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OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Digest of current job offers in the State of Nebraska and Eastern  
half of South Dakota for period ending January 31, 1944...  
Investigated and approved by the VRA

Employment Summary

Although the area served by the VRA offices at Omaha, Nebraska, is predominantly rural, with agriculture as its prime industry, there still are many opportunities here for workers in practically all fields of endeavor. There are at present approximately 416 resettlers in the area, employed in all types of work from the professionals to common labor.

For instance there is the case of Dr. Charles Usui, who arrived at Omaha one recent afternoon to accept employment at the Lutheran Hospital there. Before midnight of that same day he was instrumental in having delivered a fine baby boy to one of the hospital's patients. Dr. Usui was about as proud as the baby's father.

Then there is the Tomita family of eight, including two sons, who practically are blind. All members of the family, even including these two, are now employed and doing very well. Nothing, it seems, is impossible in the Omaha area.

Housing and Cost of Living

The housing situation in Omaha still remains stringent, the greatest shortage being in furnished houses and apartments. However, like the rest of the areas all who have come to Omaha have found suitable quarters. Rentals for houses and apartments range from \$25 per month upward, depending on size and location. Room and board average cost is about \$7.50 weekly; sleeping rooms \$4 per week and up.

Professional

Male Nurse	Registered male nurse for psychiatric ward, \$90 to \$100 a month and three meals.
X-ray Technician	\$105 a month with three meals.
Dieticians	\$50 a month, uniforms, and meals
Dental Technicians	Trained but inexperienced technicians paid \$150 a month to start, \$60 a month for apprentice. Experienced man (5 years) \$1.10 an hour, time and a half over 40 hours.

Industrial

Watchmakers	50% commission basis, tools available, two Niseis now employed averaging \$90 to \$100 a week
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Fender man	For Chev. firm. Also painting. Paid 60% commission, employer gets 40%
Photo worker	Retouching and dark room work, male or female, \$100 a month
Pressman	To operate cylinder presses in print shop, 80¢ an hour
Mechanics helpers	\$125 to \$175 a month.
Moulders	Two men to learn moulding, 40¢ an hour while learning, \$1.00 an hour guaranteed for piece work when skilled
Meat Packing	70¢ an hour, time and a half over 40 hours
Poultry Packing	45¢ an hour for women. Egg drying, same wage. Men paid 54 to 60¢ an hour for same work
Vegetable man	For wholesale produce firm, 60¢ an hour in three months
Lubrication man	\$30 a week to start

Truck drivers, welders, warehouse workers, lathe, drilling, and milling machine operators, 60 to 80¢ an hour, time and a half over 40 hours.

#### Clerical

Typists and File Clerks	\$20 a week, Father Flannagan's Boys Town
Other clerical and stenographic work	pay same scale
Stockroom clerk	\$27.50 a week to start with opportunity to advance.

#### Domestic

Numerous opportunities for single girl and couples. Some offers are from suburban estates where man will do chores, etc., and yardwork, wife to cook and do housework. Single persons paid \$60 a month and up, couples paid up to \$160 a month. Arrangements can also be made where women will work as domestic while husband stays with her but works elsewhere.

#### Agricultural

Two Families	for 560 acre farm with two tenant houses (5 & 6 rooms) with electricity, furniture supplied, milk and meat provided. Start \$50 a month, raised to \$75 in 3 months. Additional pay if wives work.
One Family	\$75 a month separate house, eggs milk and two acre garden space in Alma, Nebraska.