

# Dillard Youth Will Soon Embark On Peace Corps Assignment

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William P. Otto, presently home on leave to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Otto of Dil-



WILLIAM P. OTTO  
... bound for Peru

lard, will soon embark upon a two-year career as a Peace Corps member in Peru.  
He is the fourth person from Douglas County to be accepted by the Peace Corps. Two from Glid are in Ethiopia and one from

Roseburg is in the Philippines. Otto has just completed ten weeks of schooling at Boston College and six weeks in Puerto Rico. He will leave for New York July 4 and join the rest of his group for the trip to Lima, Peru.  
Otto's main purpose in Lima will be to improve the living conditions there and work with an urban renewal project.

Upon completing a six-month course of general drafting at Oregon Polytechnical Institute in Portland in August last year, Otto applied for the Peace Corps and was accepted Feb. 28. He says he joined the Peace Corps "for the experience, and the self satisfaction of trying to help someone else."

While at Boston, he was oriented on Peru. He studied Peru's government and its people, including customs, living standards, health and hygiene, and housing. Five hours a day were spent learning Spanish, the predominant language in Peru. During the period at Boston, the day began at 7 a.m. and lasted until 10 p.m.

The six weeks in Puerto Rico were divided into three weeks each at Camp Crozier and Humacao. While at Camp Crozier, Otto engaged in such activities as extended treks (one four-day trek with pack), rock climbing, drown proofing (the ability to stay in water for prolonged periods without tiring) and a quarter-mile swim in

the ocean. During the drown proofing, members of the group were first required to stay in the water for 35 minutes with their hands tied behind them, and then repeat the same amount of time with their feet tied. Some even attempted to remain in the water for 35 minutes with both hands and feet tied, Otto states. He also participated in a two-day survival bivouac.

All in all, the stay at Crozier involved rigorous training. The camp is located in the rain forest in the mountains, and simulates the terrain the group will encounter in Peru. The last three-weeks of his stay in Puerto Rico, he worked on construction in cooperation with the

government on land reform housing projects. This was to gain practical experience. Otto explained the project this way: The government has a long-range plan called Programas Sociales, whereby it is trying to give all the low-income people a piece of land and low cost housing. This is in line with laws passed by the government some time back on land reform. No individual and corporation in Puerto Rico may hold more land than 500 acres. The rest is purchased by the government at a fair price to be distributed.

The government sends a representative to the people to organize them into groups of at least 30

families. Certain qualifications must be met by the people, including being reputable citizens in good standing. If a group is organized for a new community, a drawing is held to determine the land grants. The family must move their house and belongings within four months onto the new land plot, Otto said.

The government men goes in and furnishes all the materials needed to construct all-concrete, hurricane-proof houses. These materials include the concrete, steel reinforcing, tools, material transportation, technical assistance—nearly everything except the inside

furnishings. The family community group does all the construction and each family is required to make a down payment of \$30.25, which includes insurance while working on the project, and \$3 a month for ten years.

The Peace Corps works with the government on a cooperation basis to train its members. Otto and the other members of the construction group were actually working with the local people, eating with them, and, in many cases, sleeping in their homes. With this on-the-job training, the group has gained much experience

for its work in Peru, Otto said.

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### Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Le Noir Kruse of Idleyd Route, Roseburg, received word of the birth of their first grandchild, Geraldine Matar, weighing 6 pounds 11 ounces and born June 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Angel Matar, Glendale, Calif. Mrs. Matar, who is interned in dietetics, at the Glendale Sanitarium and Hospital (where the baby was born) is the former Sarita Kruse of this city.

Don Christie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Christie, of 1126 NW Walnut St., spent the weekend at College Place, Wash., with his wife, Eva Lou, who is attending summer school at Walla Walla College. Don, who has completed his first year at the University of Oregon Dental School in Portland, is driving logging truck for Updegrave Logging Co. this summer. Mrs. Christie is employed as teacher and registrar at Portland Union Academy. She will join her husband in Roseburg July 10.

Mr. and Mrs. John William Robertson of this city spent Saturday in Cottage Grove, where they attended the brunch at Village Green for the Oregon Court Reporters Association convention. Mrs. Robertson conducted the afternoon session as president of the association and is now junior past president of the organization. During the afternoon Robertson visited his brother, Wallace Robertson, who owns a photographic studio in Cottage Grove. Mrs. Robertson is court reporter to Judge Don H. Sanders.

### Births

Mercy Hospital  
WEST — To Mr. and Mrs. John West Jr., 1323 Crestview Drive, Roseburg, June 11, a son, Rocky Dale; weight 6 pounds 10 ounces.

BRITAIN — To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Britain, 2334 W. Harvard Ave., Roseburg, June 12, a daughter, Catherine Rae; weight 4 pounds 10 ounces.

KISER — To Mr. and Mrs. Royce L. Kiser, Box 156, Camas Valley, June 12, a daughter, Shelley Gailene; weight 7 pounds 5 1/2 ounces.

JOHNSON — To Mr. and Mrs. Clark A. Johnson, PO Box 422, Sutherlin, June 13, a daughter, Tanya Jeanne; weight 5 pounds 15 1/2 ounces.

HALLER — To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Haller, 439 W. Agee, Roseburg, June 14, a daughter, Molly Louise; weight 8 pounds 13 1/2 ounces.

ROBINSON — To Mr. and Mrs. Clifford L. Robinson, 22 Frontage Rd., Mountain View, Calif., June 14, a daughter, Bonnie Jean; weight 6 pounds 1/2 ounce.

WHITEHEAD — To Mr. and Mrs. James A. Whitehead, 1635 NE Hollis, Roseburg, June 14, a daughter, Sarah Edith; weight 8 pounds 9 1/2 ounces.

SIMS — To Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Sims, Box 570, Star Rt., Winston, June 15, a daughter, Karla Suzanne; weight 8 pounds 2 ounces.

STINNETT — To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Stinnett, Rt. 1 Box 301 G, Sutherlin, June 16, a daughter, Margaret Ann; weight 8 pounds 14 ounces.

MASK — To Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Mask, 128 Everett, Sutherlin, June 17, a daughter, Sheila Renee; weight 8 pounds 6 ounces.

CARROLL — To Mr. and Mrs. Garry G. Carroll, PO Box 632, Wilbur, June 18, a son, Tarry Shawn; weight 5 pounds 7 1/2 ounces.

SHRUM — To Mr. and Mrs. David W. Shrum, 1315 F St., Sweet-home, June 18, a son, Bradley Wayne; weight 8 pounds 14 ounces.

AWAY SHE GOES  
HITCHIN, England (UPI)—The day after Don Parker bought his 40-year-old wife a new car two weeks ago she went for her first drive and hasn't been seen since. "I am completely mystified," Parker said recently. "Beryl never indicated she would do a thing like this."

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