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A NEW EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

That the young Indian who does not want to live on the reservation may find his way to employment in the activities of the White man, the Indian Service is this spring putting on a drive to find work through vacation for the students in Indian schools who are old enough for it, permanent positions for those who are leaving school, and work for those who have returned to the reservation but have not found opportunities there.

Calls will go forth to all superintendents of schools to begin in advance of the termination of the spring sessions to investigate possibilities of employment for their students. All superintendents of reservations have been impressed with the importance of helping find places for these young Indians as well as for the older Indians under their charge. Several special representatives in these areas are being assigned exclusively to employment work during the spring season.

Peyton Carter, District Superintendent for the Indian Service for Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa, has been put in charge of this work for those States. He is now listing all students in that area who are old enough to go to work and recording the training and qualifications of each of them. At the same time he is getting in touch with the various opportunities for work that will this spring present themselves. It is expected that an employment center which will be in charge of a competent placement agent and which will make possible a continuing effort and a follow-up system, will be opened in Minneapolis.

James H. McGregor, District Superintendent for the Dakotas and Nebraska, has been instructed to proceed similarly in that area. It is hoped that eventually there will be justification for the establishment of an employment center in Omaha.

O. H. Lipps, District Superintendent for Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, will have charge of employment for the young Indians in those States. He will establish a headquarters in Portland which will function as a concentration and distributing point.

R. L. Spalsbury, District Superintendent for Oklahoma and Kansas, will be in charge of the same sort of work in that section. He will establish centers in Oklahoma City and Kansas City.

John S. R. Hammitt, Day School Representative in the State of Nevada, has been instructed to give a con-

siderable portion of his time to employment work and will devote himself to this activity in Nevada and portions of California.

George Le Mieux, of Phoenix, Arizona, an Indian by birth and education, ranks as Placement Agent in that area, giving much of his time to such tasks as obtaining employment for Apache and Navajo reservation Indians as section hands on railroads. He supervises also the employment of young Indians in such work as that provided during vacation in the beet fields of Colorado and Kansas. At Rice, Arizona, headquarters of the San Carlos Apaches, employment for adult Indians in such activities as construction work is highly developed, they often being carried in groups of 20 to 30 for a hundred miles on trucks. This activity will be continued.

George P. LaVatta, a full-blood Indian who, after 10 years work as a skilled machinist in railroad shops, has become a Placement Agent for the Government, is located at Salt Lake City, Utah, and works throughout the northwest, securing employment for young Indians in the schools and for return students of the reservations. He has established a depot in Salt Lake City and will undertake the task of finding permanent employment for any young Indian who will report there.

All of these individuals who are being instructed to devote themselves to employment are to cooperate with the superintendents of schools and the superintendents of reservations in the districts where they operate. The policy of the department of finding employment for Indians away from the reservations is being impressed upon the entire Service as one of its dominant purposes and all of its representatives are being asked to concentrate upon the accomplishment of this end. Temporary work for those still in school, permanent employment for those who are finishing school, and opportunity for money earning off the reservation for the older Indians who do not have adequate opportunity on it, all are held to point toward that ultimate solution of the Indian problem which is the Department policy.—INDIAN OFFICE NEWS SERVICE.

ESCORTS

Sun., Mar. 23—McBride	- - - - -	Mr. Lobdell
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Winona	- - - - -	Mr. Mason
		Mrs. Mason
Hawley	- - - - -	Miss Judd
		Mr. D. S. Turner