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**LOCAL SPONSORS OF WPA PROJECTS INVITE PUBLIC INSPECTION;
MRS. ROOSEVELT TO SPEAK.**

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt will speak by radio to more than half a million WPA professional and service project workers, local public officials and community representatives gathered at "project dinners" throughout the country tomorrow night. The occasion will inaugurate a week long program designed as a unique report on the results of community service activities carried on by professional and service projects of the WPA.

Citizens everywhere are being invited by Colonel F. C. Harrington, Commissioner of Work Projects, to visit and inspect local projects involving activities of education, recreation, public health, research, sewing, and other fields of welfare and community service.

Mrs. Roosevelt's address will be broadcast from Washington over a nation-wide network of the Mutual Broadcasting System from 8:00 to 8:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. On the same program will be John M. Carmody, Federal Works Administrator, and Colonel Harrington. Mrs. Florence Kerr, Assistant WPA Commissioner in charge of the Professional and Service Division, will introduce the speakers.

The week of May 20-25 has been designated as "This Work Pays Your Community Week." Governors of several states as well as a number of mayors have issued proclamations calling for public support of the occasion, Mrs. Kerr said. WPA professional and service projects throughout the country will be open to public inspection during the week and visitors will be taken on specially conducted tours to observe the actual operation of the projects. Arrangements have been made in many localities, she added, for group tours by representatives of church, social and civic organizations.

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"This is an opportunity for the people of America to see for themselves the services being performed for their local communities by professional and service projects," said Mrs. Kerr. "It is a living report of America at work. Citizens are going to see in our open-house week all our important community programs in action.

"Statistical reports can tell only a small part of the story of what has been done and is being done by such activities as adult education, child health and welfare, recreation, research, music and art and similar projects of the Professional and Service Division. Communities throughout the country have been enriched through the service rendered by these projects, and we welcome the opportunity local sponsors are providing in this event to show the results of our program to the entire Nation."

The Professional and Service Division, in cooperation with local public officials and agencies, supervises all non-construction projects and furnishes employment to approximately a fourth of those on WPA rolls.

In a recent report of WPA accomplishments it was pointed out that several million persons are reached each week through the operations of the Professional and Service Division.

In a typical two-week period, health project workers made 82,500 tests for specific diseases and gave over 17,000 immunization treatments. More than 1,000,000 lunches were served underprivileged school children each day. Adult education classes reported an aggregate enrollment of more than 1,000,000 of whom more than 300,000 were illiterates or aliens. Public recreation activities supervised by trained WPA workers were found, in a typical week, to be equivalent to participation for one hour each by 15,000,000 persons.

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