

Shirley Baker Completes Beauty Training



Shirley gets some beautification practice using sister Nadine as model.

Nearing accreditation necessary to open and run her own beauty shop is Shirley (Dawson) Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dawson of Chiloquin. Shirley recently completed her beauty training at Medford Beauty School in Medford. She is scheduled to take her state examination in January. Successful completion means she will receive her beauty operator's license, and be all set to go out and open her own establishment. However, in view of finances, Shirley thinks she will probably take a job for a while but figures on getting into business for herself "as soon as they throw the reservation open". Not that she intends to start a shop on the reservation but to Shirley, as a withdrawing member, "throwing the reservation open" means selling off large chunks of the tribal estate and remunerating the withdrawers. Her share of these funds, she anticipates, will enable her to set up shop.

Shirley started her course in April, 1957, and completed it last Oct. 8. Ordinarily she would have been done by June but time out was necessary last summer to al-

low for a family addition. As to why she chose the course in the first place she isn't too sure but surmises that the fact her mom was a beauty operator had something to do with it.

Shirley sizes beauty training up as a "good, steady course". All during its 13 months duration the students go to school six days per week, starting in at 8:00 A. M. each day and getting off at 4:30 P. M. with one-half hour out for lunch. The first 1½ hours in the morning are spent in the classroom. The rest of the day the students work on the floor, getting their training through practical experience. In the classroom they study such things as hygiene, personality, bacteriology, anatomy and physiology, disorders of skin, scalp and hair, facial treatments, manicuring, hair tinting and bleaching, hair cutting and styling, and all types of waves. Having studied these items in class the students go right out on the floor and make application on the customers, the instructors supervising. On some of the busier workdays, Shirley says a student will perform such combinations as: 6 shampoos and sets, or 2 permanents, or 1 per-

manent and 3 shampoos and sets—any of which will keep you plenty busy.

Giving us an estimate of the relative worth of the school and course, Shirley states: "It ranks pretty good because they have all the hair styles. The instructors go down to Hollywood (to learn the innovations) and are right up to date."

The State licensing exam is a one-day event held in Portland. Shirley says she will have to take a written test in the morning and in the afternoon execute a haircut, a manicure, a hairstyle, a wrap, a heat permanent, and a coldwave.

Shirley relates that she has received several job offers for after accreditation, including one at the Big Y in Medford. She is not decided which one she'll take but advises that they all present about the same deal: Sixty per cent of the intake to the operator for her work, the balance to the shop-owner.

Background-wise, Shirley was born at Klamath Agency, raised in Trail, and graduated from Prospect High School. She and husband George maintain residence in Medford and with the latest addition, now have 3 daughters. She points out that baby-sitting problems presented one of the biggest obstacles to her getting through the course.

"Between my mother and mother-in-law, they baby sat for me all the time. If it wasn't for them I'd probably never have made it. I'd have had to stay home."

Seniors Invited To Contact 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. Those who are interested in enrolling for the next fall term should make the necessary arrangements at as early a date as possible.

High school seniors who are interested in the program should contact the Klamath Education Office, Phone 661, Chiloquin, Oregon.

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practical. The course is 6 terms total length with "Bunky" being on the third term.

As for the school "Bunky" regards it as a good one: "I wouldn't call it an engineering school but, everyone can't be an engineer. It's just between the engineers and the workers."

"Bunky" developed his interest in electrical repair while in the service. He spent 4 years in the Navy, commencing with 16 weeks training at the Navy Interior Communications school in San Diego. He got a lot of electrical theory there and then started out doing routine electrical maintenance on a sub tender. He was later at Bremerton doing electrical re-activation work on ships in the Pacific Reserve Fleet and says he was kept plenty busy there. Finally, he was back to San Diego, at the Destroyer base, re-activating minesweepers. Comparing his O.T.I. training with that received in the service, "Bunky" acknowledges that they teach you a lot in both places but feels that O.T.I. presents "a wider field."

Prior to the service, "Bunky" got his high school training, and diploma, at Chemawa. He didn't get any electrical background there but did bone up on his music, which interest he still pursues, if in a somewhat altered form. At Chemawa, he relates, he played clarinet in the school band. On the side he "fiddled around" with the guitar. Today his guitar playing has become the serious pursuit and he is affiliated with a dance band on the strength of it. Last year at O.T.I. he and four other students got up a band and played for a lot of school dances and also had one engagement in Chiloquin. He plans to start the group up again this month.

On Termination: "I think it'll be a pretty good deal for a lot of pepole that want to get started on something."

He states that he is a withdrawing member, adding: "I figured I'd be better off if I got out. I heard a lot of rumors about what was going to happen to those that stayed."

On the Education Program, "I think it's a pretty good deal. I'd recommend to all of them to take it."

On where he got his nickname: "I don't know."

Golfer (dubbing a shot): "I'm certainly not playing the game I usually play."

Caddy: "What game is that, sir?"