

Secretaries of Large Firms Help Plan Office Buildings

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New York — (U.P.) — Business has run into "skirt trouble" in moving to the outskirts.

Many a large company, deciding to move from the heart of town to the more spacious suburbs, finds that transferring the office is easier than transferring the secretary.

The girls are just plain reluctant to continue on jobs in which they can't shop or get their hair done on their lunch hour. And most employers confess that the good secretary, stenographer or file clerk—female—is so much in demand in today's labor market that she can just about tell the boss where to locate the office and make him like it.

One large insurance company, Connecticut General Life, Hartford, Conn., is solving the problem by calling its women employees in to help plan its general headquarters five miles from town.

A five-member women's advisory council, selected from the 1,800 employees, became a clearing house for employee's suggestions.

Wac Officers
Louise Christensen, a former WAC officer and now secretary to one of the company's vice presidents, headed the council. On a recent visit to Manhattan she reported that some suggestions were thrown out early.

"We saw no need for live peacocks on the grounds, or for a parking lot for helicopters," she said.

"But the girls got the color schemes they wanted — soft greys and greens.

"We made a special trip into New York just to select the patterns for silver and tableware for the employees' cafeteria.

"We will have piped-in music in recreation and lunch areas. The company is providing display space for Hartford stores so we can still shop on our lunch hour."

The council also okayed suggestions for a lending book and record library; air-conditioning; a shoe repair and dry cleaning pick-up and delivery service; a frozen food store; and barber and beauty shops.

"The beauty shop will give the girls haircuts free," Miss Christensen said. "They'll have to pay for manicures, facials and other services."

The offices open this fall. General Foods said it ran into the same "please the women" problem when in 1954 it moved its 1,200 general headquarters employees from Manhattan to White Plains, N. Y.

"The girls don't like to leave the convenience of shopping on their lunch hour... even if they don't spend a dime," said Al Christie, headquarters personnel manager.

Princess Margaret to Fly an African Tour
London — (U.P.) — Princess Margaret will fly an air route to avoid Arab countries when she starts her royal tour of Africa, the Daily Express reported today.

The Express said the princess' flight from London to Mombassa to start the tour will not only avoid Cairo, but Tripoli as well.

Guest Here
Mrs. Louis Weil, who divided her time between New York, Connecticut and Florida, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Rode, Griffin Creek.



VERSATILE SHEATH... slim sheath and color-coordinated orlax sweater from Stephanie Karel's fall collection. Sheath, which has a belt in back and an adjustable collar, may be worn alone as a smart date dress.

Education and Recreation Combination Successful

Sun Valley, Ida. — (U.P.) — College of Idaho faculty members hailed as an "outstanding success" their unique experiment of combining "education and recreation."

The educators admitted they had "some misgivings" months ago when the project of conducting a summer session in liberal arts at swanky Sun Valley was first suggested.

They were afraid the many attractions of the plush resort, nestled in a valley high in Idaho's Sawtooth Mountains, would produce an atmosphere not conducive to studying.

But, with six weeks of the initial summer session finished, the faculty was all for making the project permanent. As one professor put it, "we've proven you can have plenty of fun and learn something at the same time."

The normal College of Idaho campus is at Caldwell, about 24 miles west of the Idaho capital city of Boise. The 52-year-old

Presbyterian college has a regular school year enrollment of about 600 students with a faculty of nearly 50.

For years, it has specialized in masters' degrees in the field of education—for teachers wishing to advance their academic standing—during its summer sessions. This regular program continued this summer on the Caldwell campus with a record enrollment of more than 300 graduate and undergraduate students.

The College of Idaho president, Tom E. Shearer, and associates thought they could do more in the summer, particularly in the liberal arts field. But they felt a change in campus would be attractive.

That's when Shearer and his associates got together with Manager Winston McCrea and his staff members at Sun Valley, the winter-summer resort that has been operated near Ketchum, Ida., for nearly 20 years by the Union Pacific Railroad.

Arrangements were made with Sun Valley for the summer session students to live in the resort's "chalets," originally built for winter use by student skiers. A "package deal" arrangement of \$270 for room and board for the six weeks was worked out and some of the resort's facilities—like rooms used in the winter for ski storage—were fitted out as classrooms.

The "study at Sun Valley" program was given a mild publicity buildup through educational circles—and through posters in Union Pacific Railroad stations.

The result was an enrollment of 48 students—ranging from a 14-year-old girl taking special non-credit studies to movie actress Ann Sothern, who was vacationing at Sun Valley for the summer anyway and decided to brush up on her art work by enrolling in the painting class conducted by Robert Max Peter.

Seven Study Units
The curriculum was based on a theme of contemporary cultures. A few visiting professors were enrolled to offer courses like 20th century music from Dr. Calvin Rogers of Ashland, O., and play production by Helen Lloyd of Portland, Ore. The play production was climaxed by presentation of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Regular College of Idaho faculty members offered contemporary courses such as Rocky Mountain biology and geology by Dr. Lyle M. Stanford, contemporary philosophy and comparative religions by Dr. James Martin and modern drama and modern novel by Dr. R. Wayne Chatterton.

Summing up the six weeks' work during a luncheon on Sun Valley Lodge's terrace, overlooking the recently enlarged skating rink, Profs. Chatterton, Martin and Stanford and Dorice Taylor of the Sun Valley staff said the program worked out even better than anticipated.

Students were limited in enrollment to seven study units—with classes offered in two or three unit academic credits each. Classes were for 90 minutes each five days weekly.

Chatterton admitted that the faculty had put more emphasis than usual on quality "so no one would get the idea this summer thing was a snap."

"Because this was something new in American education," he explained, "we knew that we'd be studied by college people from all over the country. We wanted to make sure that our work would stand up under any academic examination."

Anchorage has a population of 28,500—almost three times more than any other Alaskan city.

PROSPECT

By GENEIL SPRUILL

Prospect — Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vixie and children, Paula and Allan, Walla Walla, Wash., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pool.

Darlene Nye, LeRoy Struck and Charles Yell left the first of the week for Nampa, Idaho, to attend Northwest Nazarene college.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeke Zausdski and children, Betty and Lee, recently moved from Spokane. Mrs. Zausdski is the daughter of Mrs. Madeline Pool. They are living on the Taylor place on the Lewis rd.

The Birthday club met recently at the Red Blanket club house. Betty Pool was honored guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cook and daughter, formerly of Prospect now living at Smith River, Calif., were week end visitors.

Home extension meet Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Ward Blain. There were three guests, Mrs. Cloud, Mrs. Town and Mrs. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Larson and sons, Richard, Mike and Danny, visited relatives in Portland over the week end.

Mrs. Q. Simmons is convalescing at her home from recent surgery. Hostesses to a surprise stork shower for La Donna Huff and her new son were Lue Eze Jacobs and Martha Bliss at the Bliss home. Those attending were Patricia Goodman, Mickie Larson, Esther Bauldry, Pearl McCollum, Lila Bevens, Geneil Spruill, La Vera Smeader, Donna Johnson, Ethel Artmire, Lorraine Love, Ruth Johnston, Halie Haurer, Dolores Tracer, Betty Lambert, Agnes Bliss, and Portia Struck.

Vern Struck, who for the past four years has served with the U.S. Navy, arrived home Friday from Hawaii.

Ray Deloy Gillespie, discharged from the Army Sept. 7, arrived home by plane Wednesday with his wife, Betty, and small son, Larry Lee. They will make their home in Oregon.

Bud Gillespie returned home Thursday from a trip to Columbus, Ga. He covered 14 states on his trip.

Friday, Sept. 21, there will be Country Store Day on the lawn at the hotel, sponsored by St. Martha's Guild.

There will be grab bag, second hand stall, general store, baked goods, jams and jellies, fruits and vegetables, country tea room, loggers and ladies sandwiches, and fresh ground coffee cake. Everyone is invited.

Bud Denney and family have as house guest his mother from California. She arrived by bus Saturday.

Alligator's Freedom Brought To End

Oklahoma City — (U.P.) — Alfred the alligator, who slithered to two days of freedom, was back in his pen at Lincoln Park zoo today.

Alfred escaped Sunday when his pen was accidentally left unlocked. All eight feet and 250 pounds of him slithered into a nearby lake.

Reptile curator Bob Jenni turned down an offer from the Tulsa zoo to send Alberta, a female alligator, to Oklahoma City as a lure for Alfred. This isn't the mating season and Jenni said Alberta probably would hold little attraction for Alfred.

A fish hook in Alfred's tail finally led to his capture. When he got close to the bank, a party of pursuers grabbed him and hauled him back to his pen.

Stockholm, Doria Crews To Testify

New York — (U.P.) — The captains and crews of the Stockholm and sunken Andrea Doria give their conflicting accounts in federal court today of the modern world's worst sea disaster.

The pre-trial testimony will be used in fixing the blame for the July 25 collision off Nantucket island which took the lives of 45 Andrea Doria passengers and five Stockholm crewmen.

Millions of words of testimony will be heard in the next three or four weeks by four prominent attorneys who have agreed to serve without pay as special masters in the taking of the pre-trial depositions.

The pre-trial testimony will be used eventually in the litigation of an estimated \$33 million in damage suits against the Italian line, owner of the sunken Andrea Doria and the Swedish-American line, owner of the damaged Stockholm.

SNAKE IN TROUBLE
Southside, Tenn. — (U.P.) — A friend of Virginia Mackey didn't have to go far to start hunting. As the man started to load his shotgun, a snake popped out of the gun barrel.



LECTURER—J. Lingen Wood, of Vancouver, British Columbia, will speak in the church auditorium of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, at Windsor ave. and Oakwood dr., Sept. 20. His subject will be "Christian Science: The Liberating Light of Truth." Wood is a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, and has traveled throughout the world. He served for 13 years on a Christian Science committee on publication for the Province of British Columbia.

Portland Zoo Gets Third Elephant

Portland — (U.P.) — Tuy Hoa, Portland's newest elephant, arrived yesterday to join previous arrivals Rosy and Buddy at the Washington zoo.

Tuy Hoa is a gift from the Vietnamese government. The elephant arrived in Tacoma Tuesday aboard the steamship Charles E. Dant, and then was transported to Portland.



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