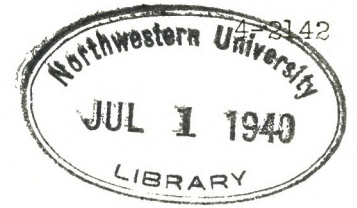


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HARRINGTON CITES COOPERATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN WPA PROJECTS
AIDING NATIONAL DEFENSE

Citing presidential approval of eleven WPA projects in a single day calling for an expenditure of more than \$2,500,000 on improvements of value to national defense, Colonel F. C. Harrington, Work Projects Commissioner, said today that the response of states and local communities in sponsoring such work assured gratifying results.

"The volume of applications now being received for development of National Guard camps, armories, rifle ranges, airports and airway marking--in addition to WPA national defense projects operated in conjunction with the War and Navy Departments--justifies our confidence that preparedness can be speeded by WPA labor forces without lessening the relief benefits of this program," Colonel Harrington added.

Projects of this type just approved by the President as part of the regular state WPA programs call for a total expenditure of \$1,770,926 in Federal funds and \$785,361 by local sponsors. The latter amount, representing more than 30 percent of the total, will be spent largely for materials and supplies, varying according to the proportion of non-labor costs involved.

Included in the list of new projects which may be operated, subject to selection by the State Administrator, are the following:

Delaware: Improvement of National Guard armories and State rifle range, sponsored by Delaware National Guard; total funds, \$17,686.

Florida: Construction of Duval County Armory annex and garage at Jacksonville, sponsored by Armory Board of Military Department; total funds, \$74,463. Construction of armory at Ocala, Marion County, sponsored by City of Ocala; total funds, \$33,809.

Indiana: Improvement of Evansville municipal airport, including construction of runways, hangar and other facilities, sponsored by City of Evansville; total funds, \$641,013.

Kentucky: Construction of armory and improvement of grounds at Williamsburg, Whitley County, sponsored by Armory Corporation, Military Department, State of Kentucky; total funds, \$41,558.

Mississippi: Improvement of facilities at Camp Shelby, Forrest County, including construction of conference hall, storehouses and additions, sponsored by Mississippi National Guard; total funds, \$171,527.

Ohio: Construction of Youngstown municipal airport, Trumbull County, including hangar, administration building, runways and aprons, sponsored by City of Youngstown; total funds, \$1,425,472.

Tennessee: Painting air markers, state-wide, sponsored by Tennessee State Bureau of Aeronautics; total funds, \$26,685. Construction of armory, barns, rifle range, drill field and blacksmith shop, Putnam County, sponsored by Tennessee Armories Commission, City of Cookeville and Putnam County; total funds, \$58,330. Construction of armory, Elizabethton, sponsored by Tennessee Armories Commission, City of Elizabethton and Carter County; total funds, \$55,689.

Virginia: Construction of armory and garage addition, Alleghany County, sponsored by Town of Covington; total funds, \$5,055, in addition to previous allotment.