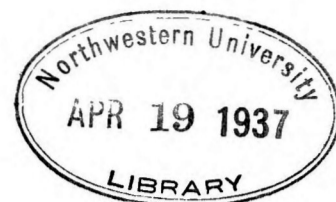


THE WORKS PROGRAM

--Works Progress Administration--



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WPA Puts More Than Two Billion Into Pay Envelopes of Needy.

More than 85 per cent of all WPA expenditures during approximately 18 months of operations, or \$2,104,291,452.52 through January 31, 1937, represents earnings of workers, most of whom otherwise would have no purchasing power, Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator, announced today.

As all administrative expenses have averaged well under five per cent since the early days of the program, total earnings of those who otherwise would have been unemployed are now computed at more than \$2,000,000,000. Average administrative cost since the spring of 1936 has been under four per cent.

Reports of the Treasury Department on cumulative expenditures of the Works Progress Administration through January 31, 1937, show the total as \$2,473,286,041.15, of which 85.1 per cent has gone for personal services, 8.3 per cent for purchases of materials, supplies and equipment, 5.3 per cent for rental of equipment and buildings, and 1.3 per cent for miscellaneous items such as transportation, communication, light and heat.

A later report from the Works Progress Administration shows

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purchases of materials, supplies and equipment totaling \$232,598,938 through February 28, 1937. The largest single item was the purchase of textiles, amounting to \$29,826,763, or 12.8 per cent of the total. These are used in WPA sewing rooms to produce garments and other necessities for distribution to direct relief clients of the various States.

Other items in material purchases, which were made locally wherever possible, are: cement, \$24,856,914, or 10.7 per cent of the total; paving materials and mixtures (bituminous), \$22,940,495, or 9.9 per cent of the total; lumber and its products (excluding furniture), \$19,709,551, or 8.5 per cent of the total; structural and reinforcing steel, \$12,859,631, or 5.5 per cent of the total; crushed stone, \$12,631,175, or 5.4 per cent; cast iron pipe and fittings, \$12,589,057, or 5.4 per cent; concrete products, \$12,427,739, or 5.3 per cent; sand and gravel, \$11,645,929, or 5 per cent; brick, hollow tile and other clay products, \$11,333,702, or 4.9 per cent; other iron and steel products, not elsewhere classified, \$9,599,099, or 4.1 per cent of the total.

(Tables are attached showing the Treasury analysis of expenditures and the WPA report listing purchases of materials, supplies and equipment, by types.)

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Expenditures of the Works Progress Administration
by Object of Expenditures

Cumulative through January 31, 1937

Object of Expenditure	Amount	Percent
Total	\$2,473,286,041.15	100.0
Personal services	2,104,291,452.52	85.1
Purchases of materials, supplies and equipment	204,509,675.51	8.3
Rental of equipment and buildings	131,723,631.64	5.3
Miscellaneous <u>A/</u>	32,761,281.48	1.3

A/ Includes transportation, communication, light, heat, etc.

Source: U. S. Treasury Department

Analysis of Materials, Supplies and Equipment Purchased
by the Works Progress Administration from Federal Funds

Cumulative through February 28, 1937

Type of Material	Amount	Percent
Total	\$232,598,938	100.0
Lumber and its products (excluding furniture)	19,709,551	8.5
Paints and varnishes	2,802,776	1.2
Sand and gravel	11,645,929	5.0
Crushed stone	12,631,175	5.4
Cement	24,856,914	10.7
Concrete products	12,427,739	5.3
Brick, hollow tile, and other clay products	11,333,702	4.9
Stone and glass products, N.E.C. <u>A/</u>	6,722,604	2.9
Structural and reinforcing steel	12,859,631	5.5
Cast iron pipe and fittings	12,589,057	5.4
Plumbing equipment and supplies	1,858,602	0.8
Heating and ventilating equipment and supplies	1,903,704	0.8
Tools (excluding machine tools)	3,770,310	1.6
Other iron and steel products, N.E.C. <u>A/</u>	9,599,099	4.1
Electrical machinery, apparatus, and supplies	4,407,566	1.9
Paving machinery, apparatus and supplies	322,189	0.1
Motor trucks	1,069,417	0.5
Other machinery and equipment, N.E.C. <u>A/</u>	4,108,099	1.8
Paving materials and mixtures - bituminous	22,940,495	9.9
Petroleum products, N.E.C. <u>A/</u>	4,647,430	2.0
Office supplies and equipment (including furniture)	2,761,269	1.2
Textiles	29,826,763	12.8
Chemicals and explosives	2,892,528	1.3
Coal and other fuel except wood and petroleum	956,566	0.4
Tires and rubber goods	629,206	0.3
Non-ferrous metals	1,218,534	0.5
Miscellaneous	12,108,173	5.2

A/ Not elsewhere classified

Source: Works Progress Administration
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