; preserve and can foodstuffs, and to assist public health agencies in the extension of clinical and medical services.

Community Service Projects provide library services in communities which otherwise would be without such services, and help existing libraries increase their services; they provide adult and nursery education; museum and recreational services; create works of art and



further interest in and knowledge of art in Kentucky; and write books and pamphlets dealing with the life in and the institutions of the State.

Research and Records Projects provide work related to the business of government; they rehabilitate, sort, file, and index old public records; install modern office record systems for governmental agencies; and assist governmental agencies and tax-supported universities in original investigation, the results of which are made available to the public.

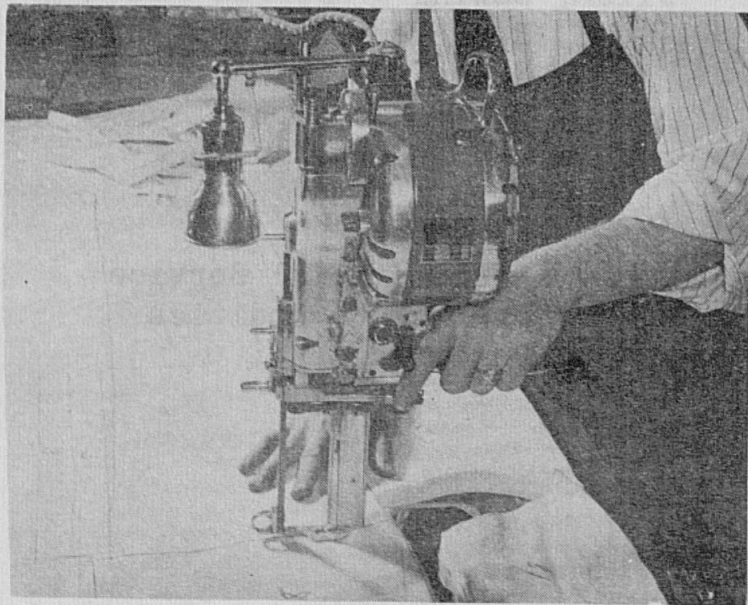
PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE PROJECTS

The Professional and Service Projects consist of projects which are carried out by professional and service workers in various fields. These projects are designed to provide a means for the professional and service workers to contribute to the betterment of the community and to the advancement of their own profession. The projects are carried out in a variety of ways, including the establishment of new organizations, the improvement of existing organizations, and the provision of direct services to the community. The projects are carried out in a variety of ways, including the establishment of new organizations, the improvement of existing organizations, and the provision of direct services to the community. The projects are carried out in a variety of ways, including the establishment of new organizations, the improvement of existing organizations, and the provision of direct services to the community.



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School Lunch  
Matron Service  
Toy Lending  
Renovation  
Mattress  
Institutional Service  
Surplus Commodities  
Handicraft



Mass cutting using electric cutters  
in City of Louisville for Louisville  
and Jefferson County WPA Sewing  
units.

## SEWING PROJECT

The State-wide Sewing Project is sponsored by the State Department of Welfare in Kentucky. Each unit is co-sponsored by local governmental agencies which cooperate with the sponsor in providing heat, rent, light, materials, and incidentals necessary to the maintenance of sewing units. Labor, equipment, and some cotton textiles are furnished by the Federal Government. Women certified for work relief, are employed on units of the Sewing Project.

Sewing rooms are operated in 104 counties in the state for the purpose of making garments and articles for release to local co-sponsors for distribution free of charge to needy families and tax-supported institutions. WPA does not distribute garments nor does it assume any of the cost or responsibility for such distribution.

Special attention in sewing rooms is given to clothes for school children thereby assuring more regular attendance by underprivileged children. Adult clothes, including outergarments, underwear, and infant garments, are also made in quantities.

Designing and making of patterns, laundering, shoe repairing, and weaving of articles from scraps, are incidental activities in connection with the sewing units.

Employment on this type of work has ranged from 2,140 to 5,087 women, with operation in as many as 116 counties. Since 1935, approximately 3,000,000 garments and articles have been released for distribution.





Preparation for mass cutting in small WPA Sewing units, showing also storage of patterns on rack and materials and findings for immediate use.



Team work method is used in WPA sewing room. Sewing machines are placed in lines to facilitate the flow of piece work.

STATE-WIDE HOUSEKEEPING AIDE PROJECT  
Sponsored by State Board of Health

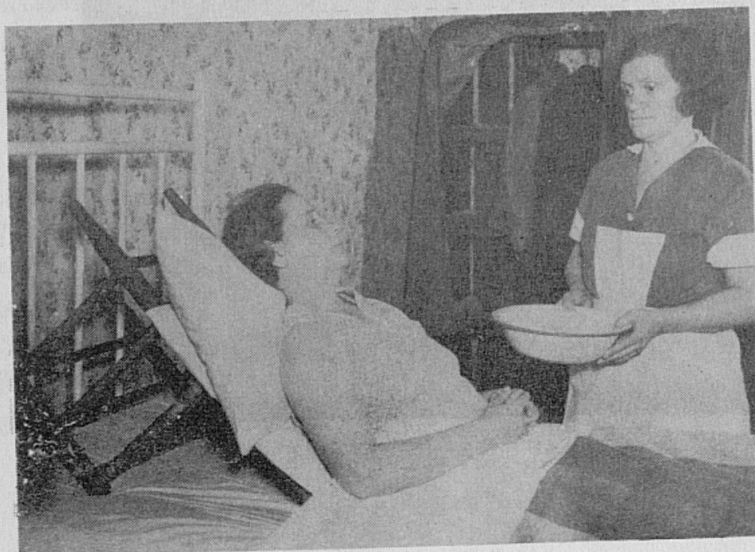
Housekeeping Aide Units operated in various locations throughout the State to furnish assistance without cost in housework, care of children, and simple care of the sick in homes of the needy where a temporary emergency makes such assistance necessary.

Local governmental agencies cooperate with the sponsor in providing rent, heat, light, and incidentals necessary in the maintenance of the Housekeeping Aide headquarters.

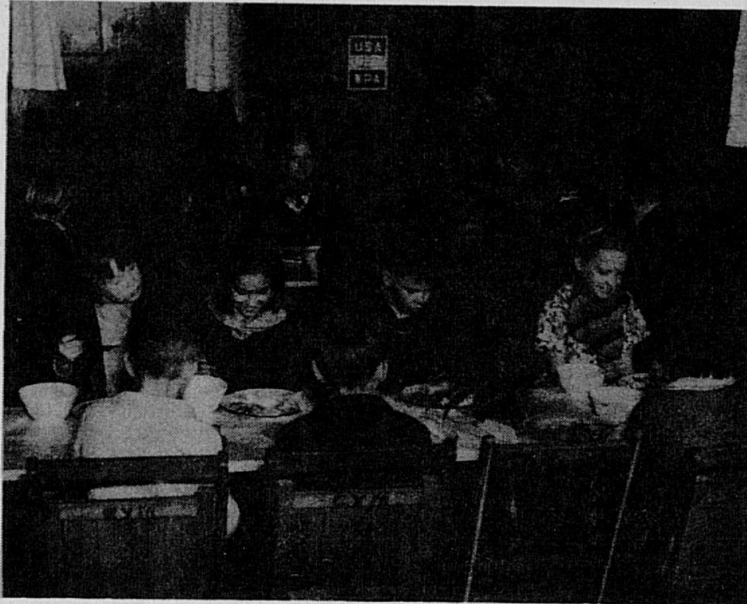
"Housekeeping Aides" are assigned to homes only on the basis of requests for services from public agencies or cooperating local physicians.

The "Housekeeping Aide" is trained to perform all household tasks which promote normal standards of health and improved home conditions. She is trained in simple care of the sick under a doctor's or nurse's instructions, and in the care of infants and children.

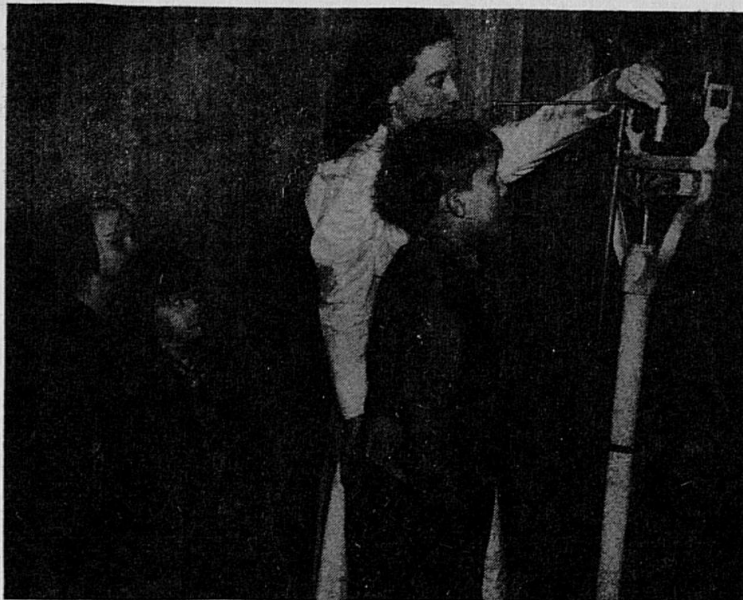
Employment for this work has ranged from eleven to 1,386 workers with operation in forty-nine counties.







Lunches prepared by WPA workers are served in both rural and city schools. Children are weighed periodically to record gain in weight as indication of general health improvement.





### STATE-WIDE SCHOOL LUNCH PROJECT

Sponsored by State Board of Education

This project provides for employment of WPA women to prepare and serve free lunches to needy, under-nourished children in public schools and to children in parochial schools who do not pay tuition. It provides further for planting and cultivating gardens and canning garden produce and donated foods for use in the preparation of school lunches.

Space, equipment, and food are furnished locally for each school unit by P.T.A. or like clubs and agencies. Such surplus commodities as are available are furnished free to supplement local contributions.

School or local welfare agencies designate the children who are to receive free lunches. They may not be segregated in any way from other children who buy their lunches. No regularly employed lunch room personnel can be displaced by WPA employees.

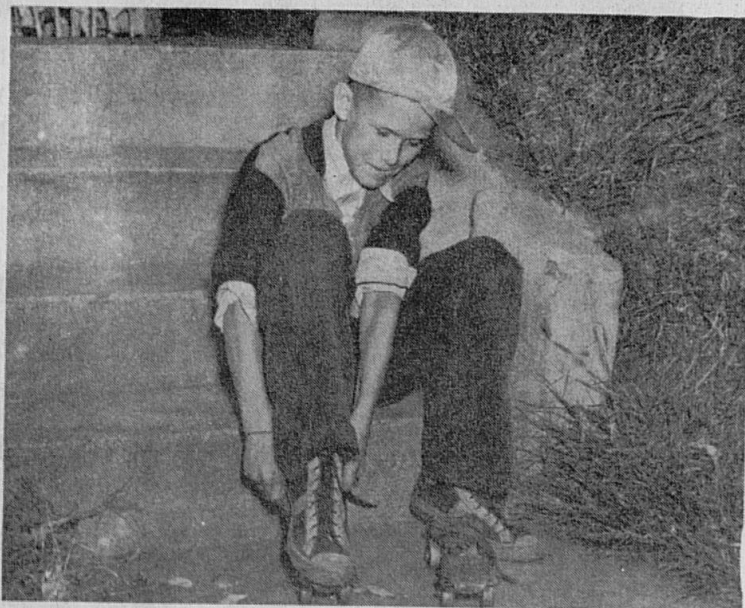
### STATE-WIDE MATRON SERVICE PROJECT

The State-wide Matron Service Project, sponsored by the State Board of Education, furnishes attendants in lavatories, rest rooms, and locker rooms in the public schools of Kentucky.

Types of work done by project employees include assisting children in rest rooms, locker rooms and lavatories, and keeping these rooms in an orderly and sanitary condition during the day; emergency cleaning or mending of clothing; and assisting the nurse in rendering first-aid in schools which have a nurse in charge of such work.

Male attendants for work in boys' lavatories are assigned.

This type of project is comparatively new in Kentucky but the service is already much in demand by school superintendents and teachers.



Fifteen hundred children in Louisville borrow toys from the WPA Toy Library. These children would otherwise have few or no playthings to occupy leisure time.



## TOY LENDING PROJECT

Used toys are collected by local agencies: WPA employees fumigate and renovate contributed toys, and operate a toy library where underprivileged children borrow toys for stated periods. When toys are returned, they are fumigated and repaired, ready for another borrower. Children make their own selection of toys as they do books in a library. The City of Louisville has the largest operating project of this type. There are about 1,500 borrowers and the number is limited only by the available supply of toys.

## RENOVATION PROJECT

WPA workers renovate or remodel furniture, clothing, household articles, shoes, and toys which sponsors distribute to needy families.

## MATTRESS PROJECT

Cotton mattresses again are being made in many counties in the State, using surplus cotton and ticking and WPA labor. Mattresses are to be distributed free to the needy by sponsors of the project.

Mattresses were formerly made in several sections of the state under the K.E.R.A. work program.





### INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS

Sponsored by Tax-Supported Hospitals and Institutions

WPA employees supplement existing services and provide more adequate care to needy patients by assisting in laboratories, on the wards, in kitchens and laundries and in vocational therapy. The project of this type using the greatest number of workers operates in the City of Louisville.

### SURPLUS COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION PROJECT

Sponsored by Commonwealth of Kentucky

This project is a valued part of the relief program of the state, and is recognized as a necessity for improving conditions of the needy. It began in 1933 with distribution of one commodity. In 1939 it distributed 11,249,160 pounds of vegetables, such as potatoes, beans, cabbage, peas, etc.; 7,394,158 pounds of fruit including oranges, apples, prunes, grapefruit, peaches, etc.; 2,375,126 pounds of butter, cheese, shortening and dry skim milk; 18,688,596 pounds of flour, meal, rice and cereal and 171,780 dozen eggs.

County and city officials all over the state cooperate with the WPA and the State government by furnishing warehouses, stores and other facilities. There is a central warehouse in each of the 120 counties and truck service from central warehouse to outlying retail outlets to place commodities as near as possible to needy people who receive them.

### HANDICRAFT PROJECT

WPA workers are trained in weaving, spinning, basketry, ceramics, furniture, woodcrafts, and toy and doll making to preserve Kentucky's native crafts and to make useful articles which sponsors--

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distribute to needy and to tax-supported institutions. Weaving is given the greatest emphasis and is promoted in sections of the State where little has been known of it. Such projects are sponsored by local official agencies.



## SERVICES OF BENEFIT TO CHILDREN

Every project is operated to serve a particular need of a community. Each project has its training feature to enable workers to develop new or greater skills, but perhaps the greatest number of projects are geared for direct benefit to children. This is especially true of projects of the "Welfare" and "Community Service" sections.

On the Sewing Project major emphasis is placed on making garments for school children. School superintendents and attendance officers in almost every county have said that increased attendance has been made possible because children could have sufficient clothing. Second in importance is the number of layettes supplied by this project.

When mothers are ill, housekeeping aides in the home enable children to be kept in school and have properly cooked meals in the home.

At school the matron service project supplies women to give many needed services and individual attention for which teachers do not have time.

Renovation projects repair shoes so that many children receive substantial footwear; a pre-holiday activity of this project is the renovation of toys; used clothing is also remodeled and is usually fashioned for school children.

The Toy Lending Library enables children to have a variety of toys in their possession, each for a short time.

Library Projects supply not only books but provide story-telling hours, puppet shows and other amusements.



Nursery schools take care of pre-school children, giving care, training, food and medical attention.

Recreation Projects attract more children than adults and provide leisure time activities which keep children from dangerous pastimes and from forming pernicious habits.

Workers on the Health Project assigned to Health Units enable doctors and nurses to extend their services to more schools, give more frequent health examinations, and increase preventive measures against illness as well as to detect defects in early stages, thus making corrective measures more effective.

These and many other projects contribute to a fuller and better life for children.



Training in Child Care in WPA projects. Note home made baby utility stand made of cheese box and broom handles. Also crib made of packing box.

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WPA provides opportunity for adults to complete high school work and many persons are able to receive credits which enable them to hold better positions or enter college.



Cod-liver oil is a part of the mid-morning lunch at WPA Nursery Schools.



## EDUCATION PROJECT

Sponsored by the State Department of  
Education

The Education Project has two major phases:

### Adult Education

The Adult Education Program was authorized by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration in August, 1933. It was continued as an active work project when WPA was established in 1935.

Adult Education in Kentucky is divided into six major types.

(1) Literacy Education. The purpose of this program is to teach adults to read and write English with sufficient facility to be able to read newspapers with understanding and write intelligible letters. Classes for foreign-born adults are included in this program, and special emphasis is placed on requirements for citizenship. Approximately 36,000 illiterates have been taught to read and write since 1933.

(2) Home-making and Parent Education. Home-making includes studies of buying, planning, and preparing meals, designing and remodeling clothing and home furnishings. Parent education classes give instruction in child development and behavior, problems of adolescence, mental hygiene, and relationship between family and community.

(3) Vocational Education. Courses offered include training in commercial and business occupation, agriculture, household management and domestic service.



(4) Avocational and Leisure Time Activities have been confined to such studies as music, art, handicrafts, dramatics, and appreciation of literature.

(5) Public Affairs. This is the most recent movement and through the medium of forums, discussion groups, and lectures, has provided opportunity for adults to study public questions of current interest.

(6) General. This includes subjects such as safety, first aid, health, classes for the deaf, and various school subjects, providing a wide variety of academic and cultural education to give adults opportunity for further self-development.

The adult education program is operated in 103 of the 120 counties. In those counties where the program does not operate, no teachers are certified who meet the requirements of employment on the WPA program.

In the past year 184 public school buildings, 150 other public buildings and 583 privately owned buildings in Kentucky have been opened for use of adult classes. There were 70,252 enrollees for all types of classes. Persons enrolled range from 16 to 75 years of age and from persons who cannot read and write to ones with college degrees. There were 719 teachers employed.

WPA does not hold classes for the school age group between 6 and 16.

## Nursery Education

The first two nursery schools were opened in Louisville in 1934.

Thirty-one counties now have nursery schools with a total of 43 units. In 1939, 1,264 children were enrolled.

Unit enrollment is limited to thirty. There is an average daily attendance of twenty children between the ages of two and five years. The school is in session six hours a day, from eight until two o'clock. Children are accepted from relief and low-income homes.

Each school has a staff of two teachers and a cook. The teachers are trained in nursery school procedure including child care and feeding. WPA pays salaries and supplies food and other necessities.

Each school is co-sponsored locally by a public school, or community center. The community furnishes space, utilities, cooking facilities, janitor, and telephone service.

A Mother's Club is organized in connection with each nursery school where instructions are given in child care, home management, marketing, and sewing (darning and mending).

The Public Health Service makes two complete physical examinations a year and medical attention including vaccination, diphtheria immunization, and Schick Test is given. N.Y.A. girls are assigned to many units as assistants and are given training in child care and feeding.



The daily nursery school schedule includes inspection, work period, toileting (attention to hands, face, hair, and teeth), rest, cod liver oil, mid-morning lunch of fruit juice and crackers, rhythms or musical games, work period outdoors when possible, another toilet period, story hour, lunch and nap. This schedule trains these children to take care of themselves and helps develop them physically, mentally and socially.

The project gives work and added training to unemployed teachers.

#### STATE-WIDE LIBRARY PROJECT

Sponsored by Kentucky State Library Extension  
Division

The Project provides a program of comprehensive Library Extension Service and operates in approximately sixty counties at present. It is designed to give library service to sections of the state where such service has been unavailable.

There are three types of library project units: Packhorse Libraries, operating in mountain counties, where book carriers travel by horseback or walk to deliver books, magazines or scrap-books from a central library to mountain homes, schools or established centers; WPA libraries in central and western state counties where less hazardous terrain makes it possible for readers to reach a branch library, operate through a central library and library centers in many rural or industrial communities, but there is no delivery of books to individual homes; in certain instances WPA gives service in public libraries to extend the present services of cataloging, classifying, clerical and reference assistance, bookmending, work with children in story-telling hours and puppet shows.

WPA libraries are largely dependent for books and magazines upon donations of individuals and groups interested in community welfare. Many contributions have been received from twenty-five states in addition to Kentucky. Local cooperating agencies provide quarters and utilities, furniture, equipment and bookmending materials. WPA provides personnel and pays their wages.

Supervision over the entire project is maintained by a library-trained supervisor, plus area and project supervisors with library experience or training. There are fourteen rural libraries, thirty packhorse libraries, and service given in nine public libraries as of January 1, 1940.

Five hundred ninety-three workers are employed, serving an average of 180,000 individuals per month. 154,846 books are available for distribution in the forty-four libraries.

It is hoped that this demonstration in library service, through packhorse and rural libraries, will result in permanent, well-equipped libraries in all counties.



Story telling hour is a part of WPA library service.





### Medical Library

A unit of the State-wide Library Project operates in McCracken County to assist in establishing a Medical Library. Members of the County Medical Society donate books, journals and other publications from their individual reference libraries. Under the direction of a trained librarian WPA persons clean and mend the donated books. Journals and similar material are permanently bound by volume to increase their useful life and serviceability. After cataloging each volume is indexed by title, and by author. To further facilitate reference work each section or article in each book is cross indexed by subject and a master subject index set up.

Through this service doctors and nurses are able to keep abreast of new developments and to review recognized work in the field of medicine.

## WRITERS' PROJECT

The Kentucky Writers' Project is under the sponsorship of the University of Kentucky as a State-wide Project. The various publications released have been and are sponsored by co-sponsors who bear the expense of publication and distribution. Research involves the use of old newspaper files, source books, and material secured from persons interviewed by project workers in the various counties of the State. The result of this research is forwarded to the State Office where it is cataloged and placed in files to be used by editors and writers in the preparation of manuscript.

To November 1, 1939, the following publications have been released:

KENTUCKY, THE BLUEGRASS STATE -

Sponsored by University of Kentucky

LEXINGTON, AND THE BLUEGRASS COUNTRY

Sponsored by City of Lexington

OLD CAPITOL AND FRANKFORT GUIDE

Sponsored by State Historical Society

THE SOUTHERN HARMONY AND MUSICAL COMPANION

Co-Sponsored by Young Men's Progress Club

MILITARY HISTORY OF KENTUCKY

Sponsored by State Military Department

HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Sponsored by University of Louisville

Books on LOUISVILLE, BARDSTOWN, and NELSON, HENDERSON AND BREATHTITT Counties will soon appear. Sponsorships have been secured for the publication of a GUIDE BOOK FOR CAMPBELLSVILLE in Taylor County. A socialological study consisting of biographical sketches of typical Kentucky people engaged in various vocations peculiar to Kentucky, has been sponsored and research begun.



## RECREATION PROJECT

The State-wide Recreation Project has 215 centers located in sixty-five counties in Kentucky - serving the needs of 110 towns. It employs, during the fall and winter months, approximately 650 workers, and in the summer a maximum of 825 leaders. It is sponsored by the State Department of Education, financial support coming principally from local recreation councils whose members approximate 700.

The scope of activities varies according to community interest. Some popular activities are: arts and crafts; instrumental and choral music; dramatic presentations - such as pageants, festivals, plays and story-telling; physical activities - such as baseball, basketball, badminton, shuffleboard, volley-ball, hockey, and archery; nature activities - such as hiking, camping, and animal and plant study; social gatherings - such as picnics, community nights; rhythmic activities - such as tap dancing, folk dancing, and gymnastic exercises; puppetry - hand, fist, rod and string puppets being used.

In addition, the Recreation Project has furnished special leadership for certain institutions - hospitals for the insane, tuberculosis sanatoriums and detention homes.

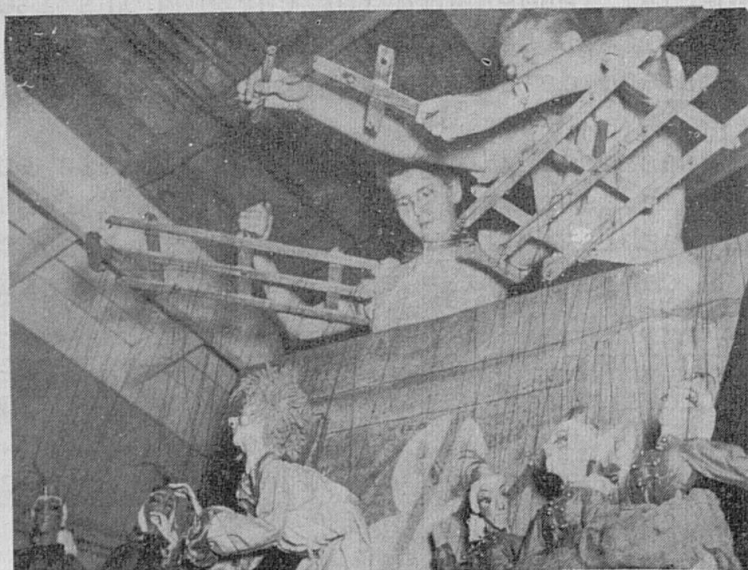
It occasionally organizes and directs special events - such as parades, exhibits, folk festivals, state-wide athletic tournaments, radio broadcasts, children's camps for the underprivileged, and training conferences for laymen. One of its outstanding achievements has been its in-service training program for white collar workers who have had experience in allied fields of sociology, art, music - but who have had no experience in recreational leadership.

Project leaders serve approximately 584,000 children and adults per month.

The recreation program is for the most part rural. Ninety-four of the 134 towns it served last summer had populations of 2,500 or less. These communities have the least facilities for the profitable use of leisure time.



Miss Jane Withers, Hollywood star, shows the girls in WPA Recreation Center, at Shively, Kentucky a new game.



A demonstration performance of marionettes by WPA Recreation workers.





### ART PROJECT

The State-wide Kentucky Art Project, sponsored by the University of Kentucky, has a three-fold purpose; to provide occupation for unemployed artists, to give additional training to those whose instruction is insufficient to permit their gaining a livelihood, and to create works of art of value to the Commonwealth.

The Kentucky Art Project is confined for the most part to work on Murals and Sculpture for Public Buildings, and work on the "Index of American Design", (i.e., the accurate recording in color of objects of artistic and historical importance), and the designing of posters, broadsides and varied graphic material for other State-wide Projects.

Murals have been placed in the new Court House in Madisonville and are completed for the Post Office Building in Harrodsburg. Two sculptured figures were designed and executed for the University of Louisville and will be placed early in 1940.

Plates for American Design include Shaker

and other early Kentucky designs in furniture, weaving, quilting, hardware and household utensils, dolls and many other interesting pieces.

#### MENDING SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS

A total of 50,000 books have been repaired, 32,000 magazines have been repaired and bound and approximately 12,000 other volumes, such as courses of study for teachers, have been bound. The project's greatest value is in salvaging books that would otherwise be discarded as unusable, and in lengthening the life of books before they become unusable. This project operates only in the City of Louisville.

#### MUSEUM PROJECT

Sponsored by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. This project operates to provide workers for established museums to organize and systematize exhibits to attract increased public interest. In Louisville it operates to rehabilitate the City Museum which was ruined in the flood of 1937. The project cleaned and mended approximately 100,000 objects, sorted them into proper categories, and because labels and tags were lost, it has re-identified nearly all the items in the exhibit; and has built or mended approximately 150 pieces of furniture. The project operates in four other Kentucky museums.

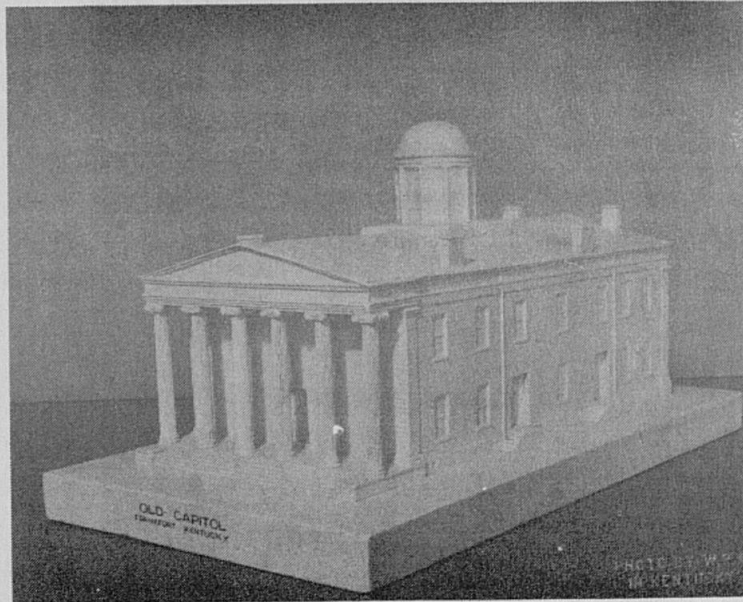
The production unit of the project in Louisville does a wide variety of work. It produces articles to aid in a program of visual education such as models of famous buildings and homes, window sill dioramas depicting historic scenes, and color plates illustrating the origin and evolution of the American Flag. Silk Screen work produces color plates illustrating characters in famous classics, book covers, and posters. The

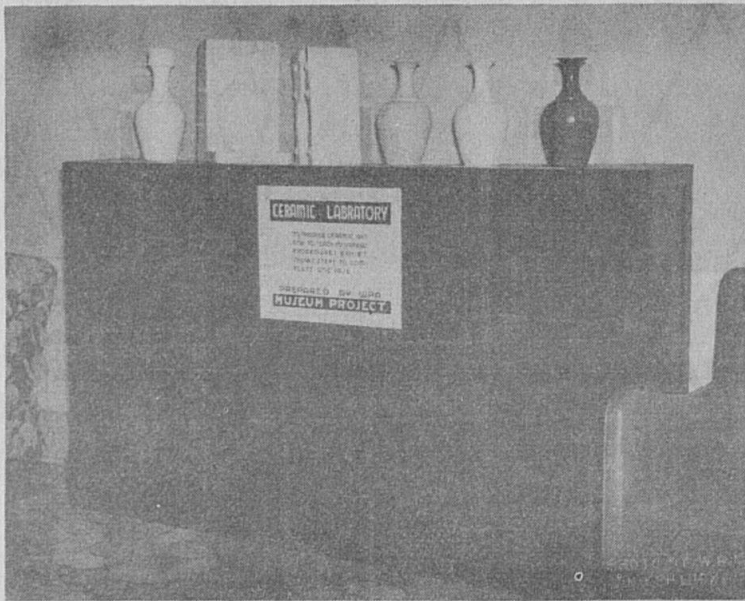


project has an experimental ceramics laboratory which cooperates with the Recreation Project to give training to Supervisors.



Dioramas depicting scenes in American history and models of famous Kentucky buildings are furnished to schools by WPA Museum Project as a part of its service.





WPA Museum Projects conducts a ceramics laboratory where workers are taught various procedures of ceramics art.

Steps to complete a vase.



RESEARCH AND RECORDS

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## HEALTH PROJECTS

WPA workers have assisted the State Health Department, City of Louisville Health Department and various county health departments in making statistical studies.

### State-wide Health Project

The chief project in this field is the State-wide Health Project, sponsored by the State Department of Health, providing clerical and professional assistance to seventy of the eighty-six county health departments in the State of Kentucky. Nurses, clerical workers and laboratory assistants work with limited health staffs in these counties in holding free clinics for immunization against communicable diseases and for correction of physical defects. WPA services in these clinics include washing and sterilizing glassware, making bandages, swabs and surgical dressings at the direction of the nurse, acting as monitors and receptionists. Clerical workers assist public health nurses in keeping records in the office and field. More highly trained workers develop X-ray film and obtain statistical data from existing records, making charts and graphs illustrating data obtained. It is estimated by the State Health Commissioner that the professional services rendered by the county health officers and their staff have increased by one hundred per cent through the assistance given by WPA.

In addition to clinical assistance WPA has helped the State Department of Health in the equipment and operation of a Kahn laboratory for making blood tests for syphilis. Since July 1, 1938, approximately 100,000 blood specimens have been examined. A periodic check with the U.S. Public Health Service Serological Research Laboratory has so far revealed findings of the WPA technicians to be one hundred percent correct.

A mechanical reporting system through means of punch cards has been installed and is operated by WPA workers. Medical histories are secured for each syphilis patient in the care of a public health clinic. Treatment cards, sent in weekly on these patients, indicate the type of therapy given. From these cards monthly reports on problem cases, particularly lapsing cases, are sent to clinic directors. This report is handed to the Social Service Division of the Health Department and the delinquent patient is again brought under control.

The new appropriation for health work includes funds for a survey to test the hearing and vision of Kentucky school children. A careful follow-up of defects will be worked out with county health officials and Kentucky ophthalmologists.



WPA technicians in State Board  
of Health Laboratory.



## Study of Louisville City Hospital Clinics

At the Louisville City Hospital a statistical analysis of the costs of clinic care, adequacy of treatment and efficiency of operation is being made.

WPA interviewers are assisting in discovering reasons why patients do not return for treatment.

## Other Health Project

Statistical studies carried on under the direction of the State Bureau of Maternal and Child Health have furnished data around which to build a more intelligent and sufficient child and maternal health program.

With the aid of the WPA the State Bureau of Foods, Drugs, and Hotels has prepared a card index on proprietary medicines and cosmetics that do not conform to regulations of the National Pure Food and Drug Act. Information in regard to these items is now available to the Bureau and is furnished to the public upon request.

Health research projects have included a Study of Brain Diseases, a Communicable Disease Study and studies of Mother and Child Mortality in Louisville and Paducah.

Another project is preparing a History of Medicine and Public Health in Kentucky. Much information on the pioneer physicians, the early history of medical schools and medical practices has been uncovered.

## INDEXING OF PUBLIC RECORDS

New type indexing systems to deed and mortgage records have been completed in thirty counties. Marriage records have been collected, filed and indexed in twenty-six counties. At present approximately 400 people are working in thirty-six counties sorting, filing and re-indexing deeds, mortgages, marriage records, suits and other court records.

In Campbell County deeds and mortgages are now being indexed by geographical location as well as by owner. This means that for the first time in Kentucky county officials can give the present ownership of property from the location, and that abstractors will find much of the outline for their chain of title on one page.

The units of county records completed have demonstrated their value. Time required for abstract of land title has been more than halved. Marriage records, one of the most important sources of information for the Old Age Assistance Bureau, are readily available for use by social workers. Officials are now able to locate desired documents quickly.

An Index of Kentucky Naturalizations is being made for the Federal Immigration and Naturalization Service at Cincinnati, and also for County and Circuit clerks. Like marriage records, they are a frequent source of reference for social service agencies.

The Indexing and filing of records have constituted valuable projects for many State departments. The Veterans' records on file in the Veterans' Division of the State Military Department at Frankfort and at Lexington have been brought up to date and arranged so that claims for Kentucky veterans can be speedily and accurately handled.



The Kentucky State Historical Society has many early county birth, death, and marriage records housed in the Old Capitol at Frankfort. Reference to these records by genealogical societies and social security agencies has been made easier by an indexing project nearing completion.

### ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF KENTUCKY

Sponsored by the University of Kentucky, this project operates to secure data and material from sites of aboriginal occupation.

Sites in several counties have been investigated. Laborers remove sterile top burden; archaeological excavators perform detailed trowel work. Detailed notations are kept, including those for site survey, burial features, field specimens, and photographs.

Materials from the field are filed in two main categories, artifactual and skeletal. Artifacts are cleaned, classified, and recorded by type for permanent records. Skeletal materials are cleaned, restored, and measured, and this material is maintained at the University of Kentucky where it is available for scientific study. Total laboratory and field data are used as subject matter for official reports published by the University of Kentucky. The specific objective of this project is to save from imminent destruction many sources of information on ancient Kentucky life.



WPA Archaeological site showing method of excavating mound. Old floor levels on which ancient Indians had built living structures.

### HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY

This project is engaged in listing basic materials, such as unpublished manuscripts, church records, and records of all branches of local government in each Kentucky county, and in the publication of these archives for each county.

An inventory is a mimeographed volume containing a brief historical sketch based primarily upon actual county records, an essay on the governmental organization and records system; a description of housing and care of the records including a map, floor plans, and explanatory notes. Another section lists county offices and their records, and the evaluation of the structure, functions and records from its creation to present time.

Each inventory is a trustworthy guide to accessible and valuable data for students of political, social and economic history, the genealogist, and for those who require facts from public records in their business.

### AMERICAN IMPRINTS INVENTORY

Although printing began in America in 1639, books, pamphlets and broadsides printed prior to 1876, when the United States catalogue was begun, have been only meagerly recorded.

The American Imprints Inventory Project places workers in all libraries throughout the country to locate copies of these early publications.

Title pages are copied on special forms and mailed to project clearing house in Chicago. There, additional locations of duplicate volumes are added. Listings of Kentucky's publications are returned to the local project and compiled in chronological arrangement in volumes, each covering a span of approximately ten years. These inventories



are placed in libraries for use of historians and bibliographers. The earlier source materials for American history are but imperfectly known because adequate guides to such materials have been lacking. This project will bring them to light.

### INVENTORY OF FEDERAL ARCHIVES In Kentucky

WPA employees are making complete inventories of Federal Archives preparing general discussions of location, condition, and content of depositories of federal documents in Kentucky, giving title of office, inclusive dates, description of informational content, system of filing or indexing, statement of frequency and purpose of use, form of the record, description of containers, physical condition of the records, etc. Inventory, Series II, the Federal Courts in Kentucky is now complete and copies are on file in clerks' offices for public use.

### HISTORY OF NEGRO EDUCATION

From research through newspaper files, other old records, and interviews with old residents, a history of education for Negroes in Louisville is being written, to be published by the Louisville Municipal College. It will tell the story of the period from 1776, when Negroes learned only as apprentices or from their mistresses and masters, to 1939 when there was a system of education facilities including a liberal arts college. Workers assigned to this project are Negro men and women who have had college training.

### SOCIAL SERVICE EXCHANGE

#### McCracken County

This project is designed to assist in the installation of a new and continuing Social Service Exchange. WPA employees will prepare and maintain an index to assistance rendered relief clients and to other welfare services in McCracken County. A registration slip is prepared for each application received by each agency cooperating with the Exchange. These individual registrations are posted to a master family card. The index then will be made of master cards which will show the names of all social and relief agencies to which members of any family have applied for assistance. This card also shows race, names and ages of all members of the family, present and previous addresses, and relatives with their addresses. The availability of such a current index will bring to light duplications in service and enable each agency to more equitably serve its share of the case load.

### SOCIO-ECONOMIC SURVEY

#### Fayette County

This project, operated under the sponsorship of the Department of Social Service of the University of Kentucky, is concerned with preparing an annotated bibliography of community resource data and a Manual of Social Agencies and Resources of Lexington and Fayette County. The completed works will be of value as reference volumes for social agencies, university students, sources of material for civic courses, and as guides for new social workers coming into the community. The completed survey will bring to light any overlapping of services now existing among social agencies and will provide a basis for the reorganization of these agencies if deemed essential.



## VETERANS' GRAVES REGISTRATION PROJECT

Graves of veterans of all wars who are buried in Kentucky are being listed and filed in a permanent record at the Adjutant General's office in Frankfort. A published list for each county will be sent to schools, veterans' organizations, and patriotic societies. Local officials and veterans' organizations will maintain, and add to, these records after the completion of the project.

## LUBRICATION PROJECT

The Study of Motor Lubricants is discovering through experimentation the effect of commercial oils on bearing wear in automobile engines and changes occurring in oils during use, taking into consideration climatic conditions encountered. Engines are taken apart by WPA workers and engine parts subject to wear measured by precision instruments. Engines are then reassembled and run for a specified time and mileage under particular climatic conditions with a particular oil used. When the engines are again taken down after test runs, the resulting changes can be measured. Various routine tests such as "flash" and "fire" points and "viscosity" are made in oils both before and after use. General characteristics which have occurred through use are then noted.

Equipment has been furnished by the State Highway Department, the University of Kentucky, and the United States War Department, all of whom are interested in the findings of the study. The project has had the approval and cooperation of the major automobile corporations.

Work has been planned to be of benefit to the agencies involved, to industry, and to the consumer.

## LOUISVILLE TRAFFIC SURVEY

The Louisville Traffic Survey carried out by WPA workers under a consultant engineer hired by the City made an intensive analysis of traffic problems in Louisville and prepared the report used as a basis for rerouting city traffic.

## PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Property Identification Maps and Geographical Indexes of Property, completed by WPA, have made effective savings of many thousands of dollars to cities and counties by increased tax collections.

Under the sponsorship and supervision of the State Planning Committee, rural property maps from aerial photographs are being made in six counties, and it is hoped to extend this work to all counties in the State.

Block and lot maps from existing surveys have been prepared for many cities. In one city it was discovered that twenty-five percent of the real property within the city limits was not on the assessor's books and was not taxed.

## REAL PROPERTY SURVEYS

Real Property Surveys have provided a sound basis for the Federal Housing Project and local planning and zoning legislation in Louisville, Ashland, Lexington and Owensboro. In Ashland, this project was combined with a reappraisal of all real estate in the city and is generally considered to have made a very fair equilization of valuation and to have raised the general level of assessed property about four percent.



In Jefferson County outside the City of Louisville the Real Property Survey included a Sanitary Survey with special emphasis on drinking water. Information regarding polluted wells has been supplied to users, and attempts are being made to trace the source of underground pollution. Assembled data is to be used by the Jefferson County Health Department in future planning and epidemic control.

#### STATE HIGHWAY PLANNING SURVEY

Sponsored by the Division of Highway Planning, Kentucky Department of Highways, this survey is a part of the Federal Bureau of Roads plan. The purpose of this project is to conduct a state-wide investigation for highway planning, consisting of a complete road and bridge inventory of the State; investigation to determine the volume and character of highway traffic and the actual and potential sources and objectives thereof; studies of taxation in its relation to highways; and other basic information necessary to permit a comprehensive long-term planning program for Kentucky's road system.

#### STATE PLANNING PROJECT

Sponsored by the Planning Committee of the Governor's Cabinet, the project is set up to operate in four phases:

1. Property identification mapping of several counties of the State. Procedure consists in listing land owners for the tax commissioner's rolls, searching deed indexes for titles, copying metes and bounds descriptions, plotting them and fitting them to aerial photographs. The increase in taxable property not previously listed will more than repay the entire cost of this project.

II. Preparing maps and charts for park and recreation area study in cooperation with the National Park Service; to inventory present facilities and complete a study of resources and needs of the state, in order to set up a plan for future development of recreational possibilities for State use; and to attract visitors. The State Department of Conservation is a co-sponsor.

III. Accumulating statistical data and making computations for county consolidation studies. A recently completed report shows several different consolidations possible to reduce the 120 counties in Kentucky to a more workable and economical number and the savings to state and counties which will accrue.

IV. Basic data mappings and graphic appraisal in cooperation with the Tennessee Valley Authority and National Resources Planning Board. Work consists in compiling data and making computation from which graphic appraisal maps, showing population, health, value of land, income of people, and other information needed for regional planning.

#### TAX DELINQUENCY SURVEY

The Tax Delinquency Survey Project is concerned with the consolidation and unification of general property tax delinquency records in Kentucky counties as a basis for planning a future tax program. The project will accomplish three major purposes: (1) assist county clerks in computing redemptions of delinquency parcels of land; (2) aid the taxing units (State, County and School Districts) in collecting delinquent Taxes; and (3) determine the amount and extent of tax delinquency.

Because there is a wide disparity in the manner of keeping delinquent tax records, considerable benefit will accrue to the counties and to the State Department of Revenue by having a uniform



system of records for the ten-year period included.

#### STUDENT MORTALITY ANALYSIS

WPA employees are preparing a statistical analysis of various factors that have influenced retention or withdrawal of students enrolled at the University of Louisville, to provide a basis for establishing administrative policy and practice, and student guidance.

#### SCHOOL LAND ABSTRACTS

Ownership and condition of occupancy of school lands have been a long time problem with Boards of Education in Kentucky. WPA workers are preparing abstracts of deed records of school lands noting condition of occupancy, reversionary clauses, and records of sales.

#### STATE WIDE SCHOLASTIC RECORDS PROJECT

Sponsored by the State Department of Education to transcribe on standardized permanent record cards all available scholastic and health data on Kentucky school children. Units of this project work in or near offices of county superintendents, where cumulative record forms will be filed alphabetically.

Since the card is standardized, it will be of advantage in the matter of a pupil's transfer from one school district to another. The data obtained will be tabulated and used as a basis for studies contemplated by the University of Kentucky's College of Education.

#### EQUIPMENT INVENTORIES

Inventories of publicly owned equipment and supplies are being made for cities, counties, and school systems. In addition to marking city property to avoid loss, an attempt has also been made in each case to set up a reasonable cost account system that can be maintained by the governmental unit sponsoring the project.

### RADIO LIBRARY

The purpose of this project is to bind, classify, and catalogue books, pamphlets, manuscripts, and music of the Radio Department of the University of Kentucky, and to prepare a song title index to composers and to copyrighted and non-copyrighted songs. A catalogue of the above described items did not exist and whenever information regarding the status of a song, its composer, or particular pamphlets or manuscripts was desired, time-consuming and expensive searches had to be made by the radio department staff. The greatly expanded radio education program recently inaugurated by the University of Kentucky would have encountered considerable difficulty had not the above described work been performed.

### DRIVERS' ACCIDENT AND MOVING VIOLATION RECORD

To enable State, City and County police forces to issue warnings to dangerous drivers, and to take stronger action when necessary, the State Highway Safety Patrol sponsors a project to install a Drivers' Accident and Moving Violation Record.

In the office of the State Safety Patrol at Frankfort, there will be a complete record for every driver who has had an accident or a moving violation in the last three years. Similar files are being installed in sheriffs' offices and County and City police stations.

Through the procedure set up on this project, State and local police forces will continue to exchange this information and maintain these files in the future.

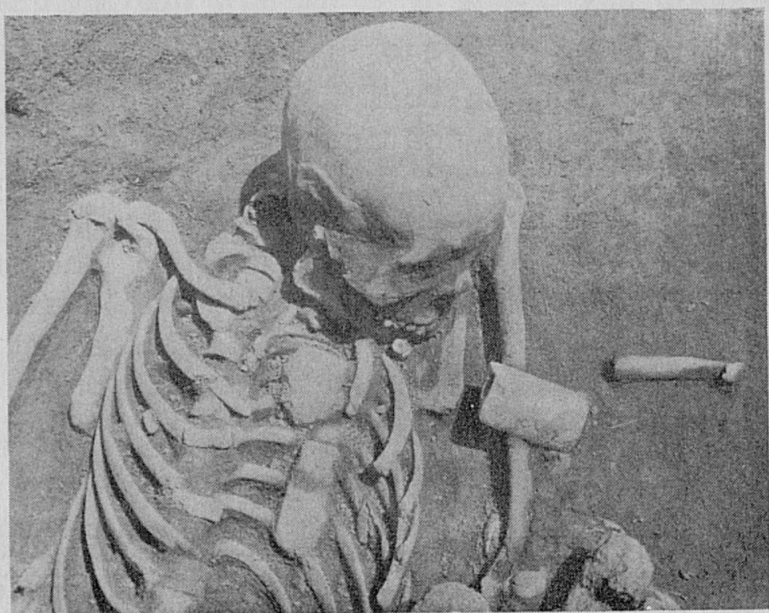


Since 1935 the work program has been continuous. Many types of work have been necessary to keep men and women, certified for WPA work, profitably employed.

It has been rare, indeed doubtful, whether any project has been prosecuted from beginning to completion with the same workers. Workers leave the program daily to accept private employment, because of illness, and for other reasons. Other workers take their places.

On September 1, 1939, it became necessary, under Federal law, to furlough all certified workers who had been continuously employed for eighteen months. Fewer than 26,000 persons were furloughed. At the peak of WPA employment in Kentucky 71,147 persons were working. The smallest number of persons employed at any one time was 35,014. The labor turn-over is indicated by these figures. The number of men and women working on Professional and Service Projects has varied accordingly.

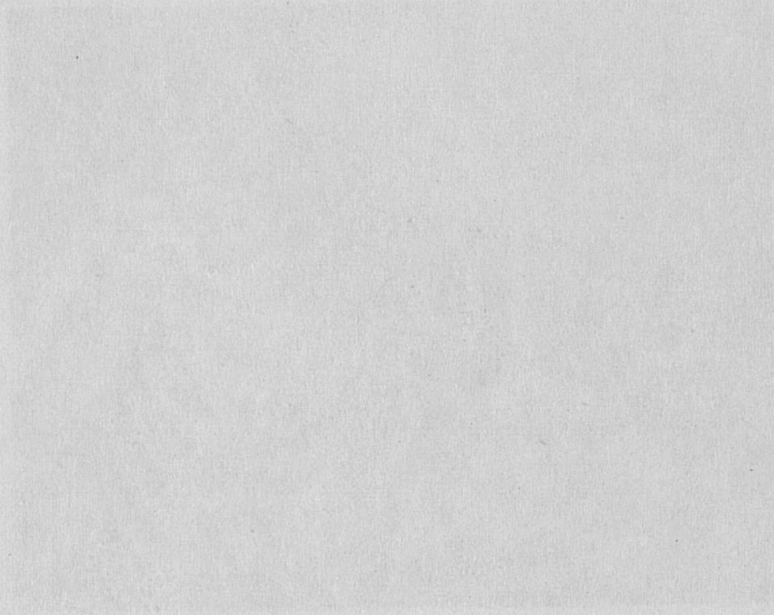
The projects described herein do not indicate the entire scope of the work accomplished by the Professional and Service Division because many valuable projects which have been completed from year to year are not mentioned. The descriptions are merely indicative of the variety of work now being done in Kentucky.



This ancient Kentuckian, unearthed by WPA Archaeological workers, was buried with his skillfully made throwing stick by his left arm. This throwing stick composed of a bone hook and a stone weight mounted on a stick may have out-dated the use of bow and arrow by many hundred years.



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