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Mrs. Woodward Praises American Guide Exhibit.

Mrs. Ellen S. Woodward, Assistant Administrator of the Works Progress Administration directing Women's and Professional Projects, inspected the American Guide exhibit today at the National Museum in Washington. The exhibit will continue through October 8. Mrs. Woodward said:

"It is impossible, even in the generous space allowed by the National Museum, to give more than a suggestion of the vast amount of material to be presented in the six volume of The American Guide. I believe, however, that every visitor will be impressed with the wealth of American history, folklore, and in fact the drama of our whole national life, that has been brought together for the first time.

"Travel today is commonplace, but the value of travel depends upon how much one understands of the new scenes that are unfolded. Even the most experienced travelers doubtless will find much in The American Guide that has escaped them. The eyes of 6,000 trained observers and writers who have found needed employment on this project, with the help of some 12,000 volunteer assistants, including many distinguished scientists, educators, editors and authors, have seen and interpreted more than any one man could expect to gather. The Federal Writers Project of the Works Progress Administration under Henry Alsberg, its National Director, has made a lasting contribution to our national literature.

"America will be dearer and more meaningful to all of us, once we have learned to know it with The American Guide as our handbook."