

SENTIMENT IS GOOD IN KANSAS CITY

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI DISTRICT

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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:

The War Manpower Commission in its Reports and Analysis Service for July, 1944 states that there are over 1500 essential industries in Greater Kansas City. Future employment prospects are regarded as very good. This is brought about by plant expansion and replacements. The anticipated need for manpower is estimated at about 25,000 between the months of May and November of this year. Another factor worthy of consideration is that only three major war plants were built for war production and it is presumed that they will continue after the war, probably on a smaller scale.

Through the medium of each new resettler, people of the Central Area are becoming to know the evacuee and with each passing day, new job opportunities are being developed. We hope the time is not too distant when we will have resettlers in all lines of endeavor.

We are asking center residents to accept our community invitation and upon arrival, we will endeavor to make placements in desirable jobs. For the person with a skill or profession, there remain many good opportunities. Let us hear from you as to your employment problem.

2. Other Relocation Opportunities:

One of the larger manufacturers of commercially prepared animal feeds has several good jobs for unskilled workers, both Issei and Nisei. They offer 50 to 60 hours of employment per week. Starting wage is 65¢ per hour for the first two weeks. Thereafter, they will automatically be raised to 70¢ per hour with time and a half pay over 40 hours. If interested in work on one of the night shifts, there will be an increase of 5¢ per hour. The company is classified as an essential industry.

3. Job Offer Digest:

JOBS FOR MEN

AUTO MECHANICS

There is a dire need for mechanics in Kansas City. Employers are willing to hire people with mechanical skills and inclinations, on an hourly basis or a 50%

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of job cost basis. There should be no difficulty for a skilled mechanic to net \$70 a week and upward depending on ability and speed.

BOX MANUFACTURERS Two large and nationally known manufacturers of corrugated paper boxes have several openings for Issei and Nisei. 66¢ per hour, time and a half over 40 hours. 54 hour week. 5¢ per hour increase after 60 days, or piece work. If you care to work on a night shift will pay 5¢ extra on the hour. This is an essential industry

BUILDING MAINTENANCE Porter work. Full or part-time, 47¢ per hour. This is not heavy work.

DEVELOPERS, DARK ROOM WORKERS, PRINTERS Starting wages 65¢ per hour. 40 hour week. September 1, go on 54 hour week, 65¢ per hour and time and a half over 40 hours. Fifteen to twenty girls wanted.

DENTAL TECHNICIAN A large dental lab and several practicing dentists are anxious to hire dental technicians who can produce quality workmanship. Willing to pay \$50 to \$75 per week or more depending on one's ability.

ELECTRICAL REPAIRMEN Electric refrigerators, radios and household appliances. Increase your knowledge, keep abreast of the times, earn from \$25 to \$50 per week or work on a commission basis and earn good money.

LENS INSPECTOR Openings for male or female to be engaged in multiple grinding, polishing and blocking of lenses. Working hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 48 hours a week, time and a half over 40 hours. Wages, 50¢ to 80¢ per hour. This offers post-war employment.

LUBRICATING MEN \$30 to \$40 per week.

NURSERY WORKERS 60¢ per hour. 6 days per week. Overtime after 40 hours. General landscape work, digging trees, helping with vegetable garden. Hours of work, 8:00 to 4:30 p.m. If you desire to work as gardener, this can also be arranged. We have some Japanese working as gardeners in Kansas City. They have been doing this type of work for years.

PIN SETTERS Full or part-time employment. 6¢ per line. Work two alleys at a time if you wish. Earn from \$5.00 to \$6.00 per day.

POTATO CHIP COMPANY Here is your opportunity to learn a business that has enjoyed a very rapid growth. Earn while you learn. Modern factory, latest mechanical equipment, no heavy lifting required. Start at 52¢ per hour, time and a half pay over 40 hours. 15 to 20 hours overtime per week.

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SHIPPING CLERK 55¢ to \$1.00 per hour. Time and a half over 40 hours.

SHOE REPAIRMEN There are many openings for men who have a knowledge of this business. Union hours and wages. Most shops open at 9:00 or 10:00 a.m. and work until 6:00 p.m. You can earn from \$30 to \$65 per week. If you would like to buy a shop of your own, we will be glad to investigate, assist and advise.

JOBS FOR WOMEN

BEAUTY OPERATORS Salary and commission, average \$50 a week.

STENOGRAPHERS \$90 to \$100 a month to start. Several openings.

DOMESTICS

There still remains an abundance of good domestic jobs in private homes with private living quarters and board ranging from \$15 to \$25 per week for single person and from \$100 and upward for married couples. We also have job offers where the employer will consent to offer employment to man and wife with a child. There are also combination offers where the wife can work in the home and the husband can obtain employment on the outside. We have a few families who are working under this type of arrangement which appears to be working out very satisfactorily.

Domestic offers are also available for people who would like to work in other business enterprises and work in the evenings in private homes for their room and board. In the case of students, similar arrangements can be made where the student can attend high school, junior college, or university and work around the house or garden during his free time.

The pastor of the St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church would like to employ a couple. The man to attend to the lawns adjacent to the church, look after the cleaning of the interior of the church, attend to the boilers, and other small odd jobs about the church proper. Duties of the wife will be to assist the parish housekeeper in the preparation of meals and other domestic duties about the parish rectory. For this service the couple will be given a starting wage of \$100 per month plus board and private living quarters. While these quarters are not very large, the pastor has not objection to employing a couple with a child providing the child is old enough to more or less care for himself.

FARM

We would like to call your attention to a farm offer that has been recently checked by a member of the Kansas City WRA staff. This is a combination farm and domestic offer. The employer has a fine country home on an approximately five or six acre tract of ground immediately outside the corporate limits of Kansas City. With regard to living

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quarters, he is offering an attractive four room modernistic bungalow, modern in every respect. The duties of the couple accepting this offer are as follows: The husband will be expected to attend to the lawn, flower and vegetable garden. The wife is expected to do light cleaning which ordinarily takes two or three hours of a morning, prepare a light breakfast, noon day meal for the wife of the employer and three year old daughter, and a modest evening meal. Possibly one or two evenings a week when the employer and his wife go out for the evening, the wife of the employee would be expected to look after the employer's small daughter. Starting wage is tentatively set at \$75 per month plus living quarters and meals. Next year it is the wishes of the employer to enter into a share crop agreement with the employee whereby a substantial living could be made in the raising of chickens and vegetables. If the services of the couple accepting this offer prove satisfactory and appear to be worth more than the tentative offer of \$75 per month the employer has already expressed a willingness to increase the monthly wage.

B. CURRENT HOUSING SITUATION:

The housing situation remains unchanged with the greatest scarcity being in furnished apartments with cooking facilities. Niseis are assuming more and more initiative and are making personal contacts through tracing newspaper advertisements. The War Housing Center, the YMCA and YWCA, and church committees are continuing to assist us in this matter. Single accommodations for men are not difficult to find while single girls have so far, through the assistance of friends, been able to share accommodations with other girls, or secure housing in private homes. Couples without children can stay in rooming houses until an apartment or house can be found. It is recommended that heads of families with children come to Kansas City alone and arrange for housing for the rest of the family.