

SENTIMENT IS GOOD IN ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT (ST. LOUIS, MO.)

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W.R.A. Digest of Current Job Offers for Period July 1 to July 15, 1944  
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A. CURRENT RELOCATION OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Employment Opportunities for Evacuees:

While St. Louis is not a critical labor area, there are still numerous opportunities available for both Issei and Nisei in both skilled and unskilled lines of work. This current summary is indicative of the work opportunities here.

We suggest that evacuees accept our community invitation and investigate these employment opportunities personally. However, if folks still prefer to come out to a waiting job, please write us regarding the type of position preferred, and we will advise what is available or look for an opportunity.

If the resettler would like to continue his education, St. Louis offers colleges, trade schools, business schools, beauty schools as well as an excellent public school system. Part time domestic positions are available for those students who wish employment of this kind to enable them to go to school.

2. Other Relocation Opportunities:

A FAMILY RELOCATION OPPORTUNITY - An excellent opportunity for a family to relocate is offered by Mrs. William S. Nedart of 38 Glen Eagles Drive, Clayton, Missouri. Having previously employed a Japanese-American couple on the West Coast, she is interested in employing either a Nisei or Issei couple for her home. A couple with children are welcome as Mrs. Nedart has a lovely separate five room cottage with bath for their use. If the children are of school age, there is a grade school just two blocks away. The salary offered is \$125.00 per month with maintenance, which will be raised to \$150. after sixty days.

A TRIAL RELOCATION OPPORTUNITY-- For both Issei and Nisei interested in accepting a position on a Trial Indefinite Leave basis, we would like to call attention to the Houlihan Nursery Company. The work consists of general nursery work - digging, planting, transplanting, landscaping, etc. The salary paid is 50¢ to 65¢ per hour, lodging is supplied and facilities to do own cooking. Mr. Houlihan is thought very highly of by all of the men who have worked for him. We can recommend this position to all men interested in nursery work.

OUR COMMUNITY INVITATION IS OPEN

The Hayes Freight Lines, 825 South 1st Street, St. Louis, Missouri is interested in securing two more billing clerks. No experience is required, but applicants must be able to type 50 words per minute. The salary offered is \$25.00 to \$30.00 per week, dependent upon ability, with the opportunity of earning more. The working hours are 2:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. One Nisei girl is employed there at the present time. She likes her position and is most satisfactory to her employers.

The White Baking Company will consider Japanese-Americans as bakery salesmen who are under 38 years of age and have had experience as salesmen. The salary is on a commission basis, with the average earnings to start about \$40.00 to \$50.00 per week. Average salesmen make from \$60.00 to \$75.00 per week and a few top salesmen make as much as \$100.00 per week. If interested in this position, please write our office, giving full data relative to background, experience, etc.

The Roehlk Spring and Body Company is still interested in securing one or two ambitious Nisei to make automobile springs. They should be somewhat mechanically inclined, but otherwise no particular experience is required. The basic salary is 80¢ per hour and the men can put in about 55 to 60 hrs. each week. Since all work over 40 hours will be paid for at time and a half, it will be possible to earn at least \$50.00 per week.

3. Job Offer Digest:

JOBS FOR MEN

CABINET MAKER

With large furniture house. Starting salary \$36.00 per week with opportunity to earn more.

CASTERS

For Art Craft Company. Work consists of mixing casting plaster and pouring it into molds. Will train inexperienced workers. Salary while learning, 50¢ per hour with progressive increase until maximum of 65¢ per hour is reached. Can work 52 hour week. Two openings.

INTERIOR DECORATORS

With large furniture house. Start at \$35 per week. Opportunity for raise.

LANDSCAPERS

For church cemetery. Starting salary 50¢ to 70¢ per hour for 48 hour week.

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.

MECHANICS

Radio, phonographs, etc. Experience preferred or at least mechanically inclined. \$30 to \$35 per week to start and up to \$65 per week according to ability.

JOIN OUR SCORES OF SUCCESSFUL RESETTLERS.

MECHANIC

To repair and service delivery trucks for biscuit company. 75¢ hour plus time and a half over 40 hrs. 55 to 60 hour work week.

ORDER FILLERS

With firm manufacturing chains. No experience necessary. Start at 60¢ per hour with raise to 70¢ after three months. Factory works considerable overtime. Two openings.

PRINTER OR LINOTYPIST

Apprentice or experienced, 40¢ hour - \$1.00 per hour. Male or female.

SHIPPING CLERK

55¢ per hour, 40 hour week. One opening.

WAREHOUSEMAN

Furniture, experience unnecessary. One Nisei employed here since October 1943. \$33 per week to start.

JOBS FOR WOMEN

BEAUTY OPERATOR

Salary to start, commission basis after clientele is established. Experienced, competent operator desired. Good neighborhood.

FACTORY GIRLS

Openings for 15 or 20 for table work in leather goods company. Cleaning, cutting, preparing leather for assembly. No experience necessary. Age range 16 to 35. 8 hour day, 5 day week. 40¢ hour while training; raise to 75¢ maximum.

NURSES' ATTENDANTS

The City of St. Louis has need for a large number of nurses' attendants, both men and women. They will pay a salary of \$85.00 a month to start and do not require experience. Employment will be in one of the hospitals operated by the city.

POWER MACHINE OPERATORS

Piece work basis with minimum of 40¢ to 50¢ per hr. for learners. Present average is 78¢ per hour, 35 to 40 hour week. 16 jobs.

STENOGRAPHERS

A war plant has a continual need for office workers, both experienced and inexperienced. However, a plant security investigation must be made which generally requires approximately 30 days. Junior stenographers are paid \$85.00 per month for 40 hours. With overtime, the salary amounts to \$25.00 per week. A Senior stenographer earns \$104.00 per month. With overtime, the salary amounts to about \$32.00 per week. Employees are upgraded every three months.

A TRIAL INDEFINITE OPPORTUNITY CAN BE ARRANGED FOR YOU

TYPIST-CLERK

To type invoices, other records, and do general office work. Salary to start is \$20.00 per week with advancement as applicant warrants it. This should be a good opportunity as it is with an advertising firm.

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 little or no cooking and a few of the companion or nursemaid type. There are numerous positions for couples with children.

B. CURRENT HOUSING SITUATION

Temporary housing presents no difficulties. Adequate facilities are available to any evacuee who wants to come to St. Louis to look for work. Rooms are available at about \$1.00 per night - meals can be secured for about \$1.25 per day.

While permanent housing is not easy, judging from what the evacuees have been telling us recently, the evacuee resettlers are finding suitable accommodations with a great deal more ease when compared to a year ago or even six months ago. Landlords who have rented to them are apparently well pleased with the evacuees as tenants and are spreading the good word around. We have one apartment house owner who always calls us up about her vacancies before she puts out her "Apartment for Rent" sign.

Our lay committees are anxious to do whatever they can to help. Resettlers coming to St. Louis can be reasonably assured that there will always be some kind of accommodations available, even for family groups.

<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 nightly		
Temporary - family	Fair	\$2 - \$3 nightly		
Furnished room	Adequate	\$4.50 - \$8. weekly		
1 rm. hskpg. apartment	Adequate	\$35 - \$45 month	Scarce	
3 rm. hskpg. apartment	Fair	\$50 - \$80 month	Fair	\$25 - \$35 month
Single family house	Scarce	\$75 - \$80 month	Scarce	
Room with board for single girls	Fair	\$7.50 - \$9 week		