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CURRENT RELOCATION OPPORTUNITIES AND HOUSING SITUATION, KANSAS CITY AREA

For period ending April 10, 1944

DES MOINES, IOWA DISTRICT

A. CURRENT RELOCATION OPPORTUNITIES

1. Employment Opportunities for Evacuees:

Evacuees to this district increased in number during the past two weeks with additional employment offers not only keeping pace, but enough and to spare for all who may desire to relocate in Iowa. Particular emphasis now is being placed by representatives for this office on tolerance, or the checking of public sentiment, to the point where community acceptance is assured in each and all placement opportunities in this district. Added to this is the fact that the Friends' Hostel here makes it possible for evacuees in search of the utmost in resettlement possibilities to live in Des Moines at a nominal cost. As little as \$1.00 a day for both room and board, think of it! Why an applicant can stay on here at this reasonable cost until he finds exactly the type of position desired.

Offers from the farming communities also show an increase, with openings available for immediate employment. Salaries range from \$75 a month plus room and board with laundry included for a single worker and up to \$90 to \$100 a month plus a home and certain food commodities for a family. Commodities include meat, vegetables, fruits, milk, eggs and chickens.

Landscape contractors here also are in dire need of help. The work consists of cleaning, clearing, and mowing lawns and the up-keep of shrubbery for local wealthy families. Although temporary in a sense, there is enough work to last until winter for those who prove satisfactory.

2. Other Relocation Opportunities:

Major Rising, Officer in charge of the Ordinance Plant operated by U. S. Rubber Company at the edge of Des Moines is interested in securing a woman housekeeper for himself and two other officers. All three are away during the day. Duties of the worker would consist merely of preparing two meals daily, morning and evening, and keeping the house in order.

3. Job Offer Digest:

Men

Club Steward - small private club, prepare and serve meals. Salary arranged at time of interview.

Housemen - 3. \$5 to \$85 per month.

Fry Cooks - 2. \$125 per month plus meals. 48 hours weekly.

Dishwashers - 12. \$50 to \$85 per month plus meals.

Farm Hands - 7. \$50 to \$75 per month plus full maintenance.
General farm work.

Pressman - 1. \$20 per week, 48 hours per week.

Pressman and Dry Cleaner - 1. \$25 per week.

Shoe Repairmen - 2. \$30 to \$35 per week. 48 to 52 hours per week.

Fur Cutter - 1. \$35 per week, 48 hours weekly.

Welders - 10. 70¢ to \$1.00 per hour. Overtime after 8 hours daily.
Can work 60 to 70 hours weekly.

Greenhouse worker - 1. \$35 per week. 51 hours weekly.

Common Laborers - 5. 60¢ per hour. Overtime after 8 hours daily.
Can work 60 to 70 hours weekly.

Women

Registered Nurses - 1. \$100 per month plus maintenance.
48 hours weekly.

Students to assist with domestic work - 6. \$2 to \$5 weekly plus
maintenance.

Domestics - 18. \$30 to \$100 per month plus maintenance.

Hospital Workers - 18. \$50 to \$60 per month and meals.

Cook - 1. \$60 per month plus board and room.

Dieticians - 2. \$100 to \$125 per month plus meals.

Seamstress - 1. \$2.50 per day - general dressmaking, small shop.
Increase in salary if employee proves satisfactory.

Seamstresses - 4. 40¢ per hour or piece work. 40 hours per week.

Couples or Families

Farm Families - 20. General farming ranging from \$50 per month plus
house and commodities to \$100 per month plus.

Domestic Couples - 2. \$100 to \$125 per month plus full maintenance.

Couple - 1. Man to cook and wife to serve in small restaurant with
possibility of purchase of establishment in the
future. \$80 per month plus meals for the man and
\$10 per week plus tips for the woman.

Family Group for Farming and Yard Work - \$100 per month, plus house. Modern 3 bedroom house, bath, furnace, gas, electricity and water furnished in addition to salary. Mostly yard work. Would like family with two sons over 16, the sons to do the farm and dairy work and the man to do yard work. Sons would receive \$75 per month each. Woman could seek employment elsewhere if she desired. Can have other children in family as house is fairly large.

B. CURRENT HOUSING SITUATION:

With the usual seasonal trend of persons desiring to leave apartments and secure houses for the spring and summer it is a little more difficult now to secure houses at this area, especially furnished houses. There are places available however, but time is needed to seek them out.

More and more vacancies of course are occurring in apartment dwellings, but otherwise the housing situation remains about the same. Friends' Hostel is of value to those individuals and families coming from the centers who desires to remain there until suitable housing is secured.

<u>Type of accommodation</u>	Furnished	Unfurnished	
	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Supply, Price Range</u>
Temporary - Single persons or groups	Hostel	\$7 per week per person, or 50¢ night, Breakfast 25¢, lunch 35¢, dinner 50¢	
Furnished Room	Adequate	\$2 to \$6 per week	
Houses and Apartments	Fair	\$20 to \$60 month	
Board and Room	Fair	\$7 to \$10 week	

CURRENT RELOCATION OPPORTUNITIES AND HOUSING SITUATION, KANSAS CITY AREA

For period ending April 10, 1944

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI DISTRICT

A. CURRENT RELOCATION OPPORTUNITIES

1. Employment Opportunities for Evacuees:

Immigrating evacuees to the St. Louis District continue to find satisfactory employment immediately and without difficulty, in occupations of almost every type and description. In addition to actual employment offers on file here, many St. Louis employers have expressed sincere willingness to interview evacuee-applicants, whose qualifications may suit them for good-paying positions.

Encouraging is the fact that a great majority of the resettlers in this district are making good on the job. This together with their generally splendid records for good conduct, punctuality and earnest willingness has facilitated their own acceptance in addition to paving the way for future resettlers. Employers report that without exception all experimental cases have proven successful, which is definitely varified by the fact that many of these employers have requested additional evacuee workers.

The increasing demand for professional workers here was further evidenced recently with the placing of three additional workers in this catagory. Those placed included a resident physician, a pharmacist and a dental technician.

2. Other Relocation Opportunities:

The offer published in the March 10 Job Summary report with reference to the Dairy Goat Journal still stands. For details see March 10 report, St. Louis District.

3. Job Offer Digest:

Men

Printer - Apprentice or experienced, male or female, Inexperienced minimum 40¢ per hour. Experienced printer or linotype operator \$1.00 per hour. (Note: Young person desiring to attend university and at the same time learn printing trade may apply).

Nursery workers - seasonal or indefinite - 9 men for general nursery work - digging, planting, transplanting, landscaping, etc. 8 to 10 hours per day. 50¢ per hour to start, raised to maximum of 65¢ for good worker. Free housing furnished (clean dormitories and new kitchen built especially for the boys). 8 Nisei already employed - boys buy their own food and cook their own meals - split expenses. Approximate cost of food \$4

per person per week. If employer can secure 9 more boys, would like to have a man to cook for them.

Shipping clerk - 55¢ per hour, 40 hour week. One opening.

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.

Women

Beauty Operator - Salary to start, commission basis after clientele is established. Experienced, competent operator desired. Good neighborhood. W.R.A. believes this to be excellent opportunity for qualified young lady.

Stenographers & office workers - Three different firms want services of experienced stenographers, typists and girls for general office work. Salaries up to \$125 monthly.

Power machine operators - piece work basis with minimum of 40 to 50¢ per hour for learners. Present average 78¢ per hour. 35 to 40 hours per week. About 16 openings.

Factorygirls - openings for 15 or 20 - table work in leather goods company - cleaning, cutting, preparing leather for assembly. No experience necessary (Age range 16 to 35) 8 hr. day - 5 day week. 40¢ per hour during training - advance to maximum of 75¢ per hour.

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 no cooking, and a few of the companion or nurse-maid type. There are also several positions for couples with salaries ranging from \$100 to \$150 per month and maintenance. We also have a number of openings for part-time school-girls and school-boys.

Farm Couple

Farm couple or single man (no children) general farm work. If couple, woman can assist in home for one adult. Year round employment. \$75 per month for couple; \$60 per month for single man. Private house for couple furnished, also electricity, water, etc.

B. CURRENT HOUSING SITUATION:

Apparently most of the resettlers now in St. Louis are building up good reputations as desirable tenants, in that landlords who have rented to these people are now referring additional vacancies to the local W.R.A. office.

Also it is encouraging to note that addresses for these resettlers indicate the more desirable neighborhoods in well scattered sections of the city and suburbs. They definitely are not concentrating in just one or a few spots in the city.

St. Louis does not have a hostel for incoming evacuees, but temporary accommodations for single individuals are almost always available at the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A., as well as in most of the hotels. Housing for families is a little more difficult to locate, but sincere effort on the part of the evacuee with help from local cooperating committees will usually bring satisfactory results.

Following is a brief study of the present local housing situation:

<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 night		
Temporary - family	Fair	\$2 - \$3 night		
Furnished room	Adequate	\$4.50 - \$8 week		
1-room hskpg. apt.	Fair	\$35 - \$50 month	Scarce	
3-room hskpg. apt.	Scarce	\$50 - \$80 month	Fair	\$25 - \$35 mo.
Single family house	Scarce	\$75 - \$90 month	Scarce	\$55 - \$75 mo.
Room with board for single girls	Fair	\$7.50 - \$9 per wk.		

CURRENT RELOCATION OPPORTUNITIES AND HOUSING SITUATION, KANSAS CITY AREA

For Period Ending April 10, 1944

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI DISTRICT

A. CURRENT RELOCATION OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Employment Opportunities for Evacuees:

The ideal combination actually exists in Kansas City; job opportunities are plentiful, sentiment is extremely favorable and living costs are only average compared to elsewhere in the country.

Speaking of job opportunities, a letter just recently received from Osborne, Kansas, requests two male teachers of high school subjects for that city. One of the openings calls for a man capable of coaching football and basketball as well as teach commercial subjects, mathematics or sciences. The second is for a man educated in music who can direct the school orchestra, teach voice perhaps and have one of the minor teaching subjects mentioned above.

"This is a very fine little second-class city", the letter reads, "with no foreign element whatsoever. The school building is ideal with plenty of good equipment." This is an exceptionally good proposition for two Japanese-American educators and their families. Married men, four in all, in the Osborne school system are each receiving a salary of \$200 a month.

Another offer received just this past week is from the Studebaker Corporation for an auto parts man in their Kansas City branch, or parts depot for the central states area. Experience is preferred but not altogether necessary. A beginner may come with an opportunity to learn and at a starting wage of \$105.00 per month. An experienced man could demand \$155 per month.

2. Other Relocation Opportunities:

Live at beautiful Lake Lotawana just outside of Kansas City. That's the place of one local employer who offers some interested evacuee couple \$100 per month plus modern private living quarter to do domestic work. Opportunity also to raise chickens and truck garden on share basis. Offer on file in Kansas City office of the W.R.A.

Persons in the centers interested in private enterprise, regardless of what line of business, are urged to write or visit the W.R.A. Offices in Kansas City for first-hand information concerning the possibilities here. No obstacles of any conceivable nature are felt to exist here which would hinder private enterprise in this city by Japanese-Americans.

W.R.A. officials here are ready and willing to investigate any propositions in which the resettler may be interested, with full detailed information furnished on request concerning public acceptance, license requirements, sources of supply, business property, location, rents, etc. Simply address the Relocation Officer for the area in which you are interested.

3. Job Offer Digest

Men

Auto Mechanic - 4. All around auto and truck repairmen Commission basis. Workers now averaging up to \$100 per week.

Lens Inspector - also multiple grinding, polishing and blocking of Lenses. 4 workers wanted. 80¢ per hour.

Nursery Workers - to work with trees, plants and small vegetable garden - 60¢ per hour.

Male Secretary - \$125 per month - must have Civil Service clearance, Duties will be picking up bags of mail at Post Office and delivering of mail. Any able young man who can lift as much as 40 to 50 lbs. 16 years of age or over. War Service Appointment.

Electrical Repairman - Radio and household appliances. \$25 to \$50 weekly. Also commission basis.

Shoe Repairman - CIO Union. \$30 to \$65 a week.

Janitor - \$22.00 per week - night work - 8:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. General office cleaning, sweeping and dusting.

Women

Switchboard Operator - Operate small switch board, some typing and clerical work. Approximately \$25 per week.

Clark-typist - Civil Service - Pay including overtime \$146 per month. Civil Service investigation required.

Graduate Nurses - General Hospital, \$100 a month.

General Office - Typing and billing, \$90 a month.

Service and Domestic Offers

Hotel Work - Exclusive resort hotel needs elevator operators, (\$50 a month); waiters, (\$40 a month and tips); bell hops, (\$10 a month and tips); kitchen helpers, (\$60 a month); glass washer, (\$60 a month); stenographer, (\$60 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 Couple for 10 acre farm - \$85 a month plus separate quarters and full maintenance. 3 children, 8, 10, 15, in family.

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.

B. CURRENT HOUSING SITUATION:

The housing situation here both temporary and permanent still remains unchanged. While in a sense acute, suitable quarters are being located for single persons and small family groups. Plans for a hostel here are still in evidence, although actual progress toward completing the venture has been retarded somewhat. One of the local assisting agencies has elected to sponsor the prospect, provided others will assist with the running expenses. Commitments from the other agencies are being solicited, but thus far results have been disappointingly limited. It is hoped that much more favorable advices may be offered at the end of the next reporting period.

In the meanwhile, however, it is advised that visitors to the area notify the WRA offices in advance of their visit in order that accommodations may be previously arranged. Single male visitors can always find accommodations at the local Y.M.C.A.

Furnished			Unfurnished	
<u>Type of Accommodation</u>	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Price Range</u>
Temporary - single	Adequate	75¢ up, night		
Temporary - family	Fair	2 up night		
Furnished room	Adequate	\$5 to \$8 week		
1-room hskpg. apt.	Fair	\$24 to \$50 month	Scarce	
3-room hskpg. apt.	Scarce	\$37.50 to \$60 mo.	Scarce	
Single family house	Scarce	\$35 to \$100 month	Scarce	\$25 upward
Room and Board	Fair	\$8 to \$10 a week		

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OMAHA, NEBRASKA DISTRICT

A. CURRENT RELOCATION OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Employment Opportunities for Evacuees:

The weather man and the calendar people were about two weeks too early in announcing the arrival of spring. Because of snow storms and wet weather, farmers have been delayed in getting into their fields to start their spring work. Nevertheless, the farmers have not been idle, and some very splendid farm offers, both for single farm laborers and families are steadily being received and many of these offers state that a share-crop arrangement will be made for next year. If you are interested in farming, take one of these jobs now-- get acquainted with Nebraska and South Dakota farming methods, soil conditions, and climate and be set for a share-crop lease next year.

Community acceptance in the Omaha district remains favorable as more employers and communities are becoming acquainted with the evacuees.

Sufficient industrial employment offers are being received to take care of all evacuees who wish to relocate to Omaha or the larger cities in this district.

2. Other Relocation Opportunities:

The job for a chemist or bacteriologist which was published in the March 25 digest is still open. This position has very good possibilities for the future with opportunity for advancement.

The stationery engineer and janitorial job came into the office this week which pays \$110 per month and also furnishes a small, comfortable apartment. The wife would be expected to work about three days each week. See "Special Job Offers" attached.

3. Job Offer Digest:

Men

X-Ray Technician - \$105 a month plus 3 meals daily.

Dieticians - \$50 a month, uniforms and meals.

Dental Technicians - Trained and experienced, \$150 month; apprentices, \$60 month; experienced 5 years \$1.10 per hour, time and one-half for work in excess of 40 hours.

Laboratory Technician - \$1800 a year - 8 hours a day - care of guinea pigs, rabbits, etc. - experience not necessary.

Watchmakers - Commission basis, tools available. 2 Nisei now employed average \$90 to \$100 weekly.

Laboratory Technician - chemist or bacteriologist - \$125 per month to start. Applicant should be able to weigh on balance. Good post-war opportunity.

Mechanic Helpers - \$125 to \$150 a month.

Moulders - 40¢ per hour while learning, \$1.00 an hour guaranteed when skilled.

Truck drivers, welders, warehouse workers, lathe, drilling and machine operators, 60¢ to 80¢ an hour, time and one-half for work over 40 hours.

Women

Poultry packing - 45¢ an hour, with time and one-half over 40 hours.

Typists - \$18 to \$20 per week.

File Clerk - \$20 per week.

Stenographers - \$20 per week.

Domestic

There are innumerable good domestic positions and excellent part-time positions for young people who would like to go to school and work for their room and board. The domestic jobs for single girls pay up to \$20 per week plus complete maintenance. We have three excellent couple positions in domestic work which pay \$160 a month plus complete maintenance.

B. CURRENT HOUSING SITUATION:

Housing remains about the same. Prices have not advanced. There are plenty of sleeping rooms for single men and women, but it is necessary to look around for houses and apartments, especially furnished and apartments.

<u>Type of Accommodations</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¢ to \$2 night		
Temporary - family	Limited	\$2 to \$4 night		
Furnished room	Fair	\$4.50 to \$8 week		
1-room hskpg. apt.	Scarce	\$25 to \$40 month		
3-room hskpg. apt.	Scarce	\$35 to \$80 month	Scarce	\$25 to \$45 mo.
Single family house	Scarce	\$30 upward	Scarce	\$25 upward mo.
Room and board	Fair	\$7.50 to \$10 week		

SPECIAL JOB OFFERS

- Laborers
Omaha, Nebr. Laborers in vital war industry. This factory makes lead shot for shot-gun shells. Duties would be to unload lead pigs from railroad cars into bags, sew the tops of the bags, and reload into cars. 60 cents an hour with time and a half. If employee shows ability, will pay 66 cents per hour. Weekly pay check averages \$43.35. Six days per week. This is a small factory. Company furnishes work clothes, gloves, and overalls. Employees may take 15 minutes a day to take shower; towels and soap will be furnished. Ten-hour day.
- Egg Dryers
Omaha, Nebraska Two boys for egg-drying work in cold storage company. Hours from 3:00 p.m. to midnight. Pay 59 cents an hour with time and a half over 40 hours. 55-hour week. Pay check averages \$25 to \$37.50 per week. Work consists of dumping eggs, pumping them into vats for drying; taking down and cleaning the pipes, etc. This is an essential war industry.
- Mechanics
Omaha, Nebr. One experienced radiator repairman and several experienced auto and truck mechanics wanted. Rate of pay will be a minimum of \$50 per week for thoroughly experienced men. Bonus system followed by this firm. Present employees making from \$75 to \$80 per week. About 50 to 56-hour week. Non-union. Preferably draft-exempt men or applicants over thirty years of age. This is a permanent position with good opportunities for advancements. Tools will be furnished for radiator repairman. Arrangements can be made if mechanics do not have tools.
- Darkroom man
Omaha, Nebr. Darkroom worker for photographic studio. \$125 per month to start and will be raised according to ability. This is a permanent position.
- Gardener
Omaha, Nebr. Experienced gardener for steady employment through growing season. This is a permanent position. Salary \$125 per month. No housing accommodations. Employment is with a private owner of lovely large garden, mostly hedges and lawn. Power machine mower available. Have another man who helps with the gardening. Hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Work usually lasts from spring through November of each year.
- Gardener
Blackstone Hotel
Omaha, Nebr. Year-around gardener wanted. Uniforms furnished. Lunch provided. Salary \$100 per month.
- Poultryman
Elkhorn, Nebr. Single and experienced poultryman. Now have 1,000 laying hens and within the next few weeks will have 3,000 chickens. The employee will take care of 3,000 to 5,000 chicks during the summer. Salary to be \$75 per month with room and board to start. If man is experienced, salary will be \$90 per month to start. Good opportunities to learn specialized business for post-war possibilities.

Farm Couple
Elkhorn, Nebr.

Couple, preferably without children. Duties: General farm work. This is a 160-acre dairy farm. Man will have responsibility of milking, handling cows, and doing chores. Milking machine is used. From 20 to 30 cows are milked. Corn, oats, and hay are raised. Employee should have some knowledge of how to operate tractor and farm machinery. Eight-room tenant house available which has electricity and water. Wood and corn cobs available for fuel; light bill will be paid; garden space available; eggs, milk, and some pork will be provided. Salary \$80 per month to start. Wife to work part time in employer's home doing housework; compensation about \$25 per week.

Farm family
Lexington, Nebr.

One family of not more than four persons and preferably with pre-school age children. \$100 per month with four-room house. Milk, eggs, garden spot, corn cobs and wood for fuel also provided. Water is in the house and there is a full basement with furnace. House will be wired for electricity. There are built-in cupboards and hardwood floors. Bed and stove will be provided. House was new in 1934. \$100 bonus will be paid to family if they stay until January 1, 1945. Could use one single seasonal worker during summer if family accepting offer would board and room him. Work on this 400-acre farm would consist of general farm work--irrigation, tractor work, hay stacking, and care of livestock. If wife works, arrangement will be made for her compensation. Farm located six miles from Lexington.

Farm Family
Lincoln, Nebr.

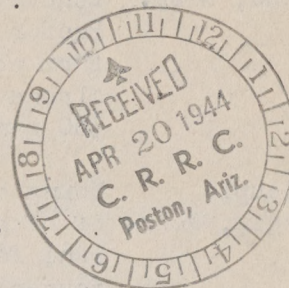
Small family with grown children and not over four in the family. This is a sixty-acre commercial garden. Work would consist of general farm and nursery work; chores will be to take care of the team and one milk cow. \$75 per month with three-room semi-basement apartment which is modern and furnished. Vegetables, eggs, milk, and some fruit will be provided. Electricity and gas paid. Ice box also furnished. If satisfactory, good possibility for share-crop and business opportunity for 1945. Right person will be considered for salary increase up to \$100 for balance of 1944. Possibility in 1945 for employment of second family who are friends or relatives of family accepting offer. If wife works, special arrangements will be made for her compensation. Location in southeast Lincoln. Splendid opportunity for family who desires good schools and permanent relocation.

Farm Couple
Underwood, Ia.

Farm couple or family with not more than two children wanted. Employees would live in the landlord's ten-room house which is exceptionally well arranged and entirely modern. Duties of man: Operate farm machinery, such as tractor, cultivator, and planter to do general farm work. At the present time, landlord is feeding 200 cattle, 200 hogs, and milking seven cows. Crops raised: Corn, oats, and hay. Three hired men already employed. Salary \$80 per month plus complete maintenance for couple and family.

Single farm hand Single man wanted on stock and grain farm. Duties:
Bertrand, Nebr. General farm work; ~~some~~ irrigation and care of livestock.
Prefer man who has had experience operating tractor and
farm machinery. Employee may live with owner's family
already employed on this farm or with landlord. Salary
\$80 per month plus room and board.

Farm Couple Young couple with no children or will consider children
Elm Creek, Nebr. if of pre-school age. Duties: Some irrigation work, gen-
eral farm work, and care of turkeys. \$100 per month with
four-room house which has electricity, and water is on the
porch. 1/4 acre garden space and milk will be provided.
This is a 520-acre farm. There are 100 acres of irrigated
corn. Arrangements for share-cropping can be made for
1945. Farm is located on edge of Tri-County directly north
of Holdrege.



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DOMESTIC WORK AS THE FIRST STEP IN RELOCATION

We would like to present the following facts to everyone who is interested in relocation:

Domestic work offers a stepping stone for evacuees interested in relocating, no matter how they wish to shape their future. Domestic work, it must be granted, does not have much appeal to some as a lifetime occupation but when viewed with the idea as the first step towards a goal, I think it can become a truly attractive proposition.

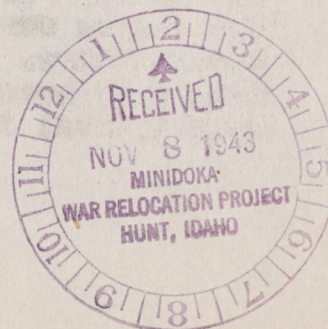
The first weeks after leaving the center are rather difficult insofar as readjustment is concerned. Everything is different from center life. If one is located in a pleasant home with an understanding employer, it surely takes away much of the shock of leaving family and friends.

Ordinarily, it seems families are reluctant to approve their daughters' leaving the centers to accept employment alone. This can be partially overcome by friends leaving together to accept employment in the same city. It should also be considered that a girl coming to a home is going to live a more or less sheltered life. She will have contact with very few people other than her friends and employers, whereas girls leaving home to accept other types of employment make numerous contacts, some of them being advantageous while others are not.

First, let us consider the STUDENT. It may be that you wish to start or continue college work or specialized business training, but finances interfere. Anyone who is willing to render a certain amount of service can save enough as a domestic to get a start towards a higher education. In many instances, we have offers which will give a girl some of her evenings free and this means that she could attend evening business training school classes while still earning and saving as a domestic worker.

Second, MARRIED COUPLES should give some consideration to domestic work since it offers a means of living in homes where the standard of living is far above the average and also affords an opportunity to save practically every dollar that is paid to them in wages. Over a period of six months, a couple could easily save \$500. This would mean a lot if the husband wanted to then look for some particular job where he could make use of his former experience or skill. This savings would undoubtedly pave the way for a promising future.

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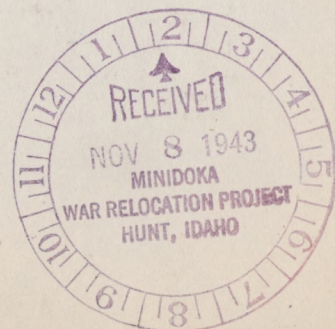
Des Moines has many schools open to Japanese Americans in the city. There is Drake University where more than 30 Japanese American students are now enrolled. There are two modern business colleges--The American Institute of Business and the Capital City Commercial College. Japanese American students are attending both of these business schools at the present time. One girl is attending day classes and doing domestic work in the late afternoon and evenings for her room and board and a small wage. Arrangements like this can easily be worked out. The courses last somewhere from three to nine months depending upon the subjects chosen, and domestic work can be secured for that period of time. Another student works full time as a domestic and attends evening classes on certain days of the week. The Capital City Commercial College offers a course with two-hour classes two nights a week for a tuition fee of \$5.00 per month. This would give a girl an opportunity to specialize in some certain line of business training and yet the cost would be such that she would still save some of her wages for the future when she would make use of her training.

In all of the Des Moines High Schools night classes are now being held covering subjects ranging from foreign languages, home economics and business courses to crafts and skills. These courses are two weeks in duration and cost \$1.00 per course. The classes are held in different schools on different nights, so it could be worked out that anyone could attend school almost any night in the week.

Since September 1st, there has been a Friends Hostel in Des Moines located at 2150 Grand Avenue. This Hostel offers hospitality to anyone interested in relocating in our area. Board and room can be secured there for \$1.00 per day while unemployed and for \$1.50 per day after employment is procured. This Hostel is especially helpful for anyone coming to the city without a definite job in mind, as one can stay there at little cost until a satisfactory job is found. No matter what the time of arrival, the Hostel doors are always open.

Every Sunday afternoon the Hostel has open house in the form of a tea at 4 P.M. Everyone is invited and you can be sure of meeting some of your friends or acquaintances there. The Hostel affords a friendly, comfortable, temporary home which is immediately available to the evacuee upon arrival in Des Moines. Since there are approximately

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125 Japanese Americans already in this city, it definitely means that one could find friends here and could make still more friends.

The above information is sent out for the primary purpose of interesting evacuees in relocation in our city as domestics in order that they may become accustomed to our climate, accustomed to our city, our churches, etc., while they are building for themselves a financial background, acquiring a wardrobe or acquiring further training along any number of lines.

The idea of securing domestic employment for six months may be new to you, and we truly hope it will arouse your interest. We have many employers who are more than glad to employ anyone who is willing to state that he or she is going to work for them for six months, or a similar length of time, but at the end of that period intend seeking employment in other lines. A number of employers are very sympathetic with this sort of ambition and oftentimes specifically request employees who have such ambitions, as they prove to be the most satisfactory employees.

This six months' period will take you over the shaky period of insecurity, and you can then set out on your true career with poise and self confidence.

As one becomes ready to step into another field, the local W.R. A. office together with the employment agency of the Y.W.C.A. and the Friends Service Committee can be counted upon to render every possible service to assist you in securing the type of position you desire and for which you have received training.

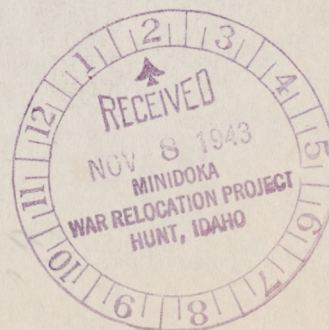
If you should have any questions pertaining to any certain courses offered by our night school classes or business schools, please write us as we shall be very happy to give you any additional information.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
520 Liberty Building
Des Moines 8, Ia.
Nov. 8, 1943.

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routed separately. Mails & Files. JJS*

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SPECIAL FARM OFFERS

Farm family
(Share-crop)
Bertrand, Nebraska

Family for share-crop arrangement on ten acres of sugar beet land. Larger acreage available for crop year of 1945. Farm located two miles north of Bertrand. Landlord will pay lessee \$3.00 per day for all of the time he works on his farm. There is plenty of work in the neighborhood to work outside of the landlord's farm. Landlord to furnish land, machinery, water for irrigation, fuel for the tractor, and transportation to have the beets hauled to the dump. Lessee to furnish seed and labor. Landlord does not have a full line of sugar beet machinery, but he can borrow from the neighbor. The neighbor owns a seven-room tenant house, and between the landlord and the neighbor, it has been arranged to have the families accepting their offers to share the house. House does not have electricity, but water for the house can be obtained from the well near the house. Some furniture can be made available. Applicants should write directly to the employer.

Farm family
Bertrand, Nebraska

Man to do general farm work and some irrigation in summer. Salary \$80 per month. Garden plot of 1/2 acre of land will be provided; also a small chicken house is available to raise chickens. Employee to live four miles north of town where there is 1/2 section of farm land. Seven-room house available with good rain water in house. Well and water cistern close by. House to be shared with neighbor's tenants who are evacuee employees. There are 300 acres of corn and 340 acres of wheat. Applicants should write directly to employer.

Farm family
(Share-crop)

Young couple with children not of school age or no children at all. Salary \$100 per month. Milk from one cow, and 1/4 acres of garden which can be irrigated from an electric pump will be provided. Tenants will live in a four-room house which is in fair condition and has electric lights; water is on the porch. Farm located directly north of Holdrege on north edge of Tri-County. Duties are general farmwork, care of turkeys, and some irrigating work. This is a 520 acre farm. There are 100 acres of corn which is irrigated from wells. Principal crops grown are corn and small grain. Arrangements for share-cropping can be made for year 1945. There is a barn, chicken house, granary, and garage across the road from landlord's place.



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OUR COMMUNITY INVITATION IS OPEN

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

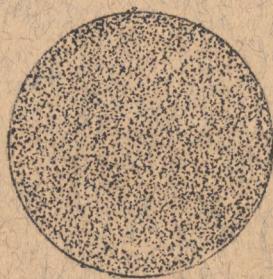
The following statement on housing and living conditions is taken from the July issue of Reports and Analysis Service put out by the War Manpower Commission:

"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."

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Relocating In Iowa

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RELOCATING IN IOWA

THROUGH THE FRIENDS HOSTEL

I. IOWA INVITES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Friends Hostel in Des Moines is eager to be your temporary home while you make arrangements for relocating in Iowa. Families as a unit are especially welcome for we believe that the best and most permanent relocation comes when the family relocates as a group.

The Hostel is open to all evacuees without regard to any individual's religious faith. The Committee sponsoring the Hostel is interested solely in making relocation easier for those people who are anxious to make a fresh start in a new community.

II. FRIENDS HOSTEL

A hostel is a temporary, friendly home for you while you look for employment and a permanent place to live. It is neither a boarding house nor a hotel for, like your own home, each person does his share of the work for the group (whether it be washing the dishes, tending the garden, or other chores) besides keeping his own room in order. In that manner, expenses are kept at a minimum since the rate charged for room and board does not cover actual costs.

Friends Hostel is an old family dwelling with a large lawn and tall trees, located in a residential section but within walking distance of the business district. It will take care of about twenty-five persons. Most of the rooms accommodate three or four guests except the dormitory on the third floor, and every effort is made to keep the rooms as home-like as possible. Whenever space permits, family groups are kept together.

Cooperative living in the Hostel is founded on consideration for other guests. There are facilities available to all residents, such as, the use of the telephone, the laundry, and recreational games. There are but few regulations and each guest is permitted to come and go in accordance with his own plans.

The staff of the Hostel consists of a Caucasian couple who are co-directors. They are assisted by a Nisei minister who gives half of his time to the work of the Hostel. The Nisei dietitian plans meals featuring Oriental and Caucasian menus, while a part-time Nisei secretary assists in the office. All members of the staff are interested in helping guests become better acquainted with the opportunities which Des Moines and Iowa offer as a place for permanent relocation and in working with individual problems as they arise.

III. HOW TO RELOCATE THROUGH A HOSTEL

The procedure for relocating through Friends Hostel is the same as for all the others. After you have decided what part of the country would best meet the interests and needs of your family, determine if there is a hostel which could serve you in that area. If so, then an application should be obtained from the Hostel Correspondent in each center or at the relocation office, filled out, and returned to the correspondent. The Hostel Correspondent will then make the necessary arrangements and notify you when your application has been approved by the Hostel Director. This procedure assures you of a reservation at the Hostel. Meanwhile, get packed and have your tickets and train reservations, ration permits, leave clearance, etc., all attended to (be sure your reservations, when needed, are arranged all the way through to your destination--they can be cancelled if not needed).

When you leave the center, have the Relocation Officer notify both the local W.R.A. Office and the Hostel by wire of your departure. On your way, send a telegram to the Hostel Director, stating the time of your arrival and the name of the railroad you are taking to Des Moines. Since there are four railroad stations and two bus depots in this city, it is necessary to be specific if you wish to be met. (Please notify the Hostel Directors if you are delayed and will not be able to make your arrival on schedule.)

On the way, be friendly with fellow passengers, converse with strangers, share your magazines--for the Middle West is noted for its friendliness.

IV. ON ARRIVAL AT DES MOINES

If you have wired, giving the necessary information, the Hostel will try to arrange for someone to meet you. In case you are not met, telephone Friends Hostel (4-8761) and then, if necessary, take a taxicab which may also have to be obtained by telephone (3-1111).

Your arrival at the Hostel marks the beginning of a new phase of your life--a life without the restrictions found at a center--a life where each person enjoys the duties and privileges of living in a large, cooperative family group. You will want to take a day to get unpacked, make new friends, rest, and adjust to your temporary home. The next day, you will be expected to carry your share of the maintenance work of the house and will probably want to start looking for your new work and permanent home.

In deciding on your future work, it is important to take your time and choose so wisely that you will stay with the job. At the present time, there are enough openings to give a wide choice unless your field is quite specialized, where more difficulty may be experienced. It is relatively easy for single persons to secure living quarters in the city but family groups should allow some time for hunting an apartment or home before becoming fully engaged in work.

V. DES MOINES AND IOWA - HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Iowa is essentially a farming state with most of its metal industries and coal mining in the south and eastern part. Consequently, Des Moines (population of 160,000) resembles a small town in its friendliness and, not being in an area of active defense production, the city has not experienced tremendous changes in the cost of living. Food is plentiful, fuel relatively cheap, and clothing and housing less expensive than on either the East or West Coast. Salaries are not so high as in some areas such as the larger cities but living costs are decidedly lower, especially for families.

Houses and apartments are usually less modern than those on the West Coast and not as well kept up. Those available, while not plentiful for anyone, average between \$30 and \$60 per month rent.

Although some kinds of work are seasonal and other jobs vary with government contracts, union regulation, etc., positions are on file in the Des Moines W.R.A. Office and United States Employment Service covering many kinds of skilled and unskilled work. Placements have been made not only in laboring positions but all the way through to those requiring the highest professional training and skill.

Union locals affiliated with the C.I.O. have been more friendly than those with the A.F. of L. but further progress in the acceptance of evacuees is expected.

VI. LOCAL SENTIMENT TOWARD EVACUEES - COMMUNITY LIFE, SCHOOLS

The Japanese Americans living in this area consider the attitude of the people to be generally favorable. The newspapers with the largest circulation in Iowa, The Des Moines Register and The Tribune, have been consistently supporting the relocation program both through news releases and editorials in accord with their long standing policy of bringing about a democratic acceptance of the rights of minority groups. The Ministerial Association of Des Moines has passed a resolution extending a warm welcome to evacuees and inviting the Japanese Americans to participate in the church life of the community.

The schools in Iowa are progressive and offer a variety of courses. Evacuee children have been well treated by teachers and have made friends easily with their fellow classmates. One high school in Des Moines offers commercial and trade courses in aviation mechanics, radio, commercial art, hotel and restaurant cooking, and also has a federally sponsored program with free tuition for courses in welding, machine shop, mechanical drafting, power sewing machine, Diesel engines, and auto mechanics. Most of these courses are open to women also.

There are two business colleges in Des Moines and also a number of public and private colleges and universities in Des Moines and in the State of Iowa. Besides these there are several schools offering technical training in aeronautics, radio, and other fields, and Still College of Osteopathy.

VII. EXPENSES WHILE AT THE HOSTEL

All of the hostels, except Fellowship House in Detroit, charge \$1 per day for adults and 50¢ for those under ten years. This includes room, linen and towels, and three meals per day. When an evacuee secures a position, the rate is increased to \$1.50 per day for each person who is employed. If the evacuee remains ten days at the Hostel after becoming employed, the rate increases thereafter to \$2 per day. The average length of stay at the hostels has been from one to two weeks and while hospitality is offered on a temporary basis, the directors are anxious that evacuees remain at the Hostel until they can find satisfactory accommodations elsewhere.

Note: Fellowship Home charges \$1 per day or \$6 per week for lodging only (no meals served).

VIII. OTHER HOSTELS

As of July, 1944, the following hostels were opened to evacuees:

New York Relocation Hostel
168 Clinton Street
Brooklyn 2, New York
Directors: Ralph and Mary Smoltzer
Counselor: Myrtle Barley

Phil
3228 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania
Director: Victor Goertzel
House Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Saburo Inouye

Friends Hostel
2820 Winslow Avenue
Cincinnati 6, Ohio
Directors: Arthur and Kate Brinton

Fellowship House
130 East Grand Boulevard
Detroit 7, Michigan
Director: Shigeo Tanabe

Baptist Hostel
2429 Prospect Avenue
Cleveland 15, Ohio
Directors: Mr. and Mrs. Max Franzen
Housing Director
and Missionary: Goldie Nicholson

Friends Hostel
2150 Grand Avenue
Des Moines 12, Iowa
Directors: Ross and Elizabeth Wilbur
Assistant Director: Lester Suzuki

Twin City Lutheran Relocation Hostel
127 Clifton Avenue
Minneapolis 4, Minnesota
Director: Martha B. Akard

Booklets and more detailed information relative to relocating in Iowa can be secured by writing to the following addresses:

Frank E. Gibbs
Relocation Officer
War Relocation Authority
520 Liberty Building
Des Moines 8, Iowa

Ross and Elizabeth Wilbur
Directors
Friends Hostel
2150 Grand Avenue
Des Moines 12, Iowa

FRIENDS HOSTEL

2150 GRAND AVE.

DES MOINES, IOWA.

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FRIENDS HOSTEL

DIRECTORS: Ross T. & Elizabeth R. Wilbur.
ASST. DIR: Lester E. Suzuki.

FRIENDS HOSTEL at Des Moines is located about four minutes by trolley from the downtown district. It takes about fifteen minutes to walk to the business district.

FRIENDS HOSTEL is a temporary home for evacuees who wish to relocate in the Des Moines or Iowa area. It is a friendly place to stay while looking for a job and permanent housing. Single persons or family groups are welcome at the

hostel which can accommodate 30 evacuees at a time. At present there is no waiting list.

Des Moines, a steady town.

DES MOINES is not a boom town, nor will it be a depression town to the extent of other cities. The city is located in the center of the nation's greatest food producing state. Des Moines, with a population of 190,000 in its surroundings, not only serves the surrounding area, but is also the railroad center for the state, is the insurance center of the West, is a publishing center, and has many manufacturing plants. It has a good school system and there are many churches which have extended a unanimous welcome to evacuees.

Public Sentiment.

THE PUBLIC SENTIMENT of Des Moines is good. The Des Moines Relocation Committee, the Y. W. C. A. the Hostel Committee, the Inter-Racial Commission, and other groups are interested in assisting evacuees. The public press is outstandingly friendly.

Varied Jobs.

INDUSTRIAL AND FARM JOBS are available. There are openings in the service trades and for skilled and professional jobs. There are trade school opportunities for men and women in business, machine shop, welding, mechanical drawing, and power machine operation. Wages compare favorably with the cost of living. Progress is being made with local unions.

Housing

HOUSING is not bad, although modern homes are scarce. All of the families here have found reasonably satisfactory places to live. Furnished rooms are available for single persons and several evacuees have already bought homes; others are contemplating buying homes.

Reservations

APPLICATIONS FOR RESERVATIONS at Friends Hostel should be secured from the hostel correspondent at your center or by writing directly to the Directors at the address above. Your application will be acknowledged by telegraph through the Relocation Office within a few days. In an emergency, it is possible to gain admission to the Hostel without an advance reservation.

Let us know.

THE DIRECTORS should be notified when you leave the center and should be told the time of your arrival at Des Moines and the railroad on which you are coming since there are three stations and two bus depots in the city.

Hostel Rates.

THE HOSTEL RATE is \$1.00 per day for adults and 50¢ per day for children under 12. This includes room and board for three meals and the use of the Hostel facilities. The rate is increased to \$1.50 per day for each employed adult.



民主義の活動

FRIENDS HOSTEL
2150 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa

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義民の学校



民主義の家庭に在り

若し諸君に今日より拾二月拾五日の間に同ホステルを利用せんと望む方はローズ・ウエルバー氏へ左様通知する様希望す。それは同氏は右ホステルを繼續し置くか或は他臨時住所を定める事とする。之れは大切な事であるが故に必ず右監督へ前以て通知する事、自身で書けぬ場合は他人に依頼して通知する事である。

アイオワ州デモイン市ホステル監督ローズ・ウエルバー夫妻の発表に據ると若し各搬住所より同ホステルを繼續し得る次り多数の民が来る事となる。九月一日以後は月々々べースで同ホステルを繼續すると云ふ事である。其の間出所者が永住の場所を見付けらるまで同所に滞在在中と雖も同ホステルの延先には寧ろ賣出の広告を出されて居る。それは同所が九月一日後は何時賣却する、か知れぬからである。

フレンド教会ホステル記録

(一九四二年一月より四四年一月まで)

当ホステルを利用したる毎月の平均人数... 四九名
当ホステルに於ける日々平均人数... 一七名
永住所を得るまで所滞在する平均日数... 一〇日間
当ホステルに於ては給せし月の平均食事数... 五二三回

当ホステル委員の奉仕せる仕事

新来の出所者を停車場に出迎へ、
出所者の荷物を取り扱運搬方、
出所者の食事或は宿泊取計、
出所者をWRA政府職業轉送所、教会

其他社会施設に紹介方、
出所者個人問題の解決支援、
先既定住者を訪問方、

家具、無き家族、家具蒐集轉送等、

ホステル滞在費用

三回食事付一日の宿泊料... 一五〇仙

出所者就職数

現在同州には五百名、立退者が定住して居るが、
内八二組の家族あり其姓名簿表頭あり、

本報告書は以下の役員に依り發表せらる。

Directors of Friends Hostel
and
Arthur Downing, Iowa Relocation Officer
War Relocation Authority
421 Federal Office Building
Des Moines 8, Iowa.

JAPANESE AMERICAN RESETTLERS NOW LIVING IN THE STATE OF IOWA

Dr. Tom Abe, physician at Broadlawns Hospital in Des Moines, is formerly of Jerome and Los Angeles, Calif. The Abe family lives at 3904 Tenth Street.

Rev. Hideo Aoki is assistant pastor of the Free Methodist Church in Des Moines. Both he and his wife are living at 1363 - 22nd Street, and are formerly of Colorado River and Anaheim, California.

Mr. Harry Fujikawa is an auto mechanic at the Yellow Cab Garage. He, his wife, Mae, and son, Byron, live at 1233 Tenth Street, and are formerly from Granada Relocation Center.

Mr. Shinichi Fujiki works as a kitchen helper and cook at Marshall's in Des Moines. His daughter, Nobuko, is a registered pharmacist and employed at the Iowa Methodist Hospital. The Fujikis are formerly of Gila River and Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Sachi Furuto, former stenographer with National Screen Service Corp. in Des Moines, and her new daughter, Sherry, will be joined by Sgt. Furuto shortly at 819 Seventh Street. The Sgt.'s sister, Shizuka, stenographer with National Screen Service Corp. is living with Mrs. Furuto now.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hata are both employed. Mr. Hata is working as a refrigerator repairman and Mrs. Hata is working at Broadlawns Hospital as a registered nurse. The Hatas are formerly of Colorado River.

Mr. Henry Hayashi, Issei, is working as a presser at French Way Cleaners. He and his family are from Minidoka and Portland, Oregon, and are living at 1212 Des Moines Street, Des Moines.

Mr. Roy Heishima, who is chef at Babe's Supper Club, recently brought his family from Rohwer to live with him at 1615 Harding Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hosokawa and their children, formerly of Heart Mountain and Seattle, Washington, live at 1608-32nd Street, Des Moines. Mr. Hosokawa is a copy reader on the Des Moines Register and Tribune staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hosokawa and their son, formerly of Minidoka Relocation Center and Seattle, Washington, are living at 3401 Urbandale, Des Moines. Mr. Hosokawa is a copy reader on the Des Moines Register and Tribune staff.

Mr. Kiyoshi Minami-Ideta, formerly of Minidoka and Seattle, and his family live at 2023 Grand Ave., Des Moines. They have a large home and rent out rooms and apartments.

Mr. Jack Ikemoto and his wife and daughter live at 2324 Terrace Road. The Ikemotos are formerly of Heart Mountain and Mr. Ikemoto is employed at Marsh's Rent-A-Car, Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Imai and their daughter, Joan, are formerly of Central Utah and are living at 1081-22nd Street, Des Moines. Mr. Imai is working as a book-keeper and Mrs. Imai is doing seamstress work for Corwin Cleaners.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Inouye live at 672 - 18th Street, Des Moines. Mr. Inouye is formerly of Gila River and Santa Paula and Mrs. Inouye is formerly of Colorado River and Los Angeles. Mr. Inouye works at the Hotel Fort Des Moines and Mrs. Inouye is secretary-receptionist at the Des Moines W.R.A. Office.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ishikura and their two children are living at 1547 Arlington Ave., Des Moines. Mr. Ishikura is a chick sexor and the family is formerly of Heart Mountain.

Mr. Lawrence Kagawa and family, formerly of Jerome Relocation Center and Honolulu, Hawaii, are living at 4014 School Street, Des Moines. Mr. Kagawa is an insurance executive.

Mr. Tom Katayama and his family, formerly of Jerome and Long Beach are living at present at 2150 Drake Park Ave., but sometime during August or September will be moving into their recently purchased home. Mr. Katayama works at the Y.W.C.A., and Mrs. Katayama occasionally works as a seamstress.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kawaguchi, formerly of Tule Lake and Hollywood are both employed in Des Moines. Mrs. Kawaguchi works in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Butler, 3422 Grand Avenue and Mr. Kawaguchi works at the Des Moines Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Erie Kawai and daughter, Kathryn, formerly of Gila River and Pasadena, are living at 537 Second Street, West Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Kawai is working as a linotype operator at the Des Moines Register and Tribune.

Mrs. Yukino Kawamura, Issei, and her son, George, formerly of Gila River, live with her daughter, Mrs. Tom Ishikura. Mrs. Kawamura works at the Iowa Methodist Hospital and her son, George, attends high school and works part time.

Mr. and Mrs. Masajiro Kita and family, formerly of Colorado River and Calexico, California, are living at 1327 - 28th Street, Des Moines. Mr. Kita is employed at the Sea Food Grotto and Mrs. Kita works in various homes in the city. The son, George attends Drake University and daughter, Kazuko, attends high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kitagawa and family live at 2150 Drake Park Ave., Des Moines. The Kitagawas are from Rohwer and Mr. Kitagawa is employed as a mechanic at Chambers Motor Company.

Dr. Kurita is employed at the Mercy Hospital in Des Moines as a resident physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Marumoto formerly of Heart Mountain and San Jose, Calif., have rented a house at 2015 Pleasant Street, Des Moines. Mr. Marumoto's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Goro Marumoto are living with the family. Mr. Marumoto is working as an apprentice mechanic at the Mid-Town Motors and Mrs. Marumoto works in the diet kitchen of the Iowa Methodist Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miyahara, formerly of Gila River and Los Angeles, live at 429 Second Street, West Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Miyahara works at Wood Bros. Thresher Company, Des Moines.

Mr. Shiro Mori, Issei, formerly of Granada and Los Angeles, is working at Babe's Supper Club and living at 2023 Grand Ave., Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morishige formerly of Gila River and Selma live at 1162 Tenth Street, Des Moines. The Morishiges will move shortly to 1309-22nd Street. Mr. Morishige is working as a mechanic at the Schultz Bakery.

Mr. Kumakichi Nishi, Issei, of Colorado River and Bakersfield is employed at Hotel Fort Des Moines and lives at 2207 Linden St., Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. Asajiro Nishimoto, formerly of Jerome live at 3422½ Grand Ave., Des Moines. Mr. Nishimoto has charge of the fruit and vegetable department at Jack Love's Food Market.

Mrs. Fumiko Oyama and her son, Dan, formerly of Gila River and Los Angeles live at 1158-18th Street, Des Moines. Mrs. Oyama's husband is in service.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sakamoto and family, formerly of Heart Mountain and San Jose, live at 1829 Mondamin, Des Moines. Mr. Sakamoto works for the Iowa Power and Light Company and Mrs. Sakamoto works for Bauder Pharmacy. Mr. Sakamoto's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Tozo Sakamoto also live in the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sakata and family are living at 1327 - 40th St., Des Moines. The Sakatas are formerly of Gila River and Mr. Sakata works as a floral designer with the LaVeré Braucht Floral Company.

Rev. Lester Suzuki and family, formerly of Granada and Los Angeles, live at 3815 Ingersoll Ave., Rev. Suzuki has a part-time position with the Methodist Churches in the state and works at the Iowa Methodist Hospital part time.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrie Taka, formerly of Colorado River and Rosemead, Calif., are living at 1543-26th Street, Des Moines. Mr. Taka operates his own watch shop at 1161-24th. Mr. Taro Matsui, 1535-26th Street, works with Mr. Taka in the shop.

Mrs. George Takayanagi and her daughter, Lile Lee, live at 1158-18th Street, Des Moines. Sgt. Takayanagi is expected to return from overseas at any time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jusuke Takayanagi, Issei, formerly of Colorado River live at 1533-26th Street, Des Moines. Mr. Takayanagi divides his time working for both the LaVeré Braucht Floral Company and Lockhart Gardens.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Takayanagi and daughter, formerly of Manzanar and West Los Angeles, live at 2621 S.E. 14th Street, Des Moines. Mr. Takayanagi works at the Broadlawns Hospital and studies at Drake University.

Mr. Yoshi Tanaka, Issei, and her two daughters, Jeri and Machiko, formerly of Gila River and Pasadena, live at 828-17th Street, Des Moines. Jeri works as a welder at the Modern Lighting & Mfg. Company and Machiko works at Iowa Methodist Hospital.

Mrs. Sachi Terai and her son, Gerald, live at 1608 Lyon Street, Des Moines. Mrs. Terai's husband is serving overseas. Miss Tsuru Matsuda of Colorado River and Estminster, now working as a seamstress at Frank Vecchi's Shop and Junichi Asakura, formerly of Heart Mountain working at the Des Moines Grain Exchange are living with Mrs. Terai.

Mrs. Sayo Teremaye, Issei, and her daughter, Kiyoko are living and working in the Hugo Schnabel home at 2600 Forest Drive. They are formerly of Gila River and Vacaville. The son, Takashi, has just entered the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Masao Uchiyama and daughter, Alice, formerly of Gila River and Pasadena live at 1429-27th Street. Mr. Uchiyama works for the Herring-Wissler Motor Company as a clerk and Alice graduated from Drake University in June.

Mrs. Tome Umade and her sons, Fred and Tom and daughter, Eujeanne, live at 1162 Tenth Street, Des Moines, and are formerly of Gila River and Selma. Fred works in the foundry at Wood Bros. Thresher Company and Tom works as a station attendant at the Standard Oil Company station at 28th & Grand Ave.

Mrs. Ruth Wakida is dietitian at the Friends Hostel, 2150 Grand Avenue and lives there with her two children Harrison and Deanne. Mrs. Wakida is formerly of Gila River and Selma.

Mrs. Hatsuo Yahiro and family, formerly of Granada and Modesto, are living at 219 E. 15th Street. The son, Arthur, is employed as an accountant at Frye Mfg. Co., a daughter, Esther is a clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Yamamisaka, formerly of Colorado River and Gardena live at 527-31st Street, Des Moines, with their family. Mr. Yamamisaka works as an accountant with the Economy Coal Company.

Mrs. Tomoko Yamamoto, Issei, formerly of Gila River and San Francisco lives in the Forest Huttenlocher home, located at 410 - 27th St. Mrs. Yamamoto's son, Verlin and his family live at 3920 1/2 Grand Ave., Des Moines. Verlin works at the Ken Wright Studio.

Mr. and Mrs. George Yoshida, formerly of Colorado River and Lindsay live at 726 W. 15th Street. Mr. Yoshida works in the foundry at Wood Bros. Thresher Company.

Yoshio Yoshida, Issei, works as a cook at the G Club in Des Moines and lives at 1429 Walnut Street. Mr. Yoshida is formerly of Heart Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. George Yoshimura, formerly of Gila River, live at 3408 Cottage Grove. Mr. Yoshimura is a welder at Des Moines Steel Company and Mrs. Yoshimura recently finished her course in beauty culture and was the first Nisei in the State of Iowa to take an Iowa State Cosmetology Test.

Mrs. Chizuko Akita and her two children, formerly of Minidoka and Seattle, live at 415 So. 5th Street, Burlington, Iowa. Mrs. Akita works for the Pettigrew Hotel System. Mrs. Akita's mother, Mrs. Kiyo Sakamoto accompanied the group and also lives in Burlington with her son, Naosuke.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Araki and family, formerly of Colorado River and San Diego live and work on the Konnie Yoshinaga poultry farm, Route #2, Newton, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Shizuto Ikuta, Issei, and family, formerly of Granada live at 826½ Main Street, Pella, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Ikuta work for the Pella Mfg. Company.

Mr. and Mrs. June Imakire, Issei, formerly of Heart Mountain live and work in the Ross Salmon home at Ottumwa, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Imamoto formerly of Granada work and live at the St. Katherine's School in Davenport, Iowa.

Dr. Masayoshi Ito, Issei, formerly of Minidoka and Florin, Calif., is resident physician at the Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Satozo Kashiwagi and daughter, Yumeko, formerly of Minidoka and Seattle, live and work at the Academy of Visitation, Dubuque, Iowa.

Dr. and Mrs. Sam Kuramoto and daughter, formerly of Los Angeles, live at 713 Wilson St., Webster City. Dr. Kuramoto is a practicing osteopathic surgeon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Saito and family, formerly of Minidoka live at 1711 Omaha Street in Sioux City. Mr. Saito works as a shoe repairman at the Goodyear Shoe Repair Shop and the son, Tosh, works at the Jackson Hotel.

Dr. and Mrs. George Shimoda, formerly of Los Angeles, are living in Marshalltown, Iowa, where Dr. Shimoda has established a practice.

Mr. and Mrs. Tsunetaro Shinmoto and family, formerly of Gila River and Kingsburg, Calif., live at 2501 Miller Street, Burlington. They are employed on a farm operated by the Pettigrew Hotel System.

Mr. and Mrs. Tokuichi Takagi, formerly of Heart Mountain and Pomona, live on Bennett Avenue in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Their son, George, is in the service but his wife and two children live with the Takagi's. They have purchased the small farm which they worked when first arriving in Iowa.



Democracy at Work



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Democracy at School

- I. The Hostel & Its Activities - (Ten months' period, December '43 to September '44)
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| Average number of persons to use the Hostel per month. | ----- | 58 persons |
| Average number of persons in the Hostel per day. | ----- | 18 persons |
| Average length of stay per guest before permanent placement. | ----- | 7½ days |
| Average number of meals served per month. | ----- | 1693 meals |

II. Types of Services Rendered by Hostel Staff -

Operation of Hostel for Incoming Evacuees: Hostel operates as temporary home providing meals and lodging -- trains are met, baggage and freight handled.

Orientation of Evacuees in Community: Each evacuee introduced to agencies assisting in program. Community facilities are described.

Individual Services: Staff available for counseling with individuals relative to personal problems in connection with relocating in a new community. Visits are made to those who have become settled. Pool of house furnishings is available to be lent to those who secure unfurnished homes.

Interpretation to Community: Speaking engagements undertaken by staff and guests; groups and individuals entertained at hostel; special interpretation given to individuals who seem to misunderstand program.

Center of Social Activities for Evacuees: Hostel used by groups of various ages as a community center until newcomers are tied into other local activities.

III. Types of Job Placements: (As reported by the War Relocation Authority)

There are 500 evacuees in the Iowa-Des Moines area. This number includes over 60 family groups. The following types of employment placements have been made:

Professional: Physicians, Instructors, Pharmacists, Copy Readers, Accountants, Nurses and Cadet Nurses, Draftsmen.

Skilled: Fruit and Vegetable Buyers, Dispatch Clerks, Property Clerks, Chick Sexers, Refrigerator Technicians, Bookkeepers, Welders, Photographers, Watchmakers, Seamstresses, Woodworkers, Floral Designers, Butchers, Auto Mechanics, Dental Laboratory Technicians, Firemen, Fish Culturalists.

Unskilled: Factory Workers, Lens Grinders, Print Shop Workers, Warehousemen, Egg Graders, Tire Recappers, Gas Station Attendants, Freight Handlers.

Farm Workers: Single Men and Family Farm Laborers, Nurserymen, Greenhouse Workers.

Service Trades: Domestic Workers, Cooks, Bus Boys, Custodians, Waiters, Dishwashers, Baker's Helpers, Locker Room Attendants, Hospital Aides.

IV. Groups That Have Taken An Active Part in the Hostel Program -

Churches of various denominations throughout Iowa.

The Cosmopolitan Club.

The Des Moines Fellowship of Reconciliation.

The Des Moines Relocation Committee.

The Iowa Yearly Meetings of Friends.

The Polk County Ministerial Association.

Student groups from Drake University, Grandview and Simpson College.

Young peoples' groups of the First Friends Meeting, First Methodist, Plymouth Congregational, and Central Presbyterian Churches, and other church groups in Des Moines.

The Young Women's Christian Association of Des Moines.

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