

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
Washington

HEARING ON LEARNERS IN THE LAMP SHADE DIVISION OF THE PORTABLE LAMP
AND SHADE INDUSTRY SET FOR JUNE 9

A hearing on applications for permission to employ learners at less than the minimum wage in the Shade Division of the Portable Lamp and Shade Industry will be held June 9, 1941, at 10:00 A.M., in Room 3229, Labor Department Building, Washington, D. C., it was announced today by General Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor. Gustav Peck, Assistant Director of the Hearings Branch, will preside.

A minimum wage of 40 cents an hour has been ordered in the industry beginning July 1. Only the Shade Division of the industry covered by this order will be under consideration at the June 9 hearing. This division is defined as, "The manufacturing, assembling and decorating of lamp shades of any material except metal, glass or plastic."

The Portable Lamp and Shade Industry Committee, in its report recommending the 40-cent rate to the Administrator, expressed the opinion that special certificates "in amounts found necessary by the Administrator should be granted to those who have not previously been employed in the shade industry for a period of not more than two months at 35 cents per hour."

Dr. Peck, on the basis of evidence introduced at the hearing, will make recommendations to the Administrator as to what, if any, occupations in the shade division require a learning period, and the wage, time, number, proportion and length of learning period for which special certificates should be issued.

Opportunity to present evidence will be afforded any interested person filing a notice of intention to appear and the approximate time required prior to June 9. Briefs may be filed up to June 16.