



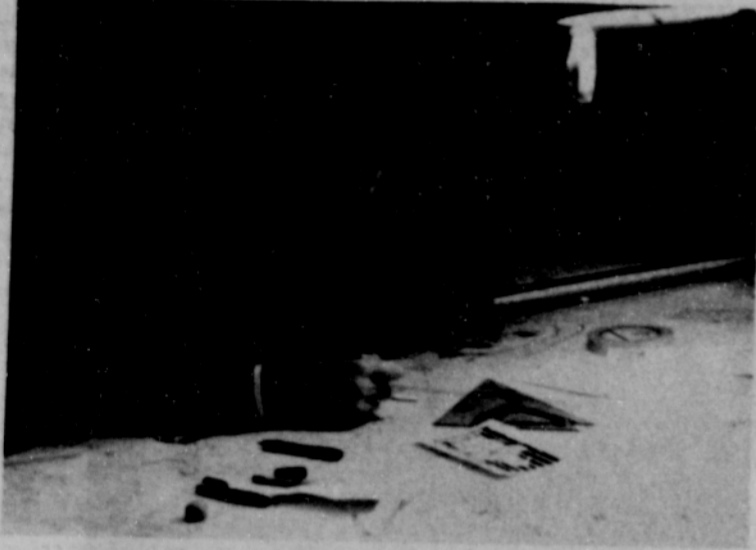
Jim Carmine instructs inmate in engine repair in auto shop.



Ralph Furnell learns cabinet-making.



Inmate Ernest Watson assigns welding project.



Drafting is one trade available at O.S.P.



Small machine repair...



Body and fender shop...



Joe Potter teaches new enrollee the art of welding.



From behind the wall

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There is an area above the prison library — a craft workshop and chapel — to get there you have to travel down a long corridor until you arrive at some classrooms and offices, which are crowded with chairs, desks, blackboards, and books; this is what is known as the Education Department to the inmates and staff at O.S.P.

Pushed far in the back is a tiny enclosure that is hardly large enough to contain a large walnut desk, upon which computer charts, drafts, and documents are neatly stacked, along with a carved redwood nameplate stating...T. Crowley.

Tony Crowley, a heavy-set individual with the look of professionalism, sat very much at ease during an interview, as he gave a detailed history on the position he holds today, Apprenticeship Coordinator at O.S.P. Crowley, in his late 30's or early 40's addressed himself as being "just a mountain hillbilly from Block, Tennessee, population 'few'."

After twenty years (1955-1975) Crowley retired from the U.S. Air Force, where he not only obtained his G.E.D., as many of the inmate students are trying to accomplish or already have, but Crowley also excelled in the ability to become very knowledgeable in the field of electronics. For fourteen years Crowley worked as an instructor in the service.

In 1975, Tony Crowley settled in Salem, and continued as an instructor at Chemeketa Community College — eventually coming to work at O.S.P. Crowley spoke very proudly about the achievement he developed by building up O.S.P.'s Business Machine repair course. When Crowley arrived the prison only had one business machine in the Vocational Training Shop to work on. He has every right in doing so. Crowley was sent to Washington, D.C. to study the

course, and has worked hard since; O.S.P. now has twelve business machines in the Vocational Training Program.

The O.S.P. Vocational Training in Business Machines is completely sponsored by Xerox Corporation, Portland, Oregon (except for the staff). "This means that if an O.S.P. inmate completes the one year course, he then gets a certificate making him a full-fledged apprentice. And he is then guaranteed \$800 per month, plus benefits upon placement and release from incarceration," stated Tony Crowley.

Crowley, as O.S.P. Apprenticeship Coordinator governs other Vocational Training programs inside the prison walls, i.e. Drafting, Welding, Body and Fender, Cabinet-making, Plumbing, Automotive and Small Motor Repair. Each shop is equipped with one or two instructors who are highly skilled in their profession. Not only do they train, but they also teach inmates on-the-job fundamentals; such as how to get along with employers and other employees, safety rules and regulations, and sanitation.

To be admitted into a Vocational Training program at O.S.P. an agreement is signed between the trainer and the trainee upon applying. The trainee must have a high school education and must continue with college courses related to the field the inmate is training in. The inmate also has to stay trouble free of prison disciplinary problems. Presently enrolled in the Vocational Training programs are 80 inmates. Crowley hopes to see an increase in future plans.

It has been stated by many of the counselors at O.S.P. that a prisoner with a sentence more than five years, will find it very difficult to get enrolled in one of the Vocational Training Programs by Court recommendation. Many Judges

throughout Oregon state in their sentencing report that they are sending the individual to prison to learn a trade.)

Motivation plays a very large part in an inmates' success in Vocational Training programs.

Ernest Watson, a Black 30-year-old inmate welder trainee states, "When I came to prison I had hardly worked a day in my life, and now that I've got the opportunity to become a welder, and make a decent wage to support my family, I don't want to go a day without working."

This O.S.P. Correspondent was impressed with the knowledge that the Automotive Repair Shop has a 53 percent job placement success of inmates who have completed the program and were released back into society. Extensive follow-up is maintained.

But as Tony Crowley admits, O.S.P.

and the Vocational Training program cannot claim the success of these programs alone...No, it took people beyond these walls — employers, businesses, labor, educators, clubs and organizations — found in communities and cities of Oregon. People who are willing to give a man the opportunity of a decent wage for a decent days work.

Maybe someday the word Rehabilitation will fade from the lips of many, who look upon prisons as trying to accomplish such, and the word Opportunities will focus into vision. For the effort of the inmate, correctional official, and the public, only time will tell, and Tony Crowley will know.

[Note: This is the first in a three part series — "Counseling, Educations, and Vocational Training at Oregon State Penitentiary."]

Mondale explains CR record

Vice President Walter F. Mondale, in a speech to civil rights leaders, stressed the importance of the Carter Administration's commitment to equal opportunity for minorities, saying that the challenge America faces today is "to summon up a new constituency of conscience in America around the broad issues of economic justice and human rights."

Speaking to the 20th Annual Meeting of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Mondale hailed the conference as "one of the great success stories of our time," and called for it to be a driving force "in the new struggle for civil rights."

"We need your leadership, and we need your voice as never before today," the Vice President told the Leadership Conference. "In many ways the challenges we face in civil rights are even more difficult than those in the past."

"The issues are less dramatic than the right sit at a lunch counter or the right of every citizen to vote. The brutality is less visible when a Black teenager can't find work than when a civil rights marcher is set upon by dogs. Yet you and I know the damage is just as real."

The Vice President outlined the Carter Administration's principles of "the promise of equal rights" that include:

- Strict enforcement of civil rights laws.
- Strong support for Affirmative Action programs.
- New government recognition to special

needs of minorities, women and the disabled.

A continuing support for human rights, education, health care, decent neighborhoods, and jobs.

He also described the Administration's 1979 budget proposals to provide benefits to aid the needy.

"Our new budget calls for the largest increase in funds for education since the Elementary and Secondary Act was passed," Mondale said, "and basic opportunity grants for college students from low and middle income families."

"We have asked for funds to provide assisted housing for 400,000 low-income families, and in March, President Carter will announce a new urban policy to provide our cities with new commitment, new funds, and new hope."

The Vice President also called for granting full voting rights to the citizens of the District of Columbia, the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, and a reformed welfare program.

"So much remains to be done," he said. "But history teaches us that working together — in the spirit of commitment and belief that has always been a part of the civil rights movement — we will prevail."

"We will bring our nation back to full employment. We will rebuild our cities into communities of hope. We will achieve the promise of America of justice and equal rights."

Editor discusses nuclear power

William Boly, senior editor of the "Oregon Times Magazine," will discuss the economics of nuclear power at a public workshop February 15th. The workshop is being sponsored by the Trojan Decommissioning Alliance as part of its educational program.

Boly is the author of numerous articles on nuclear power; one of which has received national attention, "Inside Trojan: Building a Nuclear Lemon." He has

also testified on utility forecasting before the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Oregon Public Utility Commission.

The workshop begins at 8:00 p.m. at the Sunnyside Methodist Church, 3520 S.E. Yamhill Street, Portland. The workshop is free and child care will be provided. For further information call, 231-0014.

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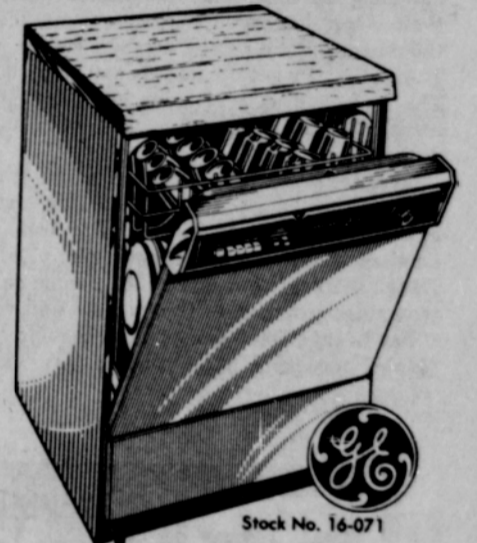
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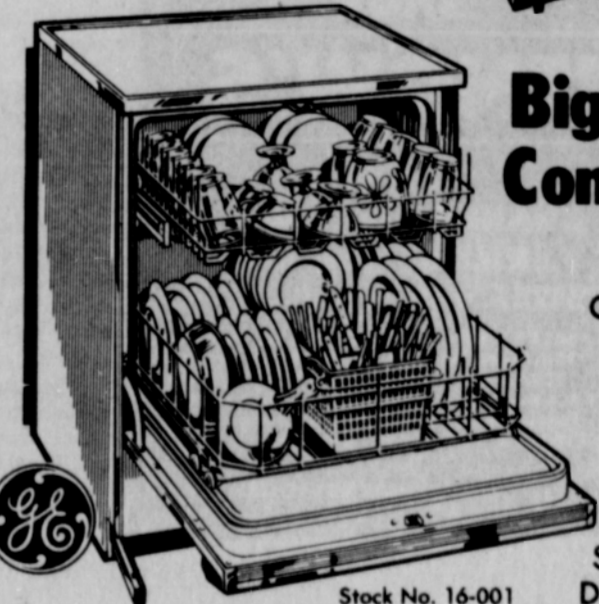
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