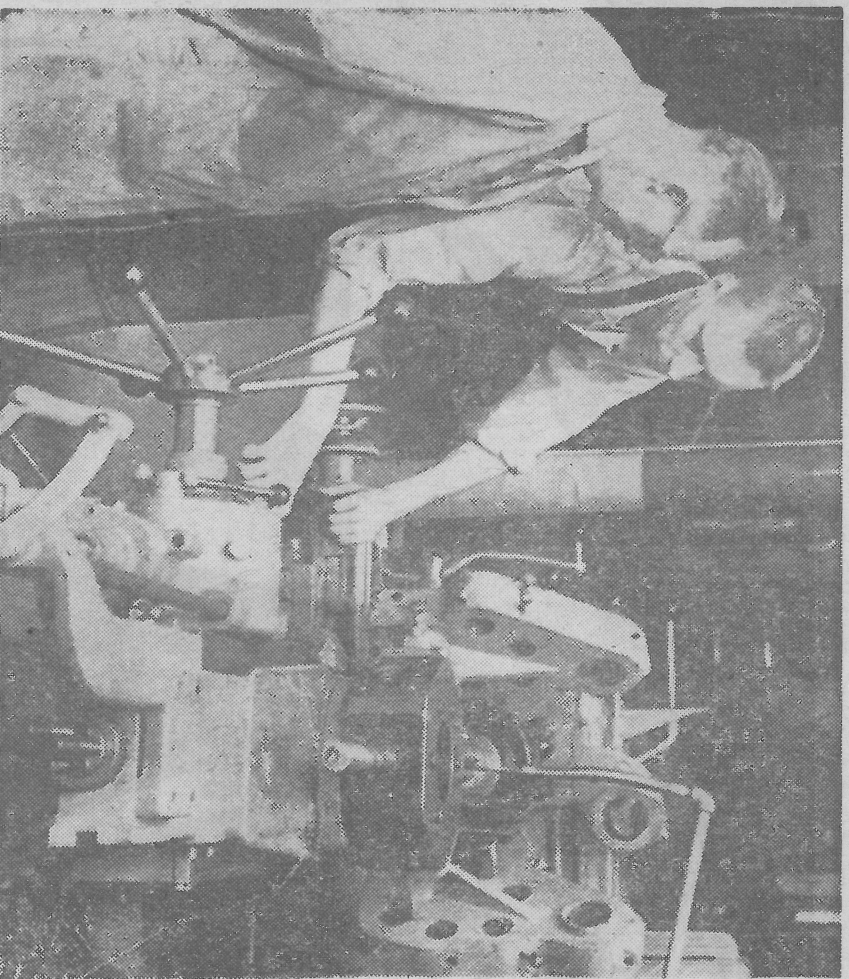


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Machine Shop for the Blind — A project designed to employ and train the blind in machine shop work has opened in Milwaukee. Edward Gavin,

left, of Racine, the supervisor of the shop, instructs Willard Fickau of St. Martins, Wis., in his work.

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Machine Shop Training for Blind First Tried in U.S.

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Four men eventually to give our men, all blind, are at work in a general machine shop here, the initial phase of a unique project designed to train the visually handicapped.

Leonard Hoskins, State Welfare Department supervisor of services for the blind, said the shop is the first in the country which will compete with private shops for sub-

stantiate with private shops for work in the employment and training of 10 persons.

"The objective," Hoskins said, "is to provide employment for those blind persons who, for various reasons, are

able to assume jobs in industry.

"We seek no favors except that we would like the rates to be on the basis of equal pay for equal work done rather than equal pay for equal time required," Hoskins added.

Hoskins said a similar machine shop is in operation in Seattle, but nearly all its work is for an aircraft manufacturer.

"We have the only machine shop for the blind in the country which is ready to compete with private shops for subcontracted work," Hoskins said.