

In Total Work Force of 7,706

47 Negroes Employed

By 9 Big Firms Here

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The State Industrial Commission learned Thursday that nine large Madison firms, with a total work force of 7,706, employ 47 Negroes, 42 in industrial jobs.

Executives of the nine firms, state and county officials were interviewed by Commission Chairman Mathias F. Schimenz and Commissioner Carl E. Lauri in one of a series of hearings called to investigate minority employment conditions in Wisconsin.

Hearings have been held in Milwaukee, Janesville and Beloit to gather information and to inform employers about provisions of the

State Fair Employment Practices Act, which forbids employment discrimination because of race, creed, national origin, age or sex, Schimenz said.

Schimenz emphasized that the firms were called at random, not because they are suspected of unfair practices.

James Flaherty, personnel manager of the Gisholt Machine Co., said that the firm's 1,093 member work force includes 11 Negroes, who work as reamaintenance men, crane operators, molders, shippers, grinders and foundry hands.

Negroes apply for jobs at Gisholt.

Flaherty said. Many are sent to the firm by the Wisconsin State Employment Service.

There are no Negroes among the 14 indentured apprentices at Gisholt because "no qualified Negro applicants have applied" for apprenticeships, he said.

Oscar Meyer and Co., which employs 31 Negroes among its 3,723 Madison employees, was complimented by Schimenz for "going at the (Negro employment) problem in the right way."

Andrew Wolf, vice president for personnel and industrial relations,

said that Negroes employed at the Oscar Meyer Madison plant have an average income of \$6,100 — about the same as the average for white employees — and work at a variety of skilled and semi-skilled occupations.

Negro applications to the firm have increased, Wolf said, since John McGrath, chairman of the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights, began referring capable Negroes to the firm. The referral arrangement was worked out in a conference between Mayer executives and McGrath.

A representative of Rennebohm Drug Stores said that three Negroes and 683 whites are employed by his firm.

Madison firms employing one Negro each are the First National Bank, with 218 white employees, and the Gardner Baking Co., with 299 white employees.

Mrs. Mary Graye, personnel director of First National, said that the single Negro is a teller and is the only Negro to be employed by the bank during the past six years. The bank has a 40 per cent annual turnover, because of the large number of student wives employed, she said.

Firms employing no Negroes are the American Family Insurance Group (formerly Farmers Mutual), 557 employees; Ohio Chemical and Surgical Equipment Co., 377 employees; Madison Kipp Corp., 387 employees; and the Madison Gas and Electric Co., 384 employees.

Representatives of most firms with no Negroes or with only a few told the commission that Negroes rarely apply for available jobs.

Carl K. Weitengel, director of the State Bureau of Personnel, said that the state work force of 13,000, excluding University of Wisconsin and State College employees, includes 290 Negroes, 90 of them part-time workers.

LeRoy Lueberg, U.W. dean for public affairs, and State College Director Eugene R. McPhee, told the commission that there are 125 Negroes among 12,476 university employees, and two Negroes included in the state college total of 2,224.

Four Negroes and 876 whites are employed by Dane County, County Clerk Otto Festig and County Board Chairman Darwin Bruns said.

Sertoma Tribute to Mrs. Samp



Mrs. Edward J. Samp (seated above), Madison Board of Education member for more than 14 years, received the Mison Sertoma Club's first annual Service to Mankind Award at a banquet at Crandall's restaurant Thursday night. Left to right standing are, William Murphy, the awards chairman; Philip Falk, retired Madison superintendent of Schools, who was the speaker; and Ray Sweeney, Sertoma president. Mrs. Samp's name and accomplishments will be submitted for the Wisconsin-Illinois district award, the winner of which becomes eligible for the international award to be presented at the Sertoma convention at Mexico City next June. Mrs. Samp resigned from the Board of Education recently. The mother of five and grandmother of 18, Mrs. Samp was active in PTA work for 18 years, is a charter member of the Madison Catholic Women's Club, a member of the Civics Club, a former director of the Community Welfare Council, former member of the YWCA advisory board and the Mayor's Committee on Teen-Age Drinking, and was active with the USO during World War II. (Staff Photo by David Sandell)

If Budget Slash Is Upheld

Unit Votes to Cut Hours At City Branch Libraries

If a proposed \$40,000 cut in the library budget is upheld by the City Council Tuesday night, all branch libraries will be closed on Mondays.

This was the decision of the Madison Public Library Board at a special meeting held Thursday to consider the effects of the proposed budget slash.

"Hours of service must be reduced if branch service is to be kept at a minimum level of adequacy," Library Director Bernard Schwab said.

The City Council Board of Estimates has recommended that the library budget be held to the 1963 level of spending, despite the

requested increase of \$43,115. Of this request, only \$2,650 has been granted.

Schwab told the board that the cost of new personnel at the branch libraries totals \$13,070, or about 30 per cent of the budget request increase.

There are four branch libraries — Lakeview, Hawthorne, Monroe, and Sequoyia.

Present hours are 1:30 to 9 p. m. on Monday, Wednesday,

and Friday: 1:30 to 5:30 p. m. on Tuesday and Thursday; and 9 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. on Saturday. In addition, Hawthorne opens at 11:30 a. m. each day for 10 additional hours a week.

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UNICEF's Aid to Women Detailed

Diocese Sets JFK Prayers

Prayers for the dead President will be offered after all Sunday masses in the Madison Catholic diocese Monday at 8 a.m. Auxiliary Bishop Jerome J. Hastrich will celebrate a Pontifical Requiem High Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

FPL Closed

The U.S. Forest Products Laboratory here will be closed Monday in mourning for the late President Kennedy.

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134 Get Recognition

Madison General Aides Are Honored



Special service pins were presented to employees with 10 or more years of service to Madison General Hospital at the annual recognition dinner given by the board of directors at the Park Motor Inn Thursday night. The group shown here was among those honored. To the background, the five persons (left to right) are

Mrs. Lettie Stanhope, Beatrice Severson, Richard Henry, Inez Carter, and Emma Anderson. In the foreground are Gordon Johnson, hospital administration, and Mrs. Florence Dryden, who is receiving a 30-year pin from Johnson. (Staff Photo by David Sandell)

Madison General Hospital employees who have contributed more than 2,000 years of combined service to the hospital were honored Thursday night at the annual recognition dinner given by the board of directors at the Park Motor Inn.

The honored employees included 134 current and retired employees who have served 10 years or more. Special service pins were presented to employees who reached their 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th and 30th years of service this year.

George Hall, president of the board of directors, greeted guests and presented the service pins. Richard Henry, chief pharmacist, responded to the presentation. Greetings were also given by Gordon Johnson, hospital administrator, Mayor Henry Reynolds and Dr. E. J. Nordby, chief of the hospital's medical staff. Guest speaker was Clark Hogan of WKOW radio and television. Ann C. Smith, director of nursing service, was master of ceremonies.

A sterling silver pin was given for 10 years, a gold pin for 15 years, a gold pin with ruby for 20 years and a gold pin with emerald for 25 years of service. As a special "surprise" portion of this year's program, Mrs. Florence Dryden, 2325 Badger Lane, of the laundry staff, was given a special pin in recognition of 30 years of service. Mary Sheehan, 34 S. Mills St., X-ray technician, received the 25-year pin.

Twenty year pins were presented to Emma Anderson, 1553 Adams St., R. N.; Inez Carter, 739 Jenner St., R. N.; Mrs. Lillian Graham, 2434 Hoard St., R. N.; Richard Henry, 602 Walnut Pl., chief pharmacist; Beatrice Severson, 315 N. Few St., R. N.; and Mrs. Lettie Stanhope, 5501 Winnequah Rd., R. N.

Six employees received 15-year pins — Mrs. Martha Bowles, 1215 Chandler St., food service; Mrs. Josephine Brown, 1801 Baird St., maid; Mrs. Sarah DiPiazza, 523 Olm Ave., a. d.; Mrs. Ruth Malmanger, 402 Westmoreland Blvd., R. N.; Mrs. Evelyn Smith, 2125 Linden Ave., L.P.N.; and Mrs. Marion Verzen, 2725 Lynn Ter., R. N.

The ten-year pin was awarded to Mrs. Lettie Stanhope, 5501 Winnequah Rd., R. N.

According to police, Reiersen was wearing a red swastika armband, saluting in the Nazi manner and shouting, "This is the greatest day in my life."

"I do not have money to buy workers."

At the speaker's table, in addition to Mrs. Barbey and Mrs. Winterbelle, were Mrs. Walter Elia, who presented a public affairs report on the Madison Public Library; Robert Gilberts, city superintendent of schools; Mrs. Ronald Daggett; Miss Joy Scheng; University of Wisconsin student work in Madison; Mrs. Hattie Campbell, YWCA secretary; Frank Nezzett of the State Public Welfare Department's children's division, and Mrs. Glen Bell, club secretary.

Condemns Discrimination

Bethel Lutheran Urges Passage of Anti-Bias Proposal

The council of Bethel Lutheran Church has adopted a resolution opposing racial discrimination of all kinds and supporting proposed action by the City of Madison against housing and public accommodation discrimination.

The resolution follows:

"Whereas, Bethel Lutheran Church has been active in the promotion of better race relations for many years, and

"Whereas, the synodical council of the American Lutheran Church and its president have called on all of our churches everywhere to make ever stronger efforts in this direction,

"Therefore, be it resolved: that this congregation bear public witness to its firm opposition to all forms of racial discrimination and, that the Bethel Lutheran Church Council approve in principle the proposed fair housing ordinance for the City of Madison and encourage the people of the congregation to work for its adoption."

The council explained that it supported the proposed ordinance in principle because the final draft had not yet been prepared.

'Celebrating' Death of Kennedy

Police Arrest Reiersen For Capitol Demonstration

Owen H. Reiersen, 24, of 50, champagne to celebrate the death of Kennedy.

"I am sorry that this guy shot Kennedy; I would have done it myself if I had an equal opportunity . . . to kill the world's greatest nigger lover."

Madison police said today that they received a phone call from authorities in Dallas, Tex., after the President was killed there, asking Reiersen's whereabouts. No report was made of the call, and it was not clear whether it came from local or federal authorities.

Reiersen was out on bail after his arrest Sept. 25 when he disrupted a civil rights demonstration here protesting the deaths of four Birmingham, Ala., girls killed in the bombing of a church.

He is being held on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Postpone Film

"The Road to Mandalay," Travel-Adventure film scheduled for Monday at the Wisconsin Union Theater, has been cancelled. According to Mrs. Fan Taylor, theater director, the program will be rescheduled at a later date. The cancellation is in keeping with the University's request that all Monday social functions on the campus be cancelled out of respect to the late President.