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Kansas City Area

Digest of current job offers in the Western half of Missouri
for period ending January 31, 1944...Investigated
and approved by the WRA

Employment Summary...

Upgrading of job opportunities in the Kansas City area has not been wholly without results. Offers of more desirable type jobs are beginning to turn up in ever increasing numbers. For instance the American Designing & Engineering Company, with headquarters at Detroit, Michigan, just recently opened offices in Kansas City and have sent in requests for an unstated number of technically trained workers. Among the offers are jobs in mechanical drafting, tool engineering, designing and detailing.

Rates of pay, depending upon skill and ability, range from 75¢ to \$2 per hour with time and one-half for all work in excess of 40 hours. Work at present is averaging 63 hours per week, a splendid earning opportunity, indeed.

Other offers include Bio-Chemists, \$200; Upholsterer, 90¢ per hour; Shoe repairman, \$45 weekly; Photo Finisher, \$40 weekly.

Housing and Living Costs...

The housing situation in Kansas City and vicinity still remains acute, and while newcomers do eventually find suitable quarters it is a question of time and patience. Assisting agencies and the Citizens' Committee are helping with the problem, and promise to be even more helpful in the near future. When possible it is advised that visitors to the area should advise WRA offices here in advance of their visit in order that accommodations may be previously arranged. Single males can always find accommodations at the Y.M.C.A. and through the committee's housing chairman lodgings can be found for the ladies. An advance notice, however, is extremely helpful.

Houses, when located, average \$25 to \$60 per month; room and board, \$8 to \$10 weekly; sleeping rooms, \$5 to \$8 per week. Restaurant dining averages about \$1.25 per day.

Professionals

Bio-Chemist	Preferably college graduate and training in chemistry and animal husbandry for large pharmaceutical firm, \$150 to \$300 a month. One Nisei already employed, doing well.
Graduate Nurses	For employment with General Hospital, \$100 a month. One Nisei now employed.

Clerical

- Stockroom Clerk For a large publishing and book company, 60¢ an hour. Three Nisei girls now employed.
- Steno-Billing Clerk Use of dictaphone, typing and assist bookkeeping, \$22.50 a week.
- Office Girl To assist in order department: Pricing, checking, making out bills of lading for large grease and oil firm, 5-day, 40 hour week, shorthand not essential, permanent, \$25.00 a week.
- Two girls General office work, typing and billing. \$90 a month.

Industrial

- Electrical Repairman Work on radio and household appliances on commission basis, \$25 weekly guarantee, should average \$50 a week and up.
- Refrigeration For refrigeration and electric motor repairs, \$35 a week. Older Issei as general help in shop, \$25 a week. Housing available for both. Also, two refrigeration apprentices \$25 a week and up plus overtime, housing provided, conveniently located near shops, night school, etc. Non union.
- Photography Men and women for dark room and finishing work for photo shop, 65¢ an hour, 40 hour week.
- Presser For cleaning and dye company, male, \$25 to \$35 a week.
- Shoe Repairman C. I. O. Union, \$40 to \$50 a week if experienced.
- Linotypist 80¢ an hour to start, time and a half over 40 hours, for firm printing Law Briefs. 50¢ an hour for apprentice. Good working conditions.
- Unskilled work Positions with firms manufacturing paper boxes, women's wearing apparel, cloth bags, food dehydration, camera shops, etc. 55¢ to 71¢ per hour, time and a half over 40 hours a week.

Services

- Hotel Work Exclusive resort hotel needs elevator operators, (\$50 a month); waiters, (\$40 a month and tips); bell hops, (\$30 a month and tips); kitchen helpers, (\$50 a month); all with room and board. Some of these positions net \$150 to \$175 a month.
- Domestic Numerous openings for single girls, \$15 to \$20 a week with room and board, experience not essential in some jobs. Work may entail light housework, cooking and

serving, and in some cases occasional care of children. A number of Nisei girls satisfactorily placed in this field.

Domestic couples paid \$100 to \$150 a month with complete maintenance. Wife usually cooks and does housework, while husband does yard work and heavier cleaning. Arrangements may be made to exchange duties; also opportunities for wife to work, husband to live with her but work out.

Agricultural

Single & Couples

The type of farming prevailing in this area calls for hired help to work on a year around basis. The help is usually given an tenant house, in many cases with light and water, bus facilities to nearby schools, and a supply of commodities such as dairy products and meat, as well as a garden plot on which to raise vegetables. Single men are paid \$40 to \$75 a month, and couples \$75 to \$125 a month. In many instances future arrangements for share cropping can be made with the employer.

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Two Families

Should have three workers in each family, 16 years or over. \$75 a month to head, other workers paid 30¢ an hour. Housing and garden plot furnished.

Seven Men

To work for fruit farm in Atchinson. General work, pruning spraying, etc. \$4.50 to \$5.00 a day for ten hours. Housing available nearby, \$8.00 a month.

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