Urban League Unit Seeks Help in Placing Workers

Asks Community's Aid in Enlisting Highly Skilled Employees for Newly Opened Posts

There is an Urban League committee out to encourage opportunity to do some knocking at your door.

It is known as the Pilot Placement Project Committee and is trying to open job opportunities, particularly in the larger industrial plants, for colored professional and technically trained workers.

Having sent letters explaining the project to churches, social, civic and fraternal organizations, the committee met Monday at the Urban League office to discuss how the community can help with follow-up action in the campaign.

Need Qualified Applicants

The first need is a list of persons who are qualified as accountants, architects, chemists, college trained secretaries, draftsmen, engineers, industrial nurses, laboratory technicians and job analysts.

The community can help by supplying the league with the names of such persons.

Having compiled a list of skilled and professional workers, the committee can then approach the managers of the various plants with requests that these persons be given an opportunity for employment.

Program Nationwide

The Pilot Placement Project was initiated throughout the Urban League setup about a year ago.

The Baltimore office recently was successful in placing a colored chemist at the Rustless Iron and Steel Company. Similar progress has been noted in other cities through the Urban League campaign.

Chicago has placed an accountant and a teller in the Main State bank; Detroit has placed a district sales representative in the House of Television Inc., and a legal secretary with the Marston law firm.

Other Placements

Elizabeth, N.J., has placed two secretaries, one with the American Type Founders and the other with National Meldite Company. Englewood has placed a chemist with the Brewster Finishing Corporation.

In New York City, a junior writer has been placed with the Unicorn Press; a junior accountant, the Godfrey Black Textile Brokers, a sales supervisor, the Safeway Stores, and a pharmacist, the Mishkin Drug Company.

Leroy W. Jeffries, national Urban League assistant director of the project, says "these 'pilot' placements represent a very good beginning."

Real Progress Made

"I am positive that the results of our efforts and programming with private industry will contribute substantially in breaking down discriminatory employment practices in the nation," he declared.

The local committee, organized since November has been conducting its concentrated campaign with the assistance of Miss Lucille Worford, student at the Atlanta University School of Social Work, now doing field work at the Baltimore Urban League.

Committee Members Named

Committee members are the Rev. Reginald Daniels, pastor of Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church, chairman; Dr. Roger Williams of Morgan State College, Edgar W. Evans of the Veterans Administration and Mrs. Ellen Fisher, teacher.

Inasmuch as this project will be tied in with the league's annual Vocational Opportunity Campaign, two members of the YOC interfraternal committee, Mrs. Violet Lindsay and Mrs. Margaret Johnson, are now working with the Pilot Placement Project group.

Working to Make New Job Opportunities

These persons make up the Urban League Pilot Placement Project Committee which is campaigning to open jobs for skilled and professionally trained workers, particularly in the larger industrial plants. Left to right, they are Mrs. Ellen Fisher, Edgar M. Ewing, Miss Lucille Worford, the Rev. Reginald J. Daniels, chairman, Dr. Roger Williams, Mrs. Margaret Johnson and Mrs. Violet Lindsey.

Attack on Man, 91, Costs 10 Years

Maximum sentence of 10 years in the penitentiary was imposed Thursday upon Jessie Anderson, 26, who pleaded guilty to beating and robbing a 91-year-old rent collector of $7 on New Year's Eve.

Judge Robert France imposed the maximum term despite the insistence of Ernest Perkins, court-appointed attorney, that the crime would not have been as serious if the victim was not so elderly.

The attorney argued that Anderson of the 2100 block N. Howard St. insisted upon pleading guilty and throwing himself upon the mercy of the court. He added that the man had been "completely cooperative with police."

William J. O'Donnell, prosecutor, told the court that the collector, John C. Polster, white is still receiving medical treatment for an injury which nessitated the removal of one eye for an operation. Mr. O'Donnell explained that the eye was placed back in potion by physicians after the operation.

The aged man was collecting rents in the 1700 block Brentwood Ave., about 8 o'clock that evening when Anderson asked him for $5 rents, then knocked him to the ground and fled with $7, Mr. O'Donnell revealed.

Mr. Perkins added that Anderson had been drinking that evening, and did not use a weapon in the robbery. Judge France declared that if the rent collector should die from the injury, Anderson would be guilty of first degree murder.

141 Alexander School Pupils Awarded Certificates Today

Samuel Phillips, vice principal of Alexander School No. 112, awarded certifates today (Friday) to 141 pupils during the closing exercises.

Thirty-three of the pupils will enter the Briscoe General Vocational School while the remaining 108 were promoted to junior high school.

During a music and literary program, Veronica Tyler and Vivian Link were vocal soloists, while Shirley Harrell offered a piano selection. Dramatizations were by the occupational and 6-A classes. Allen Washington extended a welcome, and Henrietta Johnson, the farewell address.

Class motto was "Do Your Best," and the class colors, blue and white. Mrs. E. Romaine Jones is principal of the school. Those given certificates were:

OCCUPATIONAL CLASS

Larry Brown, Prater Stone, James Gholson, Roseta Butts, Ernest Hargrove, Ruth Jackson, John Milligan, Helen Harris, Thomas Presley, Ola Simmons, Donald Robinson, Corletius Fooks, Leo Shaw, Bay. Hawkins, Zebedee Murphy, Jesse Massey, Milfred Chase, Ernest Owens, Ruby Gordon, C. Robinson, Shirley Hilliard, Thomas Russell, Jamal Cole, Charles Cole, Andrew Carter, David Lyle, Pearl Gibbons, James Oliver, Elsie Hawes, Rudolph Raie, Evelyn Wiggins, Frederick Rogers.

6-A CLASS

C. Anderson, William Ames, Irene Boston, Richard Barker, Vernell Campbell, George Brooks, Shirley Conaway, Francis Carroll, B. Crowder, Eugene Cole, Martha Gibson, Charles Diggs, B. Harrison, Alfred Garrett, Ann Huggins, Howard Green, Doris Jackson, Robert Hunter, Vernice Jenkins, William Johnson, Janice Johnson, Rudolph Mason, Virginia Jones, William Mooring, Eliza Lovejoy, Leon Pickney, Gladys Moore, Alfred Rogers, Minnie Randall, William Seaberry, Joeann Smith, Alfred Thomas, Dorothy Tiller, Allen Washington, Donald Young, Gertrude Wellington, Donald Jordan, William Bagley, Regina Bruce, Carol Benna, Shirley Carter, Samuel Carbara, Inez Cottman, Arthur Chambers, Sadie Gee, Frederick Cole, Jerome Curtis, Cornelius Ford, Marcella Harrell, Martha Hunt, Sheila Hicks, Ann Jones, Alberta Isaac, Albert Lewis, Jean Jackson, Naomi Evans, Esther Jackson, James Gee, Vivian Link, Bernice Gross, C. Mason, Lucille Gross, Vernetia Page, Joseph Hall, Frances Smith, William Hayes, Jr., Naomi Taylor, Minyon Hewson, Veronica Tyler, Margie Hicks, Helen Williams, Thomas Wright, Mabel Williams, Maurice Williams, Mazie Jones, Mamie Harris, Matilda Williams, Mary Jones, Mabel