

# Office Opened Here For State Mineral Survey

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WPA Inventory Of Natural  
Resources Of This Section.  
Local Men Are Employed.

The Statewide Mineral Survey, a Statewide Works Progress Administration Project sponsored by the Arkansas Geological Survey under George C. Branner, State Geologist has opened headquarters in the Court house at Greenwood under the supervision of W. E. Womble, Jr., late of Fort Smith, but now of Greenwood. 15 workers will be employed at first; one typist and 14 men for field work. The following are already employed. Harlan Newman, Bill Williamson, Jack Knox, Tillman Jones, Darrell Martin, Lem Hannah, Andrew Mathis, James Williams and George Borum all of Greenwood, Chester F. Greenfield of Lavaca, and Coleman Y. Harris of Fort Smith. The purpose of the work are threefold: to provide employment, to make a physical inventory of the natural resources of the state and to train workers for better work. As expressed in the title of the project the purposes are: "To locate, measure, estimate, describe, test and map accessible resources of the State of Arkansas to determine their adaptability for economic use."

The project will probably continue in the county for six months or more and in the whole state will perhaps take a couple of years. The project has started in 27 counties and the eastern portion of the state is not being surveyed at the present time except the Crowley ridge region.

Minerals are not the only thing sought for, but highway materials and water resources are of equal importance and are given just as careful consideration. All water wells and springs found are reported upon and places suitable for recreation are mentioned.

All labor is recruited from the WPA Rolls by the WPA Area office in Fort Smith.

Any interesting mineral specimens which the owners wish to have examined may be brought in and they will be investigated. If they are of value it will be held confidential and only the owner of the land notified if he so desires.

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## Arkansas Mineral Survey Reveals Coal Deposits

**Sebastian Co.**  
An Arkansas mineral survey crew operating out of Greenwood has discovered additional large quantities of coal and other valuable minerals in Sebastian county, W. E. Womble Jr., supervisor of the survey, declared Wednesday.

Millions of tons of coal and vast quantities of shale suitable for making fine brick and tile have been mapped, and fire clay suitable for many purposes has been found at several places, Womble said.

The survey also has mapped stone suitable for building and crushing, and clay gravel deposits for road making were found near Lavaca. Piles of shale or coal mine debris which makes good secondary road surfacing have been mapped in parts of the county where coal mines have operated.

Data collected by the survey crews will be placed on file at the state geologist's office, showing the location of the deposits together with roads leading to the minerals.

Seventeen survey workers are working out of the courthouse at Greenwood, covering the county by foot. Practically every acre of land is being surveyed for surface indications of minerals, the supervisor said.

## Water Testing Equipment Placed In Greenwood

The water testing equipment of the Mineral Survey of Sebastian county was installed at the county courthouse in Greenwood Tuesday by Rex E. Mhoon.

Darrell Martin was placed in charge of the water testing project, according to Bill Williamson of the survey office.

The water testing project is for the purpose of making a test of the streams, springs and wells over the county.