

# College Enters New Era with 1945 Fall Term

## Two Year Terminal Courses Are Offered

Eastern Oregon college is entering a new era in its history beginning this fall term. Having started as a normal school in 1929, it became a teachers college in 1939. In 1941 the four-year degree program in elementary education was authorized, and since 1936 the college has offered the first two year's work in most professional and vocational fields leading to a degree to be earned at the state college of university.

Realizing the increasing demand for curricula of a vocational nature and terminating at the end of two years, the college inaugurated this fall special courses in the fields of merchandising, radio-electric service, and for the training of medical-dental assistants. A course in general secretarial science has been offered since 1942. Considerable interest has been shown in these fields and the enrollment has more than reached expectations.

The curriculum in merchandising is designed to prepare students for responsible positions in the field of merchandising (retail selling and service) in such business establishments as department stores, men's and women's clothing shops, drug stores, music firms, novelty stores, furniture establishments, gift and specialty shops, and various other types of retail stores.

Training of medical-dental assistants will prepare students as office assistants for doctors and dentists. It furnished an elementary understanding of the basic sciences upon which the medical and dental professions are built, and training in the special skills needed in the following positions: (1) receptionist and office manager; (2) bookkeeper and record supervisor; (3) minor assistant in the professional duties of the doctor or the dentist.

The course in radio-electric service and management has definite appeal to many veterans, and more men are expected to enroll as they are discharged from the service. It provides preparation for several types of positions in the radio and electric field, such as (1) sales and service position in radio shops, electrical-appliance stores, department and furniture establishments, combination stores; (2) employe of electric and power companies, radio stations, and radio and electrical apparatus manufacturing companies; (3) aid to construction contractors; and (4) after a period of experience, independent contractor, manager of a retail store, or head of radio or electrical department.

The general secretarial-science course is designed to prepare students for the better positions in offices as secretaries, stenographers, office managers, bookkeepers, and various other positions in the commercial field. It is modeled after the best two-year college programs in secretarial and business training offered by leading junior colleges in the country. It is especially designed to meet the needs of students who have taken their preliminary commercial work in high school. In special cases, the college will arrange a one-year curriculum in secretarial science.

Graduates in any of these semi-professional terminal courses will be awarded the associate in science degree.

## Riveria Teachers Participate in Many Activities

Teacher participation in professional activities at Riveria school has been highly satisfactory. All participated in pay roll savings and in Parent-Teacher, Red Cross, and community work. The annual Mother Goose market sponsored by the P.-T. A. was highly successful. Christmas program set a high standard. Health program of the school in cooperation with the county health clinic has become part of school activities. Tests are made of vision, hearing and condition of the teeth, and recommendations made.

Thirty-six boys participated in some or all of the competitive athletic events and were awarded letters.

Moving pictures have become an important feature of auditorium programs. Children from the four upper grades took part in a series of broadcasts. These groups discussed Canada, Brazil and Holland.

Riveria teachers are John Bennett, principal; Beatrice Young, first grade; Mildred Hite, second grade; Nina Kame, third grade; Bessie Geibel, fourth grade; Elinor Kennedy, fifth grade; John W. Bennett, seventh grade.

## College to Have Guidance Center

As soon as trained personnel becomes available in the state veterans Bureau, a veterans guidance center will be established at Eastern Oregon college.

The center will be staffed initially with a counsellor, a training officer, and a stenographer, and the office will be located in the administration building on the college campus.

Purpose of the center is to provide a central place to which veterans in the eastern Oregon area may come for advice concerning their rights and privileges under

## 143 Members in 18 4-H Clubs in County in '45

Union county had 18 dairy, garden, livestock, poultry and electrical 4-H clubs this year, with a membership of 143. Three of these clubs were located at La Grande, four at Union, one at Elgin, two at North Powder, three at Imbler, and five at Cove.

Membership and clubs are as follows: Beef club—23 members, three clubs. Dairy herd record (one of the few in the state)—five members, one club.

Dairy calf club—27 members, three clubs, three individual members.

Rabbit club—10 members, one club. Poultry club—five members, one club, three individual members.

Horse club—10 members, Electrical club—five members, one club. Garden club—21 members, two clubs, one individual member.

Similar veterans guidance centers have been established at the University of Oregon in Eugene and at Reed college in Portland, with one also scheduled for Oregon State college at Corvallis.

## Junior Red Cross Membership in 1945 Here Had Increased to 2,893 Total

Junior Red Cross of Union county had 2,893 members for the school year 1944-45. Eighty-two students earned first aid certificates and 15 water safety certificates.

More than 700 articles, 25 Christmas gift kits and 200 Christmas cards were made for the armed services. One hundred forty-nine educational gift boxes were filled for the children of Europe.

Nov. 1 to 15 is the time set aside for the annual Junior Red Cross enrollment for service this year. At that time pupils in

every public, private or parochial school will be given opportunity to join.

Through gift boxes, work of the national children's fund, and the exchange of international school correspondence albums the Junior Red Cross has expanded its program of community and world service. Through the National Children's Fund war nurseries and convalescent homes for children under five years of age have been established and equipped in England.

Miss Ann Firkins is chairman of the organization.

## New Buildings on Campus Include Men's Dormitory

New buildings planned on the campus of Eastern Oregon college will include an addition to Dorion hall to house additional women students, and either a men's dormitory or a library building.

Blue prints for the Dorion hall addition are in final stages of preparation to accommodate approximately 70 students. It will probably be let for bids next spring, and will be ready for occupancy in September, 1946.

Study is being given by college officials to the feasibility of a men's dormitory, an addition to the gymnasium for physical education, and a new industrial arts and a foods laboratory, as well as



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