

Working day and night, personnel was selected and trained in new procedures, a central headquarters at 741 South Flower Street and 23 district placement offices throughout the county were leased, remodeled and equipped, and a multitude of other things accomplished - all new, untried and experimental. But all of that is another story - many stories.

With the loyal and hearty cooperation of the capable staff of the recreation project, the new S. E. R. A. opened all of its doors throughout the county on May 1, 1934. Major Arthur H. Miller was appointed Chief of the Placement and Administrative Personnel Division, and Mr. Dahl was appointed Chief of the Professional, Technical and Women's Work Division. Frank Y. McLaughlin was named Director of S. E. R. A. for Los Angeles County. In July Mr. Dahl was appointed Director of S. E. R. A. for Riverside County and Major Miller became Chief of the Professional, Technical and Women's Work Division, remaining in that capacity until April, 1935, when he became Southern Area Director.

With the advent of the S. E. R. A., the Recreation and Delinquency Prevention Project No. 8288, with more than 1000 on its rolls, became Projects No. 1-E4-10 and No. 1-E4-15, with numerous subsidiary projects, and in March, 1934, Superintendent James K. Reid appointed Marion E. Miller Project Administrator. She rebuilt the staff, appointing new supervisors to the vacancies left by those who went to S. E. R. A. The relief budget wage system was again installed; the training institutes were continued and strengthened. Under the new regime, the program continued its worthy service to the entire county, sponsored and fostered by the Los Angeles County Recreation Department, and receiving constant help from its old friends in the S. E. R. A. All of the accumulated experience of a year of operation was brought to bear in the service extended to the outlying cities and communities throughout Los Angeles County.

In September, 1934, Marion Miller was succeeded as Project Administrator by Laura Chase who was succeeded in turn by Gladys Meredith, both having been field supervisors in the program during its development. Miss Meredith has conducted the affairs of the project with distinction and successfully accomplished its transition from the S. E. R. A. program to the W. P. A. program in December, 1935. The chief change in this transition was the adoption of the security wage for workers, certification being required from the State Relief Administration for assignment.