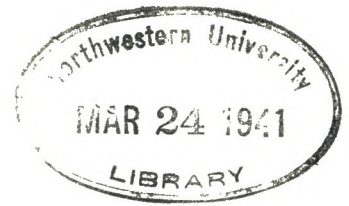


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WPA OPENS 17 SCHOOLS TO TRAIN AVIATION SERVICEMEN

Fred R. Rauch, Acting Deputy Commissioner of Work Projects, announced today that 17 training schools for airport servicemen have been established as the beginning of a program to place qualified WPA workers in private jobs at air fields in all parts of the country.

Instructors for these schools recently completed courses conducted in Washington, D. C., and Atlanta, Ga., by the U. S. Office of Education to qualify them as teachers. Each will provide a three-month course in maintenance of airports and servicing of planes for ten men selected from WPA rolls.

Following completion of other instructors' courses, each training ten teachers, additional ground servicemen training schools will be opened at airports designated by the Civil Aeronautics Administration. Courses for instructors will be held in coming weeks at Houston, Tex., San Francisco, Portland, Ore., and several midwestern cities.

The number of WPA trainees, now about 180, will thus be increased week by week until several thousand have been trained in ground servicemen schools.

"The expanding aviation industry of the United States no doubt will require many hundreds of new ground workers this year," Mr. Rauch said. "By training WPA employees in the duties of airport servicemen, we can assist in returning them to private employment and help materially to meet a need which

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will arise with thousands of new planes using our air fields."

Courses are already under way at Bendix, Basking Ridge and West Trenton, N. J.; Roosevelt Field, N. Y.; Boulevard Airport, Philadelphia, and Lock Haven, Pa.; Curtiss-Wright Field, Baltimore, and Hagerstown, Md.; Byrd Airport, Richmond, Va., and Candler Field, Atlanta, Ga.

Courses are being set up this week at Raleigh, N. C.; Columbia, S. C.; Jacksonville, Miami and Tampa, Fla.; and Memphis and Nashville, Tenn. An initial course was completed recently at Congressional Airport, near Washington, D. C.

The project is sponsored by the National Defense Commission and co-sponsored by the Office of Education and the Civil Aeronautics Administration. The CAA designates training sites, and the Office of Education is responsible for the training of experienced airport men as instructors and the course given the WPA trainees.

Men who complete the course will be qualified for maintenance and service duties ranging from taxiing and fueling of planes to care of parachutes and crash procedures. Their training provides actual work on busy fields, where it is expected that the CAA student training programs and other activities will require such services.

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