

poses', approved February 28, 1925 (43 Stat. 1060; U. S. C., title 39, sec. 101), is amended by adding thereto a new paragraph to read as follows:

"Whenever any substitute laborer, watchman, or messenger is appointed to a permanent position as laborer, watchman, or messenger, the substitute service performed by such laborer, watchman, or messenger shall be computed in determining the eligibility of such person for promotion to grade 2 on the basis of three hundred and six days of eight hours constituting a year's service. Effective at the beginning of the first quarter following approval of this Act, all laborers, watchmen, and messengers who have not progressed to grade 2 shall be promoted to that grade, provided they have the necessary credit of three hundred and six days of eight hours each constituting a year's service.

"Any fractional part of a year's substitute service will be included with service as a regular laborer, watchman, or messenger in the Postal Service in determining eligibility for promotion to the next higher grade following appointment to a regular position. Effective at once following approval of this Act, all laborers, watchmen, and messengers who have not progressed to grade 2 shall be promoted to that grade, provided they have the necessary credit of three hundred and six days of eight hours each constituting a year's service."

Approved, August 26, 1937.

[CHAPTER 826]

AN ACT

Giving superintendents at classified post-office stations credit for substitutes serving under them.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the fourth paragraph of section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act reclassifying the salaries of postmasters and employees of the Postal Service, readjusting their salaries and compensation on an equitable basis, increasing postal rates to provide for such readjustments, and for other purposes", approved February 28, 1925, as amended (U. S. C., title 39, sec. 93), is amended by striking out the period at the end thereof and inserting in lieu thereof a colon and the following: *Provided*, That in determining the number of employees at a classified station credit shall be allowed for service performed by regular employees, substitute employees other than those serving in lieu of regular employees absent from duty for any cause and temporary employees assigned to the station, and for each two thousand four hundred and forty-eight hours of service performed by such employees the station superintendent shall be allowed credit for one employee.

Approved, August 26, 1937.

[CHAPTER 827]

AN ACT

To authorize an appropriation for the construction of small reservoirs under the Federal reclamation laws.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from the special fund in the Treasury of the United States created by the Act of June 17, 1902, and therein designated "The Reclamation Fund", there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$500,000 for expenditure by the Secretary of the Interior, under the

Time credits for substitute laborers, etc., when appointed to permanent positions.

Promotions.

Credit for fractional part of year's substitute service.

Promotions.

August 26, 1937
[H. R. 1972]

[Public, No. 386]

Postal Service.
Superintendents at classified stations.

43 Stat. 1057.
39 U. S. C. § 93.

Credit for substitutes serving under, added in computing salaries.

August 26, 1937
[H. R. 2512]

[Public, No. 387]

Reclamation fund.
32 Stat. 338.
43 U. S. C. § 301.
Appropriation authorized for construction of small storage reservoirs.

Federal reclamation laws, in the construction of small storage reservoirs at such locations within the States subject to the Federal reclamation laws, as the said Secretary may select, no reservoir to be constructed hereunder the estimated cost of which exceeds \$50,000.

Approved, August 26, 1937.

Cost limitation.

[CHAPTER 828]

AN ACT

To provide for the extension of certain prospecting permits, and for other purposes.

August 26, 1937

[H. R. 4277]

[Public, No. 388]

General Leasing Act, amendments.

Prospecting permits, extension of certain, under prescribed conditions.

41 Stat. 437; 49 Stat.

674.

30 U. S. C. §§ 181-287; Supp. II, § 221.

41 Stat. 441.

Termination.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That oil and gas prospecting permits issued under authority of an Act entitled "An Act to promote the mining of coal, phosphate, oil, oil shale¹ gas, and sodium on the public domain", approved February 25, 1920, as amended, outstanding on December 31, 1937, (a) which have been committed in whole or in part to a cooperative or unit plan of development and operation that on December 31, 1937, has been approved or prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, or is in process of revision or reconsideration pursuant to prior review, without rejection, in the Department of the Interior; or (b) which, together with one or more other permits, have been committed in whole or in part to a cooperative or unit plan of development and operation for the whole of any single oil or gas pool or field (or reasonably compact area) that was filed before January 1, 1937, and rejected pursuant to instructions of said Secretary; or (c) under which approved drilling was actively in progress at some time within the calendar year 1937; or (d) under which at least one well shall have been drilled to a depth of not less than two thousand feet subsequent to August 21, 1935; or (e) which have been issued subsequent to August 21, 1935, and for which timely compliance has been made with the drilling requirements of section 13 of said Act of February 25, 1920, to the extent required by December 31, 1937, or, in the absence of such timely drilling, for which an acceptable cooperative or unit plan of development and operation has been filed on or before said date are all hereby extended to December 31, 1939, the provisions of any other Act or Acts to the contrary notwithstanding, subject, however, to the applicable conditions of the permits and of unfulfilled conditions of any prior extensions. All oil and gas prospecting permits shall cease and terminate without notice of cancellation on the final date of their current term, including any extension herein granted, and no extension of any permit beyond December 31, 1939, shall be granted under the authority of this Act or any other Act.

Approved, August 26, 1937.

[CHAPTER 829]

AN ACT

To continue in effect a certain lease for the quarters of the post office at Grover, North Carolina, and for other purposes.

August 26, 1937

[H. R. 4402]

[Public, No. 389]

Grover, N. C., post office.

Lease for quarters continued.

45 Stat. 724.

39 U. S. C. § 60a.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the lease for the quarters of the post office at Grover, North Carolina, pursuant to which rent was paid prior to the relegation, on July 1, 1934, of such post office to a post office of the fourth class, shall not be held or considered to have terminated or to terminate by reason of the provisions of the Act of May 24, 1928, entitled "An Act granting allowances for rent, fuel, light, and equipment to postmasters of the fourth class,

¹ So in original.