

SENTIMENT IS GOOD IN DES MOINES

DES MOINES, IOWA DISTRICT

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A. CURRENT RELOCATION OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Employment Opportunities for Evacuees:

Since the completion of this high school year, we have had about 15 graduates come into the area seeking work and an opportunity to continue their education. A portion of these individuals has already arranged for enrollment in some college or business school. We have eleven small colleges throughout the State which are eager to enroll Nisei students. In addition to the regular colleges, we have two good business colleges in Des Moines, Gates Business College in Waterloo, and Hamilton's Business College in Mason City. We also have the Waterloo Beauty School which is anxious to enroll a number of Nisei. The Thompson School of Beauty Culture in Des Moines has set their quota at one and they now have a small waiting list, but would be willing to accept applications from anyone else who wishes to apply. The West High War Training School classes in Des Moines are still open to anyone wishing to learn welding, machine shop work or mechanical drawing. In September they will also have a course in power sewing machine operation.

Any student interested in attending school may select the courses that they wish to take and we will arrange for part-time employment to meet subsistence costs while they attend school. We have a number of domestic jobs on file for students where they can earn board and room and \$3.00 to \$5.00 per week. For boys, we have a number of bus boy jobs paying around 40¢ per hour and meals. Rooms can be secured from \$2.00 to \$4.00 per week.

A number of students who are now here are arranging for their parents to come by the time school starts. This gives the children an opportunity to look over employment possibilities for the parents and select the one which they feel the father or mother would like best. They also have an opportunity to check housing before the arrival of the parents. We realize this puts a lot of responsibility upon a 16, 17, or 18 year old daughter or son, but we have close cooperation with the Friends Service Committee, the Y.W.C.A., the Des Moines Relocation Committee, and practically all of the churches throughout the State. These various agencies have done an excellent job in counseling individuals and families in all of their relocation problems.

2. Other Relocation Opportunities:

Intensive work was done in one community, Hampton, Iowa, toward securing several opportunities for families who wish to relocate together. Hampton, Iowa is a very pretty, clean town of some 4,000 population. Some

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twenty or twenty-five of the leading businessmen and authorities of the city and surrounding countryside have been personally contacted and there is no question but what the Hampton community is highly tolerant and would be an ideal situation for the relocation of Japanese Americans.

We have a good opportunity for a former hotel or restaurant family who would like to again go back into business for themselves. The Hotel Coonley at Hampton, consisting of seventy rooms, has not operated their kitchen for sometime. They would like to rent this fully equipped unit, which consists of a fine kitchen, dining room and banquet room for \$30 per month. The kitchen is large, well arranged, nice and bright, and has complete modern equipment. There are three shower baths in the basement below the kitchen. The dining room and coffee shop will seat ten people at the counter and has sufficient tables to accommodate a total of fifty customers. The banquet room will accommodate 400 and has silver and china service for 250 people. For larger banquets additional service is borrowed from local churches. The dining room would ordinarily operate seven days per week. If the family wishes, they may live in the hotel and there would be a charge of \$20 per month for the room. If they have a fairly large family, they would probably rather have housing outside of the hotel. A house could probably be rented for around \$30 per month. This has also been discussed with the Chairman of the Ration Board and he has stated there would be no question about obtaining points for food.

The hotel is the only location the community has for serving a great number of people, and everyone is very interested in having the dining facilities re-opened. For efficient operation of the dining room and kitchen it would require the services of about five individuals -- three in the kitchen and at least two waitresses in the dining room. It might be possible for a Japanese American family to operate it alone, if the family were large enough. If not, local employees could be hired in the community, although there is a shortage of help here like there is in every other area. Miss Peterson, who is now a clerk in the hotel, formerly worked in the dining room and would be willing to take care of the front of the dining room and cash register, if the Japanese American family wanted it that way.

We do not have figures available as to the dining room's earnings, but we do know that other hotel dining rooms of comparable size are realizing a good profit at this time. Anyone interested in this opportunity might come to Des Moines on short term leave and we would be glad to take them to Hampton to look into this proposition. The hotel is also in need of two maids. They would make beds, clean, dust, etc. They would receive \$15 per week and a room would be furnished. When the dining room is re-opened, they would receive \$12 per week and their board and room.

Independent School District of Hampton -- Mr. R. Stuart, a member of the School Board and until recently president, is also head of the Civilian Defense and the Ration Board. He is very anxious to have a custodian and janitor for the high school. Mr. Briggs is superintendent of schools and will arrive there shortly, as he has been recently employed. They want a clean cut man of good appearance who likes children. There are three other custodians employed at the high school, consisting of two men and a woman. The position is permanent if the candidate is satis-

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factory and the rate of pay would start at \$100 per month, increasing to \$135. The work is six days per week and a split hour shift to accommodate the school. This is a regular school janitor's job and he should know something about using mopping machines and waxing machines.

Typical of our numerous part-time domestic jobs for students is with Mr. R. R. Stuart of Hampton, Iowa, one of the leading citizens and most prominent attorney in the community. He is member of the School Board, head of Civilian Defense, and in charge of rationing. He lives in a beautiful ten-room modern house, having two baths, which is located three blocks from the high school and seven or eight blocks from the business district. There are only two adults in the family, and he would like to have some high school girl who wishes to finish her senior year outside of the center come and live at his home and help with the household duties as well as go to school. She would have a nice private room and would have excellent board plus about \$3.00 per week spending money. This is an ideal situation for a young lady who wishes to complete her education outside of the center. The family is very nice and she would be in lovely surroundings with splendid backing. A similar opportunity is available in Cedar Falls, Iowa where student can attend the Iowa State Teacher's College, and also in Eldon, Iowa.

3. Job Offer Digest:

APPRENTICE
REPAIRMAN

Learn to repair tractors, and all types of farm machinery, some electrical and ignition work. \$20 week. Klemme, Iowa.

APPRENTICE DENTAL
TECHNICIANS

Assist in laboratory and learn the work. \$22.50 per week to start. Will increase wage if individual can accept responsibility. Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

AUTO
MECHANIC

Experienced man to do general repair work. \$185 to \$200 per month. Spirit Lake, Iowa.

BUS BOYS

A dozen jobs, \$50 to \$70 a month with room and board, in hotels, country clubs, and restaurants.

CABINET MAKER

One or two cabinet makers. Work in plant manufacturing refrigerated display cases. Begin at 65¢ per hour. Time and a half after 8 hours per day. Boone, Iowa.

CARD STRIPPERS

Three men to strip wool out of cylinder wire. 62¢ an hour with overtime. Woölen Mills.

CHEF ON YACHT

Sixty-two foot boat: Used on Mississippi River during summer and go south in winter. Entertain on week-ends, otherwise only prepare food for regular crew of three. Keep rooms in order. \$75 per month plus full maintenance.

COOKS

Fry cook for short orders and assist chef. Nisei chef now employed. \$90 to \$130 per month plus meals. Mason City, Iowa.

A TRIAL INDEFINITE OPPORTUNITY CAN BE ARRANGED FOR YOU.

CUSTODIAL
POSITIONS

Care of church and lawn. Fire coal stoker. \$140 per month to start. Grace Methodist Church, Des Moines, Iowa.

Care for twenty-one apartment building. Clean halls, fire furnace, make minor repairs, etc. Semi-basement apartment furnished. \$100 per month plus apartment.

DENTAL
TECHNICIAN

Make artificial teeth; work in wax, metal, rubber and porcelain. \$25 to \$50 per week depending upon ability.

DISHWASHERS

Six positions in hotels and cafes, some with dishwashing machine. \$70 to \$100 a month plus maintenance. Also part-time jobs for students.

DRAFTSMAN

Experienced draftsman for large wood shop. Firm manufactures threshers, combines, and corn pickers. Salary depends on ability, but minimum of \$125 per month.

GARDENER

Gardener for yard work. \$75 per month plus maintenance. Family already employs two Nisei. Waukee, Iowa.

ICE DELIVERYMAN

Ten men to deliver ice to private homes and business establishments. 50¢ per hour to start with raises to 75¢ per hour. Fort Madison, Iowa.

LAUNDRY WORKER

Assist with work in hospital laundry. \$65 per month plus meals. 54 hours per week. Lutheran Hospital.

MALE NURSE

To assist elderly gentleman in and out of bed, chair, etc. Mentally alert but physically unable to care for self. \$75 per month plus maintenance to start. Hampton, Iowa.

NURSERY

Field work for nursery. 50¢ per hour plus free housing. Need two workers. Hampton, Iowa.

Gardening work with flowers. 60¢ per hour. Should have some experience with flowers.

Operate power mowers, dress greens, etc. 75¢ per hour. Country Club.

PRESSMEN

Four to six. Will train workers, but should have mechanical adaptability. Work on small automatic presses. 40¢ to 60¢ per hour with overtime. Washington, Iowa.

PRESSER

Experienced presser. Could also use woman to do pressing. Man to receive \$35 per week and woman 45¢ to 50¢ per hour. Fort Dodge, Iowa.

PRINTER

All around printer for small newspaper. Set ads, operate linotype, run presses, etc. Pay depends upon ability. One man in shop received \$30 per week and another \$35. The New Hampton Tribune, New Hampton, Iowa.

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RESIDENT
PHYSICIAN

Duties of general practitioner in hospital. Salary in vicinity of \$175 per month depending upon past experience. St. Luke's Methodist Hospital, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

TAILOR

All-around tailor or coat maker. Shop does all work on garments. \$40 per week for 48 hour week.

WAITER

Serve meals and arrange tables, etc., in dining room. \$20 per week plus meals and room and tips.

Three men or women to work in dining room serving, clearing tables, etc. \$80 per month plus meals and tips. Mason City, Iowa.

WASH, GREASE MAN

Nine hours per day and until 1 p.m. on Saturday. \$30 per week.

WELDERS

Six men for flat welding, 70¢ to 80¢ per hour, verticle welding 80¢ to 90¢ per hour, overhead welding 90¢ to \$1.00 per hour. Time and one-half over 40 hours. Clinton Bridge Works, Clinton, Iowa.

COOKS

Six men for regular duties in main kitchen. Only minimum experience necessary. \$125 to \$160 per month plus meals. Hours vary from 9 to 10 per day. Hotel.

Pastry cook. Bench man, mostly pastry, pies, cakes and rolls. Very little bread. \$125 per month plus meals. Bonus after period of employment. Cafeteria.

Assist with cooking at club house. Only minimum experience necessary. \$100 per month plus maintenance.

UNSKILLED

Four men to make crates and boxes for John Deere, etc. Operate saws, surfacers, and nailing machines. 70¢ per hour with overtime. Waterloo, Iowa.

Two men for trucking and loading cars. Sacking, etc. 60¢ per hour with overtime. Swift & Co. Soybean Mill.

Ten men. Start as laborers but will be advanced to machine operators. 60¢ to 77¢ per hour with overtime. Engineering company in Clinton, Iowa.

Twenty-five men to work in feed mill. 65¢ per hour with overtime. Pillsbury Flour Company, Clinton, Iowa.

Four men to grade wool, hide and grease. Opportunity to learn business. 60¢ per hour with overtime. Cedar Rapids Hide and Fur Company.

Six common laborers. 60¢ per hour with overtime. Clinton Bridge Works, Clinton, Iowa.

Six men for general work around clay products plant.

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50¢ per hour with overtime. Redfield Brick and Tile Company, Redfield, Iowa.

JOBS FOR WOMEN

COUNSELOR AT
"Y" CAMP

Counselor at "Y" camp which is open until August 8. Prefer college girl with some special skill. \$10 per week plus board and room. YWCA, Waterloo, Iowa.

COOK AND KITCHEN
HELP

Two for kitchen work at county home. Small number of inmates. \$40 per month plus board and room. Pocahontas County Home, Pocahontas, Iowa.

COSMETOLOGY
STUDENTS

Openings for four or five students with the Waterloo Beauty School, Waterloo, Iowa. Tuition, \$75 plus books.

REGISTERED NURSE

X-ray, anesthetic and laboratory work. Do blood count, urinalysis, etc. \$100 per month plus maintenance.

SEAMSTRESS

General dressmaking in small shop. Start employee at \$2.50 per day, but will raise as ability warrants.

TYPIST AND CLERK

Preferably able to read freight bills. Handle freight collections, typing, etc. \$85 to \$90 per month to start. Permanent.

DOMESTIC

Over fifty fine domestic jobs are available for single girls, men, and couples. Typical are the following:

Girls for routine cleaning, and assist with cooking and serving. Laundry optional. \$10 to \$15 per week plus maintenance.

Houseman to wash hotel windows, clean walls, vacuum rugs in halls, clean lobby and keep stoker going for hot water. \$100 per month plus room.

Clean rooms and halls in thirty room hotel. Prepare own meals in hotel kitchen. \$140 per month plus room. May be family with school children.

Couple: Woman to do housework and cooking; man to assist with heavier work and do some yard work and driving. Prefer middle aged couple. \$100 per month plus maintenance to start. Others paying \$125 and up.

SAMPLE FARM OFFERS

FARMHANDS

General farm work on farm seven miles west of Des Moines. \$70 per month plus board, room, and laundry. Waukee, Iowa.

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General farm work on 240 acre farm. \$75 per month plus maintenance. Will train to feed livestock. Lytton, Iowa.

FARM FAMILIES

General farm work and care of livestock. 200 acre farm. Can be family with one child. Prevailing wage plus housing and usual farm commodities. Rolfe, Iowa.

General farm work and care of livestock. 113 acre farm. Wife would do housework. Could be family with one or two children. Employer is bachelor. Salary would be determined at time of interview.

FARM COUPLES

Man to do chores, some repair work on buildings, fences etc. Take care of garden and milk cows. No general farming on large scale. Would have opportunity to operate farm on share basis next year. \$70 per month plus housing and farm commodities. Manly, Iowa.

Man to do general farm work and woman to work in county home. Woman to assist with cooking, dish-washing, cleaning, etc. \$125 per month plus complete maintenance.

Work on fifteen acre farm raising vegetables and chickens. Quarters in manager's home. \$100 per month plus maintenance. Burlington, Iowa.

B. CURRENT HOUSING SITUATION

The following statement on housing and living conditions is taken from the July issue of Reports and Analysis Service put out by the War Manpower Commission:

"Comfortable family units, mostly apartments, are available but limited. Houses are scarce in the medium price bracket, but can be obtained. Rentals range from \$35 to \$65 per month. Ample medical and dental facilities as well as hospital accommodations exist in this area. Transportation facilities are adequate."