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A Monument of Permanent Achievement to Those Who Work on WPA

Isolated projects, like individual happenings, loom large only when seen in their accumulative totals. This is true of the achievements of WPA. Few, for example, realize that if all of the roads improved in Colorado by WPA, since its beginning, were laid end to end they would reach the astounding aggregate of over 2,400 miles, or farther than from Denver to Boston. Or, that in carrying out these improvements, more than 600 highway bridges have been built, exclusive of culverts. Our city streets have had equal attention, and in grading and oil surfacing alone, 66 miles of streets have been improved and 44 additional miles have been brought to grade and surfaced in preparation for oil. Sixty-three miles of alleys have been improved and 91 miles of curb and gutter and 23 miles of sidewalk attest the far-sightedness of city officials and are monuments to WPA employes.

The contribution to a richer life lies in part in the creation or improvement of 100 parks of all kinds and 64 recreation areas such as playgrounds, athletic fields, golf courses, swimming pools, and tennis courts. Another interesting sidelight upon Colorado initiative and enterprise is revealed in the erection by WPA of 88 public buildings and the repair, improvement or enlargement of 160 others. Nothing but praise can go to sponsors whose vision and cooperation has made these vast accomplishments possible.

We are sometimes accused of digging ditches and filling them up. Our critics neglect to add that we put water line or sewer pipe in these ditches before they are filled. Forty-nine water systems have either been newly established or improved

and extended by WPA in Colorado and in these jobs we have dug and filled up 61 miles of ditches. The same can be said for 40 miles of sewers covering 41 sewer systems. Our workers have cleaned, straightened, ripped or otherwise improved 139 miles of creek and river channels. The ripping alone, if laid together, would cover more than 200,000 sq. yds. or between 80 and 100 acres of surface.

Somewhat less conspicuous, but equally important in this field, is the fact that out of our sewing rooms have come 775,000 garments.

These have gone into county relief channels, contributing to the comfort and respectability of the less fortunate. Along with this must be mentioned almost 900,000 cans of food, both fruits and vegetables, which have found their way through the same channels into the cupboards of the needy. In the same spirit, the WPA has seen fit to establish a school hot lunch program especially for needy and under-nourished children in both public and parochial schools. Approximately 15,000 of these children are being aided in this way to better health and higher school standing.

These rather startling totals of tangible accomplishments change daily, of course, and will be out of date by the time this is read. These, along with the research, cultural, and educational pursuits, spell employment, self esteem, respectability, and renewed hope for thousands of men and women and even children. They stand as a lasting and unanswerable argument for WPA and are recognized as the most abundant contribution to the sum total of Colorado's capital account and social and cultural advancement ever achieved in so short a time. This is our stock in a greater state.

OUR WORKING FORCE

From Zero in October, 1935,
to

A Peak Employment of
41,000

In February, 1936.
Reduced with the Pick-Up
of Private Employment
to Present Force of
24,500.

Aggregating a Grand
Total of 53,000,000
Man Hours