

Employment Prospects For Our College Graduates

The U.S. has more college students than ever before, but that doesn't mean it has the white-collar jobs most of them want. Several professional fields are already jammed, warned the Veterans Administration last week, quoting facts and figures of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

One of the fields where college graduates can anticipate stiffest competition is engineering; close to 50,000 engineers will be graduated in 1950, but the annual replacement need is estimated at 7,000. Another is law, in which enrollments continue to increase despite the fact that many of last year's graduates are still not placed. Chemistry and psychology will soon be overcrowded unless the student has a graduate degree. The field of personnel work, and some areas of secondary education (especially physical education, social science and English) are also overcrowded. Professional fields where recruits are still badly needed: medicine, dentistry, nursing and grade-school teaching.

On the basis of the survey the statisticians had a recommendation: more students ought to be getting set for the workaday world of the trades or should be prepared for a start as clerks and office workers.

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In Service Training Programs for State Employees Increase

Employee training activities have been increasing. In addition to the in-service training programs carried on by several of the departments, the Civil Service Commission has cooperated with all departments in providing related training courses. Several training films have been shown for the employees. A class in Filing Methods, composed of about sixty em-

ployees of most of the departments in Salem, was concluded on March 29 and a second class of twenty-five members was started on April 12. A group of highway employees concluded a course in algebra at Eugene. Two classes in accounting practice have been in progress in Salem. Films were shown on Correct Filing, Duties of a Secretary and four phases of Supervision at Salem. A film on Telephone Courtesy was scheduled April 26. Official certificates of training will be awarded those who have successfully completed the training courses.

Future training plans call for a showing of a film monthly, courses in state accounting procedures, and a continuous indoctrination training plan. Plans also are being made to extend the training courses, which have proven successful in the Salem area, to Portland and other centers throughout the state.

Preliminary work is being done on the preparation of a correspondence manual containing suggestions for the guidance and use of stenographers and typists in the composition and typing of letters and other written communications.

WEST COAST PAYS CLAIMS UNDER OSEA GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

The West Coast Life Insurance Company, underwriters of the O.S.E.A. Group Life Insurance plan have paid claims to the beneficiaries of the following people:

James Robertson, died August 9, 1948, The Dalles Chapter No. 9. Jennie Winchcomb, died December 24, 1948, Marion Chapter No. 18. S. M. Zeller, died November 4, 1948, Corvallis Chapter No. 29. Forrest Rettenmeyer, died February 12, 1949, Corvallis Chapter No. 29. Helmer Skutley, died February 25, 1949, Corvallis Chapter No. 29. Victor Hibbard, May 1949, Portland Chapter No. 17. Lloyd W. Hill, May 1949, Willamette Chapter No. 21.

It is better to be a young June bug than an old bird of paradise.

—Mark Twain.