

OKLAHOMA DEMOCRATS WON'T AID HOSPITAL

The Kansas City Call, strongly Republican and anti-New Deal, features the following story under a Muskogee, Oklahoma, dateline:

"With typical Democratic trickery where Negroes are concerned, the Oklahoma division of the Works Progress Administration turned down the sole Negro project among six after party leaders pleaded for colored support in a special vote on a bond issue here, in Muskogee.

"The bond issue vote was to raise money to match WPA funds for six propositions, among them erection of a Negro hospital to be owned by the city. Prominent white Democrats of Muskogee appeared before every colored church and civic organization urging Negroes to vote for the bond issue and promised definitely that all of the projects would be submitted as a whole to the state WPA.

"After the bond issue was passed with the support of the colored voters, W. S. Key, state WPA director, told Muskogee officials all projects had been approved with the exception of the construction of the hospital but gave no reason for the rejection of this proposition.

"The five white projects approved are for repairing and constructing buildings" and making other improvements in city parks; constructing, improving and equipping fire stations; providing drainage and improving the city's airport; making improvements on the fair grounds, and improving the city jail."

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WOMEN LEARN TRADES UNDER WPA SETUP

The Norfolk Journal and Guide gives the following account of the manner in which WPA is teaching dependent Virginia women how to earn their own living in domestic service:

"How the Works Progress Administration vocational setup in Newport News is not only providing adequate means of support for a group of women here, but is also giving them an opportunity to learn a profitable trade, is revealed in the handicraft project for Negro women in operation at 711 Twenty-Second Street here.

"The project under the general direction of Mrs. Lucette Bell, Head of the woman's work division for the WPA, and supervised by Mrs. Gertrude Fitzgerald was started several months ago in an endeavor to discover some means of training women who had no other way to earn a living.

"Mrs. Bell last week said if no other result had been accomplished the success of teaching untrained workers how to make a living when the government ends its task of relief would be well worth the effort. To this end the government has been devoting much time and energy, as well as money, all of which are