

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION  
Washington

STEPHENSON NAMED WAGE-HOUR DIVISION EXECUTIVE OFFICER

William A. F. Stephenson, now Special Assistant to H. A. Gray, Assistant Administrator of Public Works, today was appointed Executive Officer of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, by Administrator Elmer F. Andrews. Mr. Stephenson, who has a long record of service in similar posts in Government agencies, was named from the civil service list for Director of Personnel. He will assume his new duties in charge of administrative matters including fiscal, procurement and personnel work in the Division on Monday.

A native of Chicago, Mr. Stephenson was graduated from the University of Chicago and did graduate work there, receiving his degree in public administration in 1927. He was employed by the Philadelphia Public Ledger and the Chicago Tribune in their business departments making surveys for these papers before entering the brokerage business where he was employed for three years. Mr. Stephenson was Assistant Chief of Social Sciences of the Chicago World's Fair, subsequently returning to the University of Chicago to work under Luther Gulick and Marshall Dimock, authorities on public administration. Mr. Dimock is now Second Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Under the completion of this work, Mr. Stephenson came to Washington October, 1933 to be Commodity Chief in the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. He later went with the Department of the Interior as Chief of Operations of the Soil Conservation Service remaining in that capacity until shortly after that service was transferred to the Department of Agriculture and placed on a permanent basis, when he returned to the Office of the Secretary of the Interior, Harold L. Ickes, as Executive Officer of the Housing Division of the Public Works

Administration. In September 1937, Mr. Stephenson became coordinator of the office of the Secretary of the Interior and, with the launching of the new Public Works program last June, he assumed his present duties as Special Assistant in the office of Assistant Administrator, Public Works Administration.

In several of his positions, Mr. Stephenson has been responsible for preparation of the budgets, other fiscal work and the personnel and training activities of the offices. With his appointment the present office of Business Manager and a substantial part of the office of the Coordinator of the Wage and Hour Division will be merged into that of Executive Officer.