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MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA AND EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA

WRA Digest of Current Job Offers For Period of April 16 to April 30, 1944  
Investigated And Approved By This Office

SUMMARY OF CURRENT JOB OFFER SITUATION

The employment situation in the Minneapolis-St. Paul-area has made no appreciable change. The most interesting development in the last month has been the opening of two additional defense plants to niseis. Also work opportunities are now available in two meat packing plants. Niseis have already been employed in all four of these new additions to our job offer file. In addition to these new openings, our variety of job openings continues about the same.

We wish to emphasize that persons who are willing to take a serious attitude toward their own resettlement need not fear difficulty in finding employment in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. We must, however, caution young men who are in the draft age against undue hope of being able to locate employment in the higher salary brackets. Employers are reluctant to employ young men who are nearing the 1-A classification. However, we do have several job openings requiring rather heavy manual labor in which employers are willing to accept men approaching induction. These jobs require a minimum amount of training and employers will be willing to employ men even though they may be drafted during the course of a few weeks.

Finding employment opportunities for issei has been no burden in this area. Although for some individuals previously in business for themselves or farm owner-operators, identical employment cannot be found, reasonably good jobs are available for men and women willing to adapt themselves to local openings. A great many of the jobs listed below are available to the non-citizen as well as to the citizen and, in particular, there are a considerable number of opportunities available on small farms, nurseries, floral shops, etc.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT HOUSING SITUATION

There is no change in our housing situation and resettlers are continuing to find reasonably satisfactory quarters although considerable looking around is necessary. The Twin Cities Lutheran Relocation Hostel continues to provide adequate temporary housing for new arrivals.

Job Offer Digest

Men

AUTO MECHANICS

Several wanted; union rates for skilled mechanics; Twin Cities and Superior, Wisconsin; 90¢ to \$1.25 per hour.



- BINDERY WORKERS Several openings; 50¢ to 57¢ per hour.
- CANDY WORKERS 55¢ per hour to start.
- CHAUFFEUR One opening; summer time employment; write for details.
- CLEANERS AND DYERS HELPERS \$25 to \$30 per week to start, 5 day week; 2 wanted.
- CLEANERS, PRESSERS Several wanted; experienced or inexperienced; 50¢ to 74¢ per hour.
- COOKS Several wanted; \$18 to \$35 per week plus meals. Summer camp, \$125 per season plus room and board for first cook; \$85 per season plus room and board for second cook.
- FARM WORKERS General laborers on asparagus farm, \$80 to \$100 per month plus room and board. Other openings same wages. One poultry farm offer at \$80 per month; one nisei there now. On estate, new opening near Minneapolis; excellent housing; family opportunity, wages on request. Several small poultry farms and nurseries, housing furnished, all near Minneapolis. One share-crop plan or rental available on 7 acre farm.
- FLORAL ARRANGER \$25 per week until ability proven, one wanted.
- FOUNDRY WORKERS Light foundry work, inexperienced 70¢ per hour, 1½ over 40 hours, workers average \$49 per week.
- FUR HANDLERS Two wanted; no experience necessary; 60¢ per hour.
- GAS STATION ATTENDANTS AND MECHANICS HELPERS Several openings; 60¢ to 75¢ per hour.
- HOSPITAL WORKERS Unlimited; average \$80 per month plus three meals, no experience necessary. Rochester, Minnesota, up to \$125 per month plus room; for gardeners, laundry workers, and grounds keepers.
- HOTEL WORKERS Large Minneapolis hotel, up to \$24 per week. Write for details. Superior, Wisconsin, up to \$100 per month plus room and board; for pastry cook, salad or pantry man, housemen, bus boys.
- Bismarck, North Dakota, 15-20 workers, dishwashers, \$50; pantry man, \$60; housekeeper, \$75; laundry workers, \$60; waiters, \$45 and tips; bus boys, \$50; porters, \$50; cooks, \$125 to \$150. All salaries include room, board, and laundry.

JANITORS

Two wanted; \$110 to \$130 per month.

MACHINE OPERATORS

Unlimited; experienced or with defense training; 70¢ an hour and up.

MEAT PACKING PLANT

Several wanted; 70¢ per hour; 48 hour week, 1½ over 40 hours. Must join union.

OFFICE MANAGER

One wanted; good opportunity for advancement; write for details.

NURSERY WORKERS

Numerous openings for general nursery work; 70¢ to 80¢ per hour for men with some experience.

SODA FOUNTAIN & SALAD WORKERS

One wanted; \$85 per month plus meals.

STOCK, RECEIVING CLERKS

Several wanted; 50¢ to 60¢ per hour.

TRUCK FARMING

Northwestern, North Dakota; 4 wanted; 60¢ per hour.

WELDERS

Several wanted; 60¢ to 90¢ per hour depending on ability. A new offer provides defense work which pays up to \$55 per week.

Women

ALTERATION WORKERS

Two wanted in Minneapolis; \$20 per week to start; 42 hour week.

BEAUTY OPERATORS

3 wanted for Minneapolis and Twin Falls, Minnesota; \$20 per week guarantee to start; girls average \$30 per week in this shop.

BINDERY WORKERS

6 wanted; 50¢ per hour.

DOMESTICS

Unlimited number; \$50 to \$75 per month plus room and board.

FOUNTAIN GIRLS AND RESTAURANT WORKERS

Several wanted; \$18 to \$20 per week, some plus tips and most plus meals. One at \$85 per month plus meals.

FLORAL ARRANGER

\$25 per week until ability proven; one wanted.

HOSPITAL WORKERS

Inexperienced; average about \$53 per month plus room and board.

HOTEL MAIDS

Several wanted; union scale \$73 per month.

LAUNDRY SORTERS

Union scale 38¢ per hour first week; 44¢ thereafter with raises to 66¢ per hour.



MISCELLANEOUS FACTORY WORKERS Several wanted; 40¢ to 50¢ per hour to start.

POWER MACHINE OPERATORS Unlimited for experienced operators with some openings for beginners at 40¢ per hour during few weeks training period. Girls average \$25 to \$30 per week after several weeks training. Experienced operators earn to \$40 per week.

STENOGRAPHERS, TYPISTS Occasional openings in Minneapolis and St. Paul at salaries ranging from \$85 to \$100 per month.

Couples

DOMESTICS (Institutions and homes) \$100 to \$150 per month plus maintenance.

HOSPITAL WORKERS 2 couples wanted at Sand Beach Sanatorium, a tuberculosis sanatorium, Lake Park, Minnesota; \$120 per month for couple to work in kitchen; \$90 to \$100 per month for couple to work in laundry; adequate housing outside sanatorium without charge and groceries also furnished without charge and no objections to each family having one or two children; address applications to Dr. Ubank, Superintendent, at Sanatorium, copy to this office.

FARMS Several openings for couples on small farms near Minneapolis. Write this office for details.

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