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WRA Digest of Current Job Offers For Period of April 16 to April 30, 1944  
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SUMMARY OF CURRENT JOB OFFER SITUATION

Jobs for both issei and nisei in Chicago are still increasing in number. Defense plants, particularly, in the iron and steel industry, are demanding the younger men regardless of draft classifications. Even more interesting is the fact that the issei are preferred by a great many employers. Permanent work is available in hotels, factories, and private homes. The Chicago Garage Association, for example, with almost four hundred garages holding membership, has scores of openings for older men as mechanics, car washers, car hikers, etc. Citizenship status, in most cases, is not considered an important factor.

Older men will also be sought for seasonal work on farms. Through the cooperation of the Farm Extension Service and the War Food Administration, a local truck farmer has just employed the first crew to leave a center under the new seasonal leave plan. Opportunities of this nature are expected to increase in the very near future.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT HOUSING SITUATION

The Chicago office is offering an additional service to prospective resettlers. This consists of acting as a clearing house for advance reservations for temporary housing.

Cooperating with the WRA office are the YWCA Room Registry and the YMCA Hotel. Rooms made available through the YWCA vary in price from \$1.00 a day up as do those of the YMCA Hotel. In addition, an arrangement has been made with the owner of a large residence located in a fashionable street on the south side whereby temporary quarters may be obtained at \$1.00 per person per day. Meals may be provided at \$1.00 per day and residence is limited to a temporary period. Close cooperation is maintained with the housing section of the Chicago WRA in order to maintain this Drexel Boulevard home as emergency quarters.

During the past month, two rooming houses have been opened by issei. These will cater to both Japanese and Caucasian trade. Several smaller residences have already been established by resettlers who are making kitchenette and furnished rooms available.



Job Offer Digest

Men

Professional and Technical

<u>ACCOUNTANT</u>	\$30 a week and up.
<u>BOOKKEEPER</u>	\$30 a week and up.
<u>DENTIST</u>	Part time at Salvation Army clinic. Must have Illinois State license. \$125.00 a month.
<u>ENGRAVER</u>	Salary depends on personal interview.
<u>PHARMACIST</u>	Wages open. Must have Illinois State license.
<u>PHYSICIAN, RESIDENT</u>	Arrange interviews for resettler interested in working at a hospital. Salary \$135-\$150 per month and up.
<u>DENTAL TECHNICIAN</u>	\$25 a week for apprentice. Experienced man \$50 week and up.
<u>LABORATORY ASSISTANT</u>	Feed animals and assist in autopsy. \$75 a month plus maintenance.
<u>LABORATORY TECHNICIAN</u>	\$125 a month and up.
<u>LABORATORY TECHNICAL ASSISTANT</u>	Help in autopsy cases; take care of animals used for experimental purposes. \$100 a month plus full maintenance.
<u>LENS GRINDER</u>	Salary depends on experience.

Skilled and Semi-Skilled

<u>AUTO MECHANICS</u>	\$1.00 an hour and up or 40% of hourly work rate - that is, customer is ordinarily charged \$2.75 per hour and mechanic receives \$1.10
<u>AUTO MECHANICS HELPERS</u>	65¢ to 75¢ an hour during apprentice stage.
<u>BAKERS' HELPERS</u>	\$35 to \$45 a week for 48-hour week.
<u>BODY AND FENDER MEN</u>	Experienced. \$1.15 an hour and up.
<u>BUTCHERS</u>	Experienced. About \$45 a week.
<u>COMPOSITORS</u>	\$1.15 an hour.
<u>DRILL PRESS OPERATORS</u>	70¢ to 75¢ an hour inexperienced.

<u>ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE MAN</u>	Experienced; \$50 a week.
<u>MACHINISTS</u>	90¢ to \$1.25 an hour and up for experienced man.
<u>MACHINISTS, APPRENTICE</u>	65¢ to 75¢ an hour.
<u>MACHINE OPERATORS</u>	Operate general machines in a factory manufacturing various commodities and equipment. 70¢ to 80¢ an hour.
<u>PAINTERS</u>	Spray paint bodies and fenders. About \$50 a week for experienced man. 48-hour week.
<u>PRESSMEN</u>	Operate different presses such as Gordon and Kluge. \$1.00 an hour and up.
<u>PRESSERS</u>	Operate clothes pressing machine. 85¢ an hour and up for experienced person.
<u>PUNCH PRESS OPERATORS</u>	70¢ to 75¢ an hour. Inexperienced.
<u>PRINTERS' HELPERS</u>	70¢ to 75¢ an hour to start.
<u>REPAIRMAN, WASHING MACHINE</u>	\$30 a week.
<u>REPAIRMAN, ELECTRICAL</u>	75¢ an hour and up.
<u>REPAIRMEN, SHOE</u>	Depending on experience. \$30 to \$35 a week and up to \$50 a week.
<u>REPAIRMEN, RADIO</u>	\$1.00 an hour for experienced man.
<u>TOOL MAKERS</u>	\$1.00 an hour for experienced. 75¢ an hour for inexperienced.
<u>UPHOLSTERERS</u>	95¢ an hour for capable person.
<u>WATCH MAKERS</u>	\$40 a week and up.
<u>WELDERS, ARC</u>	95¢ to \$1.15 an hour.
<u>WELDERS, ACETYLENE</u>	85¢ an hour and up.
<u>WOODWORKERS</u>	75¢ an hour and up.
<u>Clerical</u>	
<u>GENERAL CLERICAL</u>	Office work in general. 65¢ to 70¢ an hour, \$25-\$30-\$35 week.
<u>ORDER CLERK</u>	65¢ to 70¢ an hour.



Clerical (continued)

SHIPPING CLERKS

70¢ an hour and up. There are openings for shipping clerks in various companies - parts manufacturing company, paper manufacturing company, bottling works, printing house, etc.

STOCK CLERKS

Same as above.

OFFICE BOY

\$100 a month.

TYPISTS

\$30 a week.

Farm

POULTRY, BROILERS

\$25 a week, room, partial board.

POULTRY, LAYERS

\$75, room and board.

GENERAL FARMING (Estate)

\$100 to \$125, room and board. (Usually couples - some can accommodate small families.)

DAIRY

Some salary and percentage. Others \$60 to \$75 a month, room and board.

HOG

\$50 to \$60, room and board.

GRAINS

\$75 a month or share crop. Housing provided.

FARM HAND, GENERAL

General farming experience and knowledge of farm equipment. Single room and bath; \$85 plus full maintenance. Age preferred - 30 years and over. (Durand, Ill.)

Single person or couple. Same background as above. 5-room house unfurnished; electricity, heating system, and cistern pump. \$75 a month for single person; \$100 a month for couple. (Stillman, Ill.) 9 miles from Rockford.

Miscellaneous

LABORERS

There are all types of laboring jobs paying about 70¢ an hour. These are available any time.

LIGHT FACTORY WORK

All phases of manufacturing - assembling, food processing, etc. 65¢ an hour and up.

CUSTODIAL

Unlimited number of porter, housemen, dishwashers, and general restaurant work. About \$25 a week plus meals.

## Miscellaneous (continued)

<u>CANDY MAKERS' HELPERS</u>	65¢ an hour and up.
<u>COOKS</u>	\$35 to \$40 a week and up, depending on experience.
<u>DOCKMEN</u>	Unload truck freight at freight terminal; 77½¢ hour.
<u>FOUNDRYMEN</u>	Pour and cast metal. 75¢ an hour.
<u>GREENHOUSE WORKERS</u>	\$25 to \$30 a week. More for experienced man. Housing arranged in some cases.
<u>LANDSCAPER</u>	75¢ to 80¢ an hour to start. Knowledge of landscaping essential.
<u>NURSERYMEN</u>	65¢ to 75¢ an hour.
<u>ICE CREAM MANUFACTURING</u>	75¢ to 80¢ an hour. No experience.
<u>LAUNDRY WORKER</u>	65¢ to 70¢ an hour.
<u>MILLINERY WORKER</u>	Cutting and laying out material. 75¢ an hour.
<u>COFFEE PACKER</u>	72¢ an hour.
<u>PRODUCE MANAGERS</u>	See National Tea offer.
<u>PRODUCE CLERKS</u>	See National Tea offer.
<u>REFRIGERATION CAR CLEANER</u>	70¢ an hour to start.
<u>RUG CLEANER</u>	70¢ an hour.
<u>SERVICE STATION WORKER</u>	\$31 per week.
<u>SHOE SHINER</u>	\$6.00 a week plus all person earns in shining shoes, about \$35.00 to \$40.00 a week.
<u>SIMONIZER</u>	75¢ to \$1.00 an hour.
<u>STEEL WORKER</u>	70¢ an hour and up. Work in structural steel company.
<u>STEEL TREATER</u>	75¢ to 85¢ an hour.
<u>TIRE RECAPPER</u>	70¢ an hour.
<u>WAREHOUSEMAN</u>	Cold storage plant. 75¢ an hour.
<u>WAX PROCESSOR</u>	Assist in manufacture of dental plates. 70¢ an hour and up.



Miscellaneous (continued)

BRAZER

Braze and solder aircraft parts. 70¢ to 85¢ an hour. 52 hours.

PLATER'S HELPER

Assist in electroplating metals. 75¢ to 80¢ an hour. 54 hours.

SMEETING AND REFINERY WORKER 78¢ an hour. 48 hours.

GLASS INSTALLER

Install automobile glass. 85¢ an hour for experienced worker. \$30 a week for inexperienced worker. 40 hours; 10 hours overtime.

LINEN MAN

In charge of linen room. \$125.00 a month.

Women

Professional and Technical

ANESTHETIST

Hospital. \$150 a month.

BACTERIOLOGIST

If person interested, notify our office.

NURSE OR NURSES AIDE

If person interested, notify our office.

PHARMACIST

Hospital work. Notify us.

LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

\$135 a month and up.

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

If person interested, notify our office.

Skilled and Semi-Skilled

DRESSMAKERS

40¢ to \$1.00 an hour.

FLORAL DESIGNERS

60¢ to 75¢ an hour depending on experience.

BEAUTY OPERATORS

\$25 to \$30 a week plus tips.

MANICURISTS

\$20 a week and up plus tips.

MILLINERY WORKERS

Make hats. \$18 to \$20 and up depending on skill.

FIGURINE PAINTERS

\$20 guarantee plus piece work. Some nisei girls earning \$35-\$40 a week and up on piece work basis.

HAND SEWERS

Salary depends on ability.

Stenographic and ClericalSTENOGRAPHIC

Number of openings ranging from \$23.50 to \$30.00 a week. Exceptional person, \$35.00 a week.

TYPISTS

Jobs ranging from \$20 to \$30 a week.

CLERICAL

General office work ranging from \$20 to \$25.

BOOKKEEPER

\$23.00 a week and up.

OFFICE WORKER

Take entire charge of office in tuberculosis sanitarium. Winfield, Ill. \$90 a month plus maintenance.

MiscellaneousFACTORY WORK, LIGHT

All types of light factory work, 50¢ to 65¢ an hour.

ASSEMBLER, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT 60¢ an hour.

BAKERS' HELPERS

40¢ to 45¢ an hour and up.

BILLING MACHINE OPERATOR

70¢ an hour.

CASHIER

\$20 to \$25 a week plus meals.

CASHIER-TYPIST

\$23.50 a week to start.

DRILL PRESS OPERATOR

50¢ an hour.

COOKS

Depends on ability.

DRAPE HANGER

If person interested, notify office.

DUPLICATING MACHINE OPERATOR \$26.00 a week.

ELEVATOR OPERATOR

\$80 a month to \$125.00.

FISH DRESSER

50¢ an hour.

GARMENT SORTER

50¢ an hour.

MATERIAL INSPECTOR

60¢ an hour.

MAIDS

Unlimited openings.

ORDER FILLER

\$25.00 a week.

MACHINE PRESSER

Salary depends on ability. \$30-\$40 a week possible in piece work after person is experienced.



POWER MACHINE OPERATOR

50¢ to 60¢ an hour. Skilled persons can earn  
\$40 a week and more.

RECEPTIONIST

\$20 to \$24 a week.

SALES GIRL

\$20 to \$25 a week.

STOCKING MENDER

40¢ an hour. 50¢ an hour after 2 weeks.

SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR

\$22.50 to \$25.00 a week.

WAITRESSES

\$20 to \$25 a week.

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