

Klamath Falls Vocational School Is Ready

General Courses Now Being Offered In Vocational Training

Oregon's brand-new vocational school at Klamath Falls is well on the way toward becoming the state's most impressive institution for vocational training. The school, which will be open to those who combine hands-on work with brainwork for their education, officials of the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs announced this week after an inspection by the school's director, Dr. Purvine, and Osmond Paulson, head of the state department of vocational education.

The 70-building plant which housed convalescent U. S. Army soldiers and which Oregon acquired for the sum of one million dollars has been in operation for two weeks in its new role. At present 35 students are enrolled as of today.

But 900 applications are on file for classes in many vocations. The reason they have not enrolled is because the state division of vocational education intends to have all facilities in order when the enrollee arrives, according to Purvine. This means not only equipment and adequate instruction, but housing facilities as well, he said.

New classes in various subjects will be started from week to week. Three subjects are being taught now with 20 students in body and fender class, ten in auto mechanics and five in the cooks and bakers school. In from three to six weeks a diesel mechanics school will open, about five weeks hence mechanics will begin to train, and in the near future a course in business management to stress the practical side of operating a small business will get under way.

Remodeling of barrack into apartments and rooms is another project well started. Forty apartments will be in shape for families by August 10, along with plenty of rooms for single students.

"By October 1, we expect to be able to accommodate and en-

roll between four and five hundred students," Purvine declared.

For the world war 2 veteran wanting to learn a trade, the set-up is exceptionally good, because the tuition charge of \$50 a month will be paid out of his GI educational benefits, while his subsistence allowance will go far toward paying his cost of living.

Family apartment will cost about \$35 a month. Rooms for single men where four occupy the room cost \$11 per person, and only two occupy a room, \$13 each. Board can be obtained for \$31.00 a month at the cafeteria, which already is in full operation. This includes three meals a day for every day of the month.

For students short of funds, Purvine said that "we are planning considerable student aid in the form of part-time work."

The only entrance requirement to get in the school: "The student must be 16 years of age and capable of profiting by the instruction offered."

This means he must make good in order to stay. But if a man lacks initiative or ability in a particular course, he is allowed to transfer to another training subject.

Applications are accepted either in person or by writing the Oregon vocational school, Box 1049, Klamath Falls. Veterans enrolling under the GI bill should bring their certificates of eligibility from the Veterans Administration.

Local News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lucas expected to leave yesterday for San Francisco where they will have their daughter given a medical checkup. The little girl was quite seriously ill earlier this spring, and had been taken to a San Francisco hospital. Her general health has improved remarkably since returning home.

Mrs. Cliff Brimm arrived late last week from Morton, Wash., to make her home in Brookings. Her husband, Cliff Brimm is at present erecting Brimm Bros. mill on the old mill pond. The plant is expected to be in operation within a week or so.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Kirkham of Portland, were Thursday evening and Friday visitors in this area. While here they called on the Crissey family and the Vincent family. Mr. Kirkham is formerly city editor of the Oregon Journal and is now on the city desk.

Clarence Howie, of Klamath Falls, was a week-end visitor of his mother, Mrs. Charles Schaal. He brought with him a cushion unit machine which will materially help Mr. Schaal in his rapidly expanding upholstery business. Mr. Schaal boasted of its benefit, to the Pilot Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Vincent of Newberg were visitors over the week-end in this area. They were accompanied here by their grandson, who is visiting his uncle, Paul Whirry. Mrs. Vincent left by stage, Sunday for Newberg, while Mr. Vincent remained for the Rotary meeting. He is a realtor at Newberg.

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