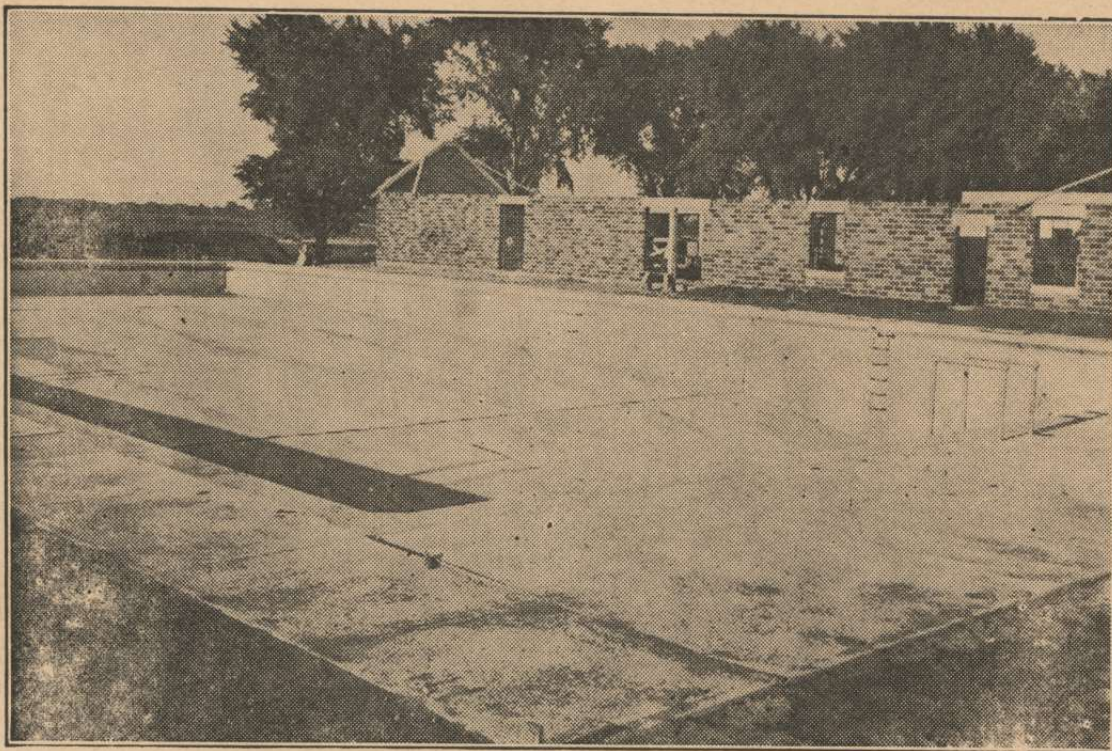


## New Recreational Public Parks



Many Iowa communities have acquired outstanding public improvements this summer, embracing recreational facilities such as swimming pools, bath houses, filtration plants, park roads and landscaping, amphitheatres and shelter houses. These are the result of application by park boards and local organizations, and the employment of local labor by the state WPA.

Shown above is a view taken in the course of construction of the Sunnyside Park recreation center at Atlantic, Iowa, a project sponsored by city officials and leaders in the community. It is one of the most comprehensive projects of this kind in the state, including a complete set of improvements as stated above, and is typical of several such of a permanent nature now ready or in the course of construction.

Municipal authorities in every county of Iowa have either sponsored a new park, built one or more shelter houses or a swimming pool through the co-operation of the state WPA and local work relief labor.

Public swimming pool projects have been completed or are in the course of construction by the works progress administration in parks in Atlantic, Des Moines, Villisca, Jefferson, Pella, Marshalltown, Decorah and Dubuque.

These improvements are most desirable to any Iowa community, not only adding to the recreational facilities of the town but to the conservation and improvement of public health, and the attractiveness of the community as a place in which to live. They are a valuable addition to the material assets of the city park system and in the process of creating them people forced to require assistance through no fault of their own have been given appreciated employment.