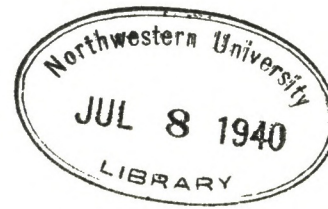


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WPA TO EXHIBIT WORK OF WELFARE PROJECTS

An exhibition showing some of the services which the Work Projects Administration, through its welfare projects, renders to communities over the country, will be presented at the National Museum, Constitution Avenue at 10th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., July 10, to 31, Mrs. Florence Kerr, WPA Assistant Commissioner, announced yesterday.

The general theme of the entire exhibit will be "WPA Welfare Projects protect the health and happiness of Americans," Mrs. Kerr said. Some 12,000 certified workers, she explained, are employed to aid in the task of caring for persons unable to pay for medical service in 1,000 hospitals, institutions and convalescence homes.

About 6,000 workers give assistance in 400 health departments, laboratories, clinics and out-patient departments. WPA assists clinics in which, annually, over 3,000,000 medical examinations and treatments are given, 500,000 tests are made, and 250,000 persons immunized. This assistance does not include that given in schools, camps or homes.

Photographs will show WPA assistants at work in clinics and research laboratories. Charts will show the preparation and use of pneumococci serum for combatting pneumonia. WPA is assisting in the research required to determine the value of this serum as a pneumonia combatant.

Approximately 2,500 persons are employed by WPA to assist in the school medical program and 33,000 persons prepare and serve hot lunches to

school children. More than 1,125,000 school lunches are served daily. Photographs will illustrate this work.

WPA assists the health programs in schools where annually more than 1,000,000 dental examinations and treatments are given, 1,000,000 medical examinations are made, 750,000 medical tests are taken and 100,000 immunizations are given.

WPA assistance provides camp facilities for children from underprivileged homes in overcrowded sections of large cities during vacation days. Photographs will show these children before going to camp and after an eight-week stay in camp.

Other photographs will show how some of the 500 nurses on the WPA rolls are given the opportunity to work in their field, along with the regularly employed nurses of health agencies.

On display will be miniature models of a sanitary milk house, and posters on syphilis control and treatment. Puppets used in the public schools of Pennsylvania will demonstrate proper care of teeth.

One alcove will be set up to demonstrate the activities of a toy-lending center, typical of those operated by WPA in many sections of the country. Quantities of toys will be shown from various states. From Decatur, Ill., a child's table and four chairs will be on display. To be exhibited also will be a block-printed wall hanging specifically designed to interest children.

"WPA Toy Lending Centers," Mrs. Kerr said, "provide toys and games, on a loan basis, to thousands of underprivileged children living in congested areas in American cities. Juvenile court authorities claim definite reductions in juvenile delinquency in areas serviced by these centers."

Products from a canning project in Florida will be on display.

More than 22,000 women, referred to WPA by state employment offices and public agencies, have been trained for jobs as household workers; 18,000 have been placed in private homes. Local advisory committees are working for better household employment standards. The project operates in 19 states. The work of this project will be illustrated by photographs and a small, but tastefully arranged dinner table, set up by the District of Columbia project workers.

An average of 57,000 needy families a month are helped by WPA housekeeping aides in times of illness, necessary absence of the mother, or other emergencies. Panel charts will illustrate the work, and pictures will show actual service of aides in homes, as well as in training. Additional exhibits will include contents of a kit and uniforms used by the aides.

Displayed on dress forms will be a full line of clothing made on WPA sewing projects for men and women, play clothes for children, specially designed woolen clothing such as ski suits, mackinaws, children's snow suits and moccasins. A unit of workers from the District of Columbia sewing project will demonstrate cutting with electric equipment.

It is now understood that age is no indicator of size. Hit or miss methods of sizing children's clothing and children's patterns need no longer be used. Sizes may now be based on body measurements instead of age. To improve the fit of children's readymade garments, the U. S. Bureau of Home Economics, in cooperation with WPA, measured 147,083 typical American boys and girls, aged 4 to 17, in 15 states and the District of Columbia. The study showed that the dimensions of children of the same age have such a tremendous range that the "average" child of a particular age group does not exist.

The work of the measuring project will be explained by weighing scales, a kit of calibrated measuring instruments, comparison forms and photographs.

Thousands of comforters and mattresses are produced each week for distribution to needy American homes. Surplus cotton, provided by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation of the Department of Agriculture, is used in making these items. Finished articles and photographs will illustrate this work.

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