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NYA PROJECT INCLUDES WRITING HISTORY FOR THE SOUTHWEST AREA

Fourteen Young People Will Work Under Miss Albertine Becquet,
Starting Monday, February 24th

Miss Albertine Bequet, district supervisor of the National Youth Act,* has announced a forth-coming project for the 14 members who are taking part in the program. The program will go into effect Monday, February 24, and is to run until completed.

** The National Youth Act Project mentioned here, was also called "The Federal Writers Project" "American Guide" and "The National Youth Administration Writers"*

The project is one which should be of great interest to the people of this territory. The boys and girls who are signed up for the NYA will work under the direction and supervision of Miss Becquet, who in turn will send her reports to the state headquarters located in Topeka. The project will be the writing of articles on the history or the southwest. Research is to be one of the principal ideas in the work. Each member will become a writer and edit articles, which are to be type written and sent in to Miss Becquet. All of the work will be done by correspondence. The stories will then be graded and sent on to headquarters in Topeka where those in charge of the project will use them for the project.

The members of the NYA will be paid \$15 per month for 42 hours and payday for them is every two weeks. The members taking part in the present writing project are from the following towns surrounding Garden City: Ensign, Montezuma, Ingalls, Sublette, Ulysses, Johnson, Lakin, and Garden City.

There are two boys and twelve girls taking part in the project with Miss Becquet as district supervisor and Miss Winifred Shelton of Holcomb, as editor-in-chief. *(When the project ended, there were 5 young men & 17 young women. As I was only able to save a number of the stories... there may have been even more writers.)*

This project is one that is well worthwhile from an educational and historical standpoint. It gives the individual members a chance to show their true aptitude for writing and gives to the state, articles on our history of the southwest of which we can be proud to have on files for the coming generations.