

BEN HURST EMPLOYS CASHIER IN DOWN-TOWN DIAMOND SHOP .- Miss Rita White, shown here at the cash register in Ben Hurst's Diamond shop at 1237 Main St., is employed as cashier and clerk-typist at the downtown jewelry store. Ben Hurst, widely known throughout the city as a true friend of the Negro, is setting the pace for other downtown merchants when he employs persons who are qualified for their jobs, regardless of race, color or creed. When Mr. Hurst needed a cashier, he ran an ad in the paper. Miss White answered the ad, was interviewed by Mr. Hurst, was found to be qualified and was put to work. As cashier, Miss White serves customers who John - 1954

come in to the store to make payments or purchases. Miss White was born in Chicago but was reared in Kansas City, Kas. She is a member of the Bethel Seventh Day Adventist church at 7th and Freeman, Kansas City, Kas., and is a graduate of Oakwood Academy and college, Adventist school in Huntsville, Ala. She is the daughter of Mrs. Verter Williams, 657 Garfield, Kansas City, Kas. Ben Hurst, shown standing at the left, has always had a reputation for fair dealing as a merchant. He set a precedent a few months ago by renting space to Walter J. Jolevette for the operation of a cafe in the downtown area.