

## Relocation Program For Klamath Tribe Now In Operation

The relocation program conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Klamath Indians is now well under way. Leonard C. Allen, who is in charge of the program as it applies to Klamath Tribal members, states that he has contacted a large number of persons since opening his office last September 5th. The office, staffed by Mr. Allen and his secretary, Mrs. Laide, is located at 434 Main St. and the welcome mat is out for anyone interested in learning more about the program.

Mr. Allen is well qualified for this type of work. He has had twenty-four years of experience with the Indian Service, including work from January, 1955 to August, 1956 as relocation officer in charge of the relocation program conducted for the Coastal Indians of Oregon. He states that during that period about 10 per cent (between 275 and 300 individuals) of the total enrollment of the Coastal Tribes was relocated.

In relating some of the more important facts about the program as it applies to the Klamaths, Mr. Allen states that there is a general age requirement that the applicant be between 18 and 45. The applicant must be an enrolled member of the Tribe, must reside in Oregon, and must be single or the head of the family. Also, certain physical and mental standards have to be met.

Six relocation offices are available for the benefit of tribal members. Training and job relocation is administered by offices in Denver, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Straight job relocation is also available at offices in Chicago, St. Louis, and San Jose. In those areas where training is administered, such training may be obtained at any accredited school in the immediate vicinity.

Discussing progress since opening up shop, Mr. Allen states that two members of the Klamath Tribe, Clifton Smith and Delford Crain, are already taking training under the program. In addition, four other tribal members have been approved for training.

Mr. Allen plans a continued series of field contacts to explain the provisions of the program. He is also available at his office on Wednesday of each week to discuss the program with interested individuals.

## EIGHTEEN TRIBAL MEMBERS ATTEND NIGHT SCHOOL

The Business Night School currently being held at Chiloquin High School for the benefit of tribal members is now in its third month of operation, having been started last October 16. Eighteen tribal members are receiving skilled instruction from Mrs. Pretoria Bell, who also teaches Chiloquin High School students their commercial subjects. Courses taught at the Business Night School include typing, shorthand, and bookkeeping.

It is planned to start a new class in January. Tribal members interested in enrolling at that time should contact the education office for more information.

The names of those now attending are listed as follows: Victoria Nelson, Delora Jack, Naomi Crain, Teresa DeLorme, Winifred Anderson, Marie Norris, Betsy Effman, Marcella Allen, Marilyn Hall, Karen Hatcher, Phyllis Sanderville, Darlene Barkley, Marilynne Jackson, Alma Knoke, Charlotte Walker, Juanita Gibbons, Myra Ochoa and Veryl Nelson.

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### ERNESTINE ORTIS

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most of the questions and no trick ones are asked."

Nippy thinks highly of the course she is taking. It is divided into three main parts. The first five terms are spent at O.T.I., after which one year is put in at Sacred Heart Hospital and Clinic in Eugene. Students then return to O.T.I. for one term. Nippy is now in her fourth term. She will transfer to Eugene next April and is scheduled to graduate in June, 1958.

During the first five terms students take a variety of courses including English composition, typing, radiography, anatomy, physiology, psychology, math, physics, and chemistry.

Nippy lives in Klamath Falls this year, after having commuted from Chiloquin during the past school year. She has had some child care problems since she has a boy, Daryl, not yet of school age. She has solved this, however, by sending him to kindergarten five days a week.

Ernestine has no definite plans beyond graduation. Her main goal is to pass the American Register Exam for X-Ray Tech., which she will take on completing her course. She will then become a full-fledged registered technician.



## BEN MITCHELL NOW TAKING BODY AND FENDER COURSE AT O.T.I.

Taking his third term of body and fender work at O.T.I. under the Klamath Education Program is Ben Mitchell. Ben started his course in January, 1956.

Ben is well-known in this area. He was born at the Agency and has lived in the reservation area all his life, except for two and one-half years put in at Stewart Indian School, Stewart, Nevada, taking a carpentry course, and two years spent working in the plywood industry on the Coast. He attended grade school in Klamath Falls.

Shortly before enrolling at O.T.I., Ben worked at Simplot-Devoe Lumber Co. in Chiloquin.

After the Klamath Education program was under way, Ben decided to go back to school and take up the body and fender course.

In describing the course, Ben says: "All I can say is, I like it. I have always been interested in body and fender and auto mechanics."

He is taking a variety of subjects, including welding, physics, body & fender shop and painting.

Students in the course gain a good deal of experience thru work on cars which are actually in need of repair and which can be brought in by anyone. Ben states that the only charge for work done on these cars is for the cost of parts used. The labor is gratis since the students are anxious to get the experience.

Ben states that job placement in the field has been good. Ben has been promised a steady job when he graduates. In addition,

he has already put in a lot of his spare hours working on part time body and fender jobs in the Klamath Falls area.

Ben is not certain, however, as to whether he will go right to work when he graduates or will take an extra year of study. He is interested in getting some training in customizing, which is a more specialized part of the body and fender trade. In this course students study such matters as moulding hoods and trunks, and generally, giving cars a distinct look from other cars of the same make.

While attending school, Ben resides at 1766 Fargo St. in Klamath Falls with his wife, Betty, and two children, Ben Jr., and Gwendolyn.

In commenting on the Klamath Education Program, he states "I think it's a good deal. I wish I could have started in sooner on it."

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Daughter: "I'll never marry a man who snores."

Mother: "Yes, but be careful how you find out."

The father was playing possum while his little daughter tried to rouse him from his nap to read her a story. Finally the youngster climbed up on his lap, opened one of his eyelids, peered in carefully and then reported, "He's still in there."

Man to blonde, at a California bar: "Pardon me, but I am writing a telephone book and I'd like to include your number."