Service Tunnel Built by W P A



One of the very interesting and practical WPA construction jobs in Iowa is the service tunnel planned and sponsored by local officials of Webster City and built by workmen not otherwise employed, and certified as relief workers. This WPA project called for a reinforced concrete tunnel 10x10x224 feet, extending from the municipal power plant under railroad right-of-way south to the city pumping station to accommodate water mains and conduit. A brick tunnel house 22x24 feet with concrete basement and roof was also part of the project. 4200 cubic yards of earth were excavated and 693 cubic yards of concrete poured. Approximately fifty men were employed by WPA during construction and the project was completed and opened for service August 3rd.