

CURRENT RELOCATION OPPORTUNITIES AND HOUSING SITUATION, KANSAS CITY AREA

For period ending March 10, 1944

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI DISTRICT

A. CURRENT RELOCATION OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Employment Opportunities for Evacuees:

Reduction of forces in some of the local war plants has lessened the demand for help somewhat in this area. However, this situation has not materially affected the placement of incoming evacuees. From information we have secured from the War Manpower Commission, it is our understanding that this condition may be improved somewhat within the next few months when additional contracts are received by local manufacturers for war materials.

Community acceptance of the evacuees in the St. Louis area remains generally very favorable. More and more employers are steadily becoming favorably interested in the evacuees, both as a source of labor supply and as welcome additions to the community. Many employers, although they have not placed a definite offer of employment with our office, have expressed a willingness to interview qualified evacuee applicants coming into the city. This would indicate that the groundwork previously laid by this office and the local cooperating committees has been most effective.

2. Other Relocation Opportunities:

Mr. Corl A. Leach of Columbia, Missouri, Editor of the Dairy Goat Journal, has extended an invitation to all evacuees interested in relocating in Central Missouri to advertise for employment free of charge in his publication. All persons desiring to take advantage of this opportunity should write directly to Mr. Leach in care of the Dairy Goat Journal, Miller Building, Columbia, Missouri. This is a farm magazine published monthly and has a circulation of approximately 25,000 throughout the rural districts.

3. Job Offer Digest:

Men

Printer - Apprentice or experienced, male or female, Inexperienced minimum 40¢ per hour. Experienced printer or linotype operator \$1.00 per hour. (Note: Young person desiring to attend university and at the same time learn printing trade may apply).

Nursery workers - seasonal or indefinite - 9 men for general nursery work - digging, planting, transplanting, landscaping, etc. 8 to 10 hours per day. 50¢ per hour to start, raised to maximum of 65¢ for good worker. Free housing furnished (clean dormitories and new kitchen built especially for the boys). 8 Nisei already employed - boys buy their own food and cook their own meals - split expenses. Approximate cost of food \$4 per person per week. If employer can secure 9 more boys, would like to have a man to cook for them.

Shipping clerk - 55¢ per hour, 40 hour week. One opening.

Machine Operators - factory - starting wage 45¢ per hour, while training. Job salary 60¢ an hour - learn job thoroughly in from 2 days to 2 weeks. Operators on machine earn 75¢ per hour. 5 day week - 8 hr day. Approximately 1 hour overtime daily. Good post-war possibility

Women

Typist - shorthand unnecessary - later to learn varityper, mimeograph, addressograph, multigraph or duplicator. \$90 per month to start. Advancement first 6 months. Prefer single person 18 to 28 years of age.

Power machine operators - piece work basis with minimum of 40 to 50¢ per hour for learners. Present average 78¢ per hour. 35 to 40 hours per week. About 16 openings.

Factorygirls - openings for 15 or 20 - table work in leather goods company - cleaning, cutting, preparing leather for assembly. No experience necessary (Age range 16 to 35) 8 hr. day - 5 day week. 40¢ per hour during training - advance to maximum of 75¢ per hour.

Domestic Offers

A variety of openings are still available for persons interested in domestic work. Numerous offers have been received for single girls with or without experience, some that entail no cooking, and a few of the companion or nurse-maid type. There are also several positions for couples with salaries ranging from \$100 to \$150 per month and maintenance. We also have a number of openings for part-time school-girls and school-boys.

Farm Couple

Farm couple or single man (no children) general farm work. If couple, woman can assist in home for one adult. Year round employment. \$75 per month for couple; \$50 per month for single man. Private house for couple furnished, also electricity, water, etc.

B. CURRENT HOUSING SITUATION:

Apparently, the majority of the evacuee resettlers here are making a good reputation as satisfactory and desirable tenants, as home-owners who have rented to evacuees are referring other vacancies to us as they occur.

One other encouraging thing that we have noticed here is that the evacuees have been able to locate in desirable middle-class neighborhoods in well-scattered sections of the city and suburbs, and so far they have not concentrated in any particular part of the city.

St. Louis does not have a hostel for incoming evacuees, but temporary accommodations for single individuals are almost always available at the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A., as well as in most of the hotels.

Following is a brief study of the present local housing situation:

<u>Type of Accommodation</u>	<u>Furnished</u>		<u>Unfurnished</u>	
	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Price range</u>	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Price range</u>
Temporary - single	Adequate	75¢ - \$2 night		
Temporary - family	Fair	\$2 - \$3 night		
Furnished room	Adequate	\$4.50-\$8 week		
1-room hskpg. apt.	Fair	\$35-\$50 month	Scarce	
3-room hskpg. apt.	Scarce	\$50-\$80 month	Fair	\$25 - \$35 mo.
Single family house	Scarce	\$75-\$90 month	Scarce	\$55 - \$75 mo.
Room with board for single girls	Fair	\$7.50-\$9 per week		
