Wickes accents diversification

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — A 121-year-old company, The Wickes Corporation began operations as a small machine shop in Michigan in 1854. As recently as 1950, the company was primarily a manufacturer of machine tools, steam boilers and graphite products. Sales in that year were $17 million.

Twenty-five years later, Wickes is a widely diversified marketing and manufacturing organization with operations at more than 500 locations in 36 states, Mexico, Canada and Europe. Its sales exceed $1 billion annually.

About 85 per cent of Wickes' revenues are related to shelter. This involves manufacturing, distributing, wholesaling and retailing lumber and building supplies, manufacturing and marketing home furnishings, manufacturing and selling shelter structures for family, farm and commercial uses.

Wickes is the nation's leading retailer of lumber and building supplies with 260 Wickes Lumber retail centers in the United States and 14 centers in Europe.

The company operates 22 retail furniture warehouse-showroom complexes in 12 major metropolitan areas from coast to coast. It also manufactures and sells mobile homes, recreational vehicles and campers.

The Wickes agriculture division is the world's largest marketer of Michigan navy beans and it buys, processes and sells other kinds of beans and grains as well.

The division's Big Acre Stores sell farm related items at six Midwest locations.

In the industrial fields, Wickes manufactures machine tools and engineered materials for industry and operates a graphite mine in Mexico.

Through Wickes Financial Services Group, the company provides consumer credit for customers of the Wickes Lumber and Wickes Furniture divisions, as well as offers credit life and credit accident health insurance.

As an equal opportunity employer, Wickes corporate headquarters are located in San Diego. Other major headquarters facilities are located in Chicago and Saginaw, Mich.

MINIMUM WAGE. The lowest rate of pay, established by law or through collective bargaining, at which covered workers may be employed. The minimum wage is usually expressed as an hourly rate.

Job glut seen for some college grads

By Charles E. Flimer

WASHINGTON — Predicting a long-term glut of college graduates in the nation's workforce, the Labor Department says there may be more graduates than college-level jobs in many fields between now and 1985.

As a result, the department said, college graduates of the future are "likely to obtain jobs previously held by individuals with less than four years of college."

The department predicted in a revised study of occupational manpower and training, however, that employers would continue to prefer hiring college graduates instead of non-graduates.

"Problems for college graduates will more likely be employment below the level of skill for which they were trained, resulting in job dissatisfaction and high occupational mobility, rather than unemployment," the study said.

The study presented Bureau of Labor Statistics projections for the next 10 years in specific career fields, saying similar evaluations in the past had proved "reasonably accurate in the majority of cases."

Substantial growth was forecast for the airline industry, with an anticipated 8,000 new job openings annually for flight attendants.

But reductions were predicted for the merchant marine and the railroads.

Job opportunities in the health services appeared particularly good through 1985.

The study projected job growth levels of 141.7 per cent for physical therapist assistants and aides, 160.9 per cent for occupational therapy assistants and 100 per cent for occupational therapists.

It predicted 100,000 job openings a year for nursing aides, orderlies and attendants; 70,000 for practical nurses and 75,000 for registered nurses.

But the study showed colleges and universities are overproducing in many areas.

Although only 2,600 jobs are likely to open up each year for newspaper reporters, it said, colleges report an annual output of 5,114 undergraduate degrees in journalism, 853 master's degrees and 15 doctoral degrees.

The predicted oversupply of psychologists was even more marked. The study said 4,300 new job openings a year are expected in that field, while colleges and universities anticipate turning out 44,093 graduate and undergraduate degrees in psychology — 10 times the projected annual needs.

College and university output also appears excessive for chemists, food scientists, geologists, historians, lawyers, life scientists, meteorologists, oceanographers, physicist, political scientists and teachers, the study indicated.

Training for automobile body repair work and automobile mechanics may be overdone, the study said, and the job supply outlook appears poor for electrotypers, stereotypers, photoengravers and blacksmiths.

But job opportunities appeared good for accountants, bank clerks, tellers, programmers, stenographers and secretaries, typists, receptionists, cashiers and bookkeeping workers among the office occupations.

In industry, prospects appeared good for machine tool operators, machinists, assemblers and welders.

Jobs, people often in the wrong places

NEW YORK (UPI) — "A jobless auto worker cannot step into a nurse's white shoes."

That, in a nut shell, Business Week said, is why one million jobs are going begging in the United States while the nation's overall unemployment rate is high.

In various parts of the country there are shortages of machinists, electrical engineers, piping designers, oil-well drilling technical workers and industrial hygienists, for example.

The magazine said the Labor Department has records of 800,000 jobs going begging and there probably are at least 200,000 more that haven't been reported but employers would quickly fill if the right workers came along.

Some of these jobs offer high pay, said Business Week — "The sky is the limit for a welder who knows how to work on natural gas pressure vessels."

JOURNEYMAN. A fully qualified crafts worker, generally one who mastered the trade by serving an apprenticeship.

JUY DUTY PAY. Pay or allowance paid by some employers to workers who serve on jury duty during work hours.

LEAVE. Excused time away from work. Leave may be used for sickness, vacations, and personal or other reasons; it may be paid or unpaid.

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Typists, stenogs needed

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture and other federal agencies in Washington, D.C., nearby Maryland and Virginia, are in need of typists and stenographers and have special authority to hire on the spot.

The starting salary for typists ranges from $5,996 a year to $7,569 annually. Stenographers are hired at $5,996 a year to $8,500 annually.

Chances of advancement are good. Within-grade raises are given for work performed at an acceptable level of competence and promotions are in order for those doing better than average work.

The jobs, at the General Schedule (GS) 2, 3, 4 and 5 levels, offer all the advantages of the federal career service, including sick pay, generous vacations, holidays with pay; group life and health insurance and liberal retirement benefits.

To qualify one must be an American citizen and be physically able to do the work. Special provisions have been made for physically handicapped applicants. Applicants must be 18 years of age or be high school graduates.

For additional information write to the Commission's Job Information Center, Room 1416, 1900 E St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20415.

Giles honored

ATLANTA — The Rev. Samuel Hopkins Giles, director, In Service Training Center, Morris Brown College and I.T.C., was honored by Wilberforce University, when the doctor of humanities honorary degree was conferred on him, during the annual Founders Day Convocation.

He was presented by the college's academic dean, Y. W. Taylor. Dr. Rembert E. Stokes, president, conferred the degree.

3 win awards

ATLANTA — Three Morris Brown College students have been awarded Florence and John Schumman Foundation Scholarship renewals for the current academic year, 1974-75.

Scholarship awards from the Schumman Foundation are provided for students from the state of New Jersey to attend member colleges of the United Negro College Fund. The awards may be used to defray tuition, fees and living expenses.

For Joel Sartorius, higher education included the roof of San Marco.

That's Joel in the middle.

And that's the roof of San Marco cathedral he's standing on, high above the canals and gondolas of Venice.

Last year Joel went to Italy to study its art, as one of 59 young men and women on ITT International Fellowships.

Like Joel, about half of the ITT Fellows were Americans studying abroad. The others were foreign students in America. All were graduates, their sights already firmly fixed on careers.

In Joel's case, it's a career in teaching. And what he learned about Italy and its people should be a big help to him as a teacher.

The people he met learned something about him, too.

And about us Americans.

And that opportunity for mutual understanding—as much as any scholastic goals—is what these ITT Fellowships are all about.

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