

12 COUNTIES ASK \$1,477,632 FOR WPA PROJECTS

Approval Is Sought for
\$12,195 Fund to Redecorate
Veterans' Hospital.

Plans for WPA projects in 12 counties, calling for an expenditure of \$1,477,632, have been submitted to State WPA officials, State Administrator John K. Jennings said today.

The proposed projects include the construction of a garage and a painting and redecorating program at the U. S. Veterans' Hospital here at a cost of \$12,195.

The largest expenditure proposed was \$770,966 by Knox County Commissioners for road and bridge improvements.

Lake County Seeks Park Funds

Lake County cities have asked for approval of projects costing \$426,651, the largest of which was \$390,027 for a city-wide park improvement program at Hammond.

Mr. Jennings said that if the State administration sanctions the proposals they will be forwarded to Washington for final approval.

Other proposed projects include:

Allen County, Ft. Wayne—\$42,750; improvements to the combined storm and sanitary sewer system.

Clinton County, Frankfort—\$63,975; city-wide street improvement.

Henry County, Knightstown—\$35,850; improvements at Watts Lake Park.

Daviess County, Washington—\$1,747; cleaning and renovating at the Carnegie Library.

Warrick County, Boonville—\$219; cleaning and renovating at the County Court House.

\$114 Asked for Survey

Vanderburgh County, Evansville—\$4951; history of roads and bridges; sponsored by the Vanderburgh County Commissioners.

Huntington County, Huntington—\$1448; survey of real property, land-use, family composition and income.

Sullivan County, Sullivan—\$3100; repairing of public records in the county clerk, auditor, treasurer and recorder; sponsored by the Sullivan County Commissioners.

Henry County—\$100,550; improvements at Memorial Park; sponsored by the Board of Park Commissioners and the County Commissioners.

Hoosier Unions Fail To Halt WPA Building

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Three trips here by Indiana building trades union leaders proved futile so far as getting the WPA to halt its building program in Indiana, the House Appropriations Committee hearings disclosed today.

The question was raised by Rep. Leon Lachow (D., Ind.), a member of the committee, while Col. F. C. Harrington, WPA administrator, was being cross-examined.

Union Complain

Union craftsmen complain that the employment of WPA labor on construction projects is demoralizing and breaking down the regular crafts by infiltrating unskilled labor into a field that has been occupied exclusively by skilled craftsmen, and they have furnished much impressive evidence to that effect.

Rep. Lachow said: "I have seen the Indiana delegation here three times," Col. Harrington replied, "and my only conclusion is that if we shut down that building construction project in the state of Indiana they will not be any better off than they are now. That is a reasonable conclusion, because we are doing work that would not otherwise be done."

Sent Assistant Here

Col. Harrington pointed out that he had spent three hours in his office talking the matter over with the Indiana union leaders and added:

"I also sent one of my principal assistants out to Indianapolis to meet with them out there. We took all the items of jobs that they claimed would have employed the building trades groups if WPA had withdrawn from the field, but we did not get anything definite on it."

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The Gallup Poll



The figures on the chart show the percentage of British voters satisfied with Neville Chamberlain as Prime Minister. The results are from surveys by the British Institute of Public Opinion, affiliate of the American Institute.

Chamberlain Is Backed by 58 Per Cent of British Despite Hitler Coup.

BY DR. GEORGE GALLUP
Director, American Institute of Public Opinion

NEW YORK, March 31.—Prime Minister Chamberlain's popularity with British voters has declined since Herr Hitler's seizure of Czechoslovakia early this month, but the 70-year-old statesman, whose foreign policy has stressed European "appeasement," still is approved by a sizable majority of his fellow countrymen.

Surveys of British sentiment by the British Institute of Public Opinion, affiliate of the American Institute, show that after a brief setback following the Munich peace last September, Mr. Chamberlain's popularity climbed steadily until early March when 61 per cent of British voters said they were satisfied with him as Prime Minister, against 39 per cent who said they were not. Then came Herr Hitler's swift march into Prague, which raised a fury of criticism in England against the Prime Minister's policies. Today Mr. Chamberlain is approved by a slightly smaller majority—58 per cent, with 42 per cent opposed.

The six-month trend has been as follows:

Are you satisfied with Mr. Chamberlain as Prime Minister?	
Yes	No
November, 1938.....	57% 43%
December.....	55 45
January, 1939.....	58 44
February.....	57 43
March.....	61 39
TODAY.....	58 42

The rise in Mr. Chamberlain's popularity during the winter months is explained to a great extent by the public's attitude toward appeasement. A recent British Institute survey found that the largest single group of voters—nearly half of the total—think the policy "will keep us out of war until we have time to rearm"—a view which the London News Chronicle describes as cynically realistic."

This survey asked a cross-section of British voters:

"Which of these statements comes nearest to representing your views of Mr. Chamberlain's policy of appeasement?"

"1. It is a policy which will ultimately lead to enduring peace in Europe."

"2. It will keep us out of war until we have time to rearm."

"3. It is bringing war nearer by whetting the appetites of the dictators."

The vote was:

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No Opinion 2

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People for Tax Immunity Ban

By Institute of Public Opinion

The Supreme Court decision wiping out the tax immunity of Government salaries is in line with the sentiment of a majority of voters as measured by the American Institute of Public Opinion.

Within the last year the Institute has conducted two surveys on the issue of whether employees of state and local governments, heretofore exempt from Federal income taxes, should be required to pay a levy on their salaries. The first survey taken last July, found 82 per cent of voters in favor of removing the exemption. In a second survey last month the vote was even higher.

"Do you think people who work for the State and local governments should pay Federal income taxes on their salaries?"

July	Yes	No
.....	82%	18%
February	87	13

The chief contention of voters in the two surveys was that if people in private employ have to pay income taxes, Government employees should not get off "just because they happen to work for the Government."

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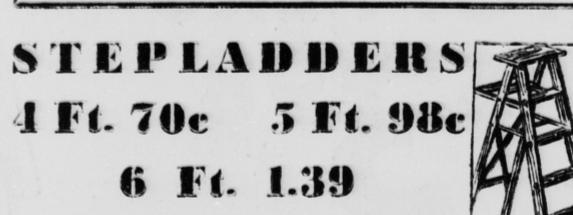
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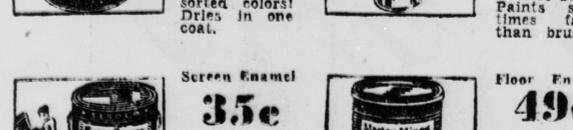
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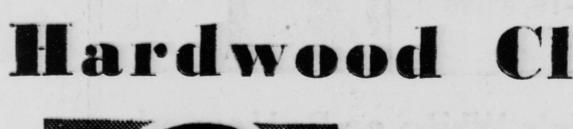
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