Office Opened Here For State
Mineral Survey
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W. E. Wombles, Jr. Supervises
WPA Inventory Of Natural Resources Of This Section.
Local Men Are Employed.

The Statewide Mineral Survey, a
Statewide Works Progress Administra-
tion 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. Fifteen workers will be
employed at first: one typist and 14
men for field work. The following
are already employed: Harlan New-
man, Bill Williamson, Jack Knox,
Wilmont Jones, Darrell Martin, Lewis
Hannahs, Andrew Mathis, James Wil-
nams and George Borum all of
Greenwood, Chester F. Greenfield of
Lavaca, and Coleman N. Harris of
Fort Smith. The purpose of the
work are threefold: to provide em-
ployment, to make a physical inven-
tory of the natural resources of the
state and to train workers for bet-
ter 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 reg-
ion.

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 recrea-
tion are mentioned.

All labor is recruited from the
WPA Rolls by the WPA Area of-
ce in Fort Smith.

Any interesting mineral specimens
which the owners wish to have ex-
amined 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 rati-
nified if he so desires.

Arkansas Mineral Survey Reveals
Coal Deposits

A new federal state survey
crew operating out of Greenwood
has discovered additional large
quantities of coal and other valu-
able 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 suit-
able for many purposes has been
found at several places, Womble
said.

The survey work has mapped
stone suitable for building and
chimneys, and clay 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 to-
gether with roads leading to the
mines. 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 super-
visor 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.