



CLARENCE CLINTON NOW TAKING CABINETMAKING AT OREGON TECH

Effectively demonstrating that training under the Klamath Education Program can begin at 40-plus is Clarence Clinton, who has been enrolled in the cabinet-making course at OTI since last January. It was a long recess for Clarence as he had last attended school around 1930, taking auto mechanics. Before that he got his elementary education at Yainax and Sprague River on the reservation. Clarence says the Yainax school was an oldtimer, having been put into operation at an early date as an all-Indian boarding school. Prior to enrolling at OTI Clarence did some farming, some smoke-chasing for the Agency, and also put in three years in the army.

Clarence states that he is getting a lot out of the cabinet-making course and says that he particularly enjoys the shopwork. In shop he and the eleven other students in the course learn how to work with such tools as shapers, jointers, jigsaws, planers, mortise machines, and universal saws in building sundry home furnishings and other useful items. So far Clarence has constructed a tool box, a chest of drawers, several baby cribs, two drawing boards for the engineering dept., and a window frame for his house.

Besides shopwork, Clarence gets a lot of lectures on interior and exterior decorating, learns how to read and draft blueprints, and also takes several allied courses, the toughest of which, he thinks, is math.

Clarence uses up a lot of his

spare time working on his home in Klamath Falls. He has already built on a bedroom and utility room, relying mainly on what he has learned at OTI.

After getting out of school Clarence plans to go on working as a laborer (he has done a lot of construction work and was employed last summer on Copco's dam project on the Klamath River) until he can get enough money to set up a shop of his own and "try to make a partial living on it". He figures he can get plenty of customers.

Asked to comment on the Klamath Education Program Clarence averred: "That's fine. Anybody that doesn't take advantage of this, there's something wrong with them---of course there's some that can't spare the time--I don't see where a man can beat it, especially from this reservation. We're right at the doorstep. As old as I am I've learned quite a bit."

As for termination of federal supervision Clarence says: "I'm for that 100 per cent."

He explains: "If the Agency was run like it used to be years ago when you could either get an assist or a promise it was o.k. but now it's hard to even see the superintendent. Right today I don't know what he looks like."

"We have a hospital up there idle, no one using it. We have to use these hospitals down here and nothing to get in with."

As for how to accomplish termination, Clarence figures that federal purchase would be the best bet.



Gordon David To Graduate From Oregon Tech Next June; Finds Carpentry Course Interesting

Gordon "Gordo" David will pick up his sheepskin at O.T.I. next June after being hard-at-work for two years in the carpentry course.

Gordon is a native of this area, having been born at Klamath Agency and attending Chiloquin Schools. While in high school he played football and baseball four years, was student body sergeant-at-arms one year, and served on the school paper and annual, chiefly as an illustrator. He graduated in May, 1956 and commenced his studies at O.T.I. the following September.

Gordo regards carpentry as a likeable course and one calculated to keep you busy. His classes fall in two main categories: Major elective and allied. His carpentry courses consist in both lectures and shop work and his allied work includes drafting and blueprint reading, practical math, and physics. Gordo says drafting and blueprint reading is about the hardest. He acknowledges, however that hard work pays off as he has hauled home so far a gun-cabinet, two coffee tables, and several other pieces of furniture, products of his own ingenuity and for which the charge is minimal.

Gordon has no definite plans for after graduation but suspects that he will stay in the carpentry field. He got some practical experience at house construction in Chiloquin during the past summer. His full time job, however, was fire-fighting for the Agency.

Extracurricularly, Gordo thinks he might turn out for the O.T.I. baseball team next spring. He plays second base and spent a lot of time last summer beltin' the ball for the Chiloquin Indians, local baseball entry.

In regard to the termination program Gordo considers it a "hard question" to comment on. He thinks federal purchase might be O.K., but is undecided on the election. He has no doubts about the education program however, stating that it "is a good opportunity for those who want to succeed".

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS INVITED TO CONTACT KLAMATH ED. PROGRAM

All enrolled members of the Klamath Tribe who are now in their senior year of high school and who are interested in continuing their education after graduation are invited to contact the Klamath Education Program. This program has been set up under terms of Public Law 587 to provide training opportunities to tribal members and this year's high school graduates, among others, are eligible to participate in it. Training under the program can be taken in any accredited vocational school or college in the State of Oregon.

High school seniors who are interested in the program should contact either the Klamath Education Office, Phone 661, Chiloquin, Oregon, or Mr. A. H. Wright, Branch of Indian Education, State Dept. of Education, 388 North Winter Ave., Salem, Ore., Phone Empire 4-2171, Ext. 223.

Father: "Get up, John. When Abraham Lincoln was your age, do you know what he was doing?"

Son: "No, I don't. But I know what he was doing when he was your age."