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West Chester Cof C Starts Job Campaign

Businesses Offer 65 Opportunities In First Few Days

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The Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce, with the help of a Negro social club, has launched a pilot project to find jobs for the unemployed and the underemployed in the West Chester area.

The project, which got underway last week, is called "JOBS" for "Job Opportunity Board Service" and the chief advisor is Harold Green, a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Green said the program is aimed chiefly at members of the black community but persons of any race who are unemployed or underemployed are eligible to apply.

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He described the "undercmployed" as people who are working but not making enough to exist on.

Green said the Chamber of Commerce decided to get into the job business to foster "better relationships between the peoples of our community" and to obtain jobs for people who need them.

From the start, he said, the Chamber had the cooperation of the black community.

Among the most helpful, he said, was the Star Social Club at 206 E. Market st., West Chester, which donated an empty store which it owned at 208 E. Market st. to be used as an employment office,

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Green said a member of the black community, Sherwood Green (no relation) has been hired as coordinator of the program.

The latter was picked, Harold Green said, "because he is able to talk with and relate to the people in the community."

Collect \$1,506

In just the past few days, Harold Green said, the Chamber has collected \$1,500 from local husiness and residents to help with the program.

This money, he said, will be used to fix up the office where Sherwood Green already is at work taking applications from job seekers.

Harold Green said "JOBS" already has received 65 employment opportunity listings from businesses in the Greater West Chester area. Job listings are being taken at the Chamber of Commerce office at 14 W. Chestnut st., West Chester.

The pilot project will be carried on for three months, Green said, but will be extended "if it proves successful and gets the needed financial support from the community."

He said he feels the program "has great promise because the Negro community seems very enthusiastic about it."

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