

Athletic Fields and Bleachers Built by W P A



The growing public appreciation of clean sports out-of-doors as a health and entertainment feature has stressed the need of athletic fields, stadiums and bleachers in communities not adequately equipped. This view shows the steel grandstand and wooden bleachers erected by WPA to accommodate 2500 at West High school, Waterloo.

Public consideration of the development of the growing child physically as well as mentally has resulted in a proper high regard for modern health conserving and improvement plants available to our youth through the public school system.

Park and School Boards of Iowa communities not properly equipped have availed themselves of the opportunity to secure such desirable improvements through federal financing aid. At the same time they have thus provided needed employment for hundreds of skilled and unskilled resident workmen on relief who have been certified to the Works Progress Administration for service on such projects.

Marion, Davenport, Centerville, Manilla, Council Bluffs, Keota, Clinton, Iowa City and Waterloo are some of the Iowa cities where one or more such major improvements as football fields, cinder tracks, steel grandstands, wooden bleachers and wire fencing have been or are being built by the WPA. Numerous tennis courts, soft ball and baseball diamonds and playgrounds have also been constructed.