

PCC aircraft students tops

Students preparing to become certified aircraft mechanics at Portland Community College lead the nation in average scores on the Federal Aviation Administration examination, known for their stringency.

The PCC program, under way for two years, is certified by the FAA to prepare both airframe and powerplant mechanics.

During the last 24 months, across the nation, applicants completing the aircraft mechanics certification tests successfully on the first try totalled only 73 percent. PCC applicants scored 96 percent.

Powerplant mechanics certification examinations showed 74 percent successful completion on the first try, while PCC students scored 89 percent.

The PCC program is located in surplus Oregon Air National Guard buildings on the south side of Portland International Airport. More than 200 students are now working in the program; each is eligible for the FAA examinations after 18 months of preparation.

"We like to give live experience," says Dan Beltrami, assembly and rigging instructor. He explained that one of the reasons for the high student scores on the FAA examinations is "because at PCC we get the students working on actual aircraft."

Many small-plane owners in the Portland area bring their planes in for checkups and mechanical work, providing practical problem-solving experiences for the students and giving each a chance to acquire first-hand

knowledge of aircraft operation and maintenance.

PCC cooking

The delights of summer patio cookery will be taught in a specially organized Saturday course sponsored by Portland Community College at Aloha High School starting April 24.

Virginia Plainfield, noted for her knack for outdoor cooking will teach the simplicities of barbecuing, smoke cooking, light summer desserts and salads and hot breads.

The course starts at ten a.m. in the Home Economics rooms at Aloha High School, and will meet on succeeding Saturdays. Registration is limited.

For information, call 643-4060

At the Dinner Table

Nice trick

Grandpa was very fond of ice cream and his hostess thought it would be a special treat to serve a fruit sherbet at a dinner.

"How do you like the dessert?" she asked Grandpa later.

"It was right good," he admitted. "But I could never get my own cows to eat oranges."

perfect answer

A teacher in one of West Virginia's rural schools thought long and hard, and then decided to give a pupil credit for his answer to an arithmetic problem. The question: "If your father sold 1,500 bushels of grain for \$2 a bushel, what would he get?"

The answer: "A new car"

My Son John "Your face is clean, but how'd you get your hands so dirty?"

"Washin' my face."

Yes --- An Optimist

"What's a debtor, Pop?" "A

man who owes money."

"What's a creditor, Pop?"

"A man who thinks he's going to get it back."

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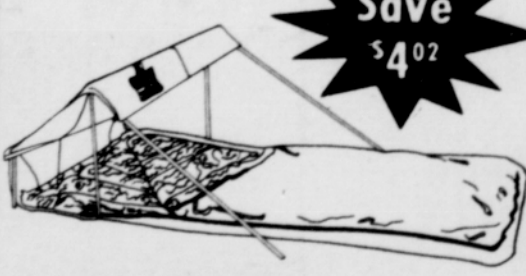
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