

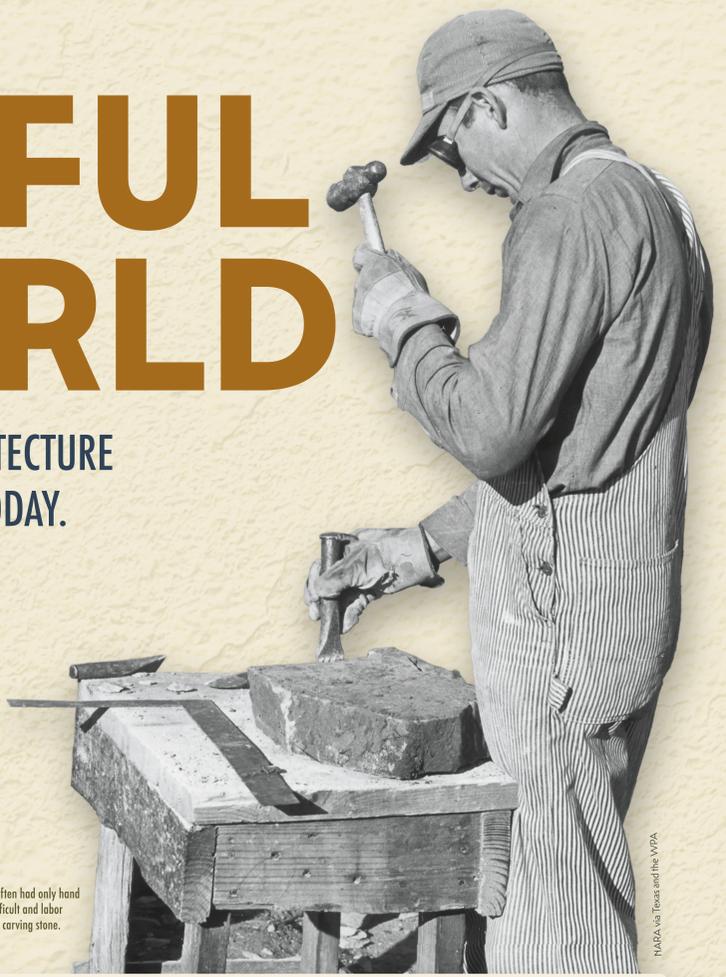
# FORGING **A** BEAUTIFUL WORLD

THE NEW DEAL INVESTED IN ART AND ARCHITECTURE  
THAT ENDURES AND ENRICHES OUR LIVES TODAY.

## USING EVERYONE'S TALENTS

The purpose of the New Deal was to provide relief to all Americans, especially those without work. While some of the most popular and well-known programs provided jobs requiring little to no skill, such as the Civilian Conservation Corps, the New Deal also supported many professionals. Across Texas, local contractors and architects were hired to do more technical work. This provided them with opportunities that used their trades to enhance these relief projects.

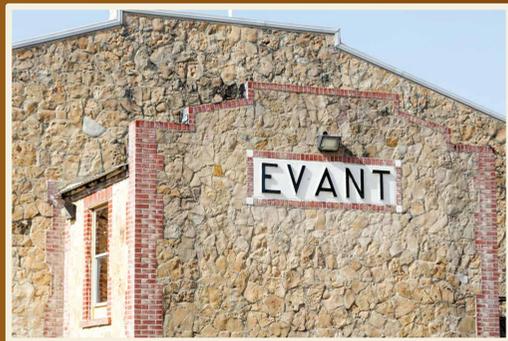
New Deal workers often had only hand tools to perform difficult and labor intensive tasks, like carving stone.



NADA, via Texas and the WPA

## BEAUTIFUL BUILDINGS, BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITIES

Architects across the nation drew inspiration from the City Beautiful Movement, which believed that a beautifully built environment improved the society around it. Hamilton County features several buildings that are influenced by this philosophy. The architecture of the Hamilton City Pool and the Evant High School Gymnasium and Auditorium are examples of this. The Hamilton City Pool is built in the NPS Rustic Style, which blended the beauty of the natural environment with man made structures.



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The Evant High School gymnasium and auditorium goes beyond the typical white limestone structure of other local schools and incorporates red brick outlines, adding a unique touch to the building.

## ART FOR THE PEOPLE

Just as the leaders of the City Beautiful Movement believed that beautiful buildings made for better people, the architects of the New Deal believed that Americans were better when they were exposed to art. The Treasury Section of Fine Arts and the Federal Arts Project aimed to increase Americans' exposure to art by integrating fine art into everyday spaces. For example, the Hamilton Post Office boasts a large mural entitled Texas Rangers in Camp. This artwork is located for all to see, reflecting the artist's interpretation of local Texas history.



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The Texas Rangers in Camp mural depicts four Texas Rangers relaxing at the end of a long day of work, something locals could relate to.