

# Vanport School Project Provides Safety Valve For Educational Needs

PORTLAND, Aug. 7 (AP)—Oregon is taking a crack at one of its worst postwar log jams: the problem of roofing and teaching all the students who want to enter college.

It's done it simply, by taking a modern tuck in Mohammed. If you can't bring the housing to the college, take the college to the housing. The result is a state center just 15 minutes from Portland which offers college courses—complete with kitchen, bedroom and bath—to all comers.

For a year higher educational institutions have been groaning under unprecedented enrollments. An American council of education poll showed 75 per cent of all colleges short of housing. In Oregon, the governor estimated 5000 veterans would be turned away next term.

Oregon couldn't just put up a new college. In the first place, there's a state law about it: in the second place, where would the materials and the money come from?

**Look Brings Idea**  
While educators were brooding on the matter, Dr. Stephen Epler, veterans' advisor with the state system of higher education, looked out his front window. Epler, a navy vet who couldn't find a house in Portland, was living in nearby Vanport, a war housing project that is empty since the death of the shipyards.

"Plenty of housing out here," thought Epler. "Why couldn't we bring the classes here?"

So that's what the state system of higher education did.

Vanport Center is not strictly a "college." It's a center of extension classes, which the state can offer without the red tape involved in starting a new institution. But the courses were chosen to include freshman and sophomore requirements in the most popular fields: Liberal arts, business administration, pre-law, pre-medicine, pre-dental, architecture, forestry, journalism.

With Dr. Epler as director, Vanport Center opened this summer with 220 students, 94 of them veterans. The fall budget was built around an anticipated 500 enrollment. Officials think now it'll be more like 1500; and they could squeeze in several thousand more.

**Safety Valve**  
"Vanport is a safety valve," explained Dr. J. F. Cramer, dean of the extension division. "It can expand now to take the overflow from our permanent institutions, and—when there isn't any overflow—shrink back out of existence again."

That elasticity is a boon to educators, baffled by the fact they don't know what future enrollment levels will be. No college wants to build facilities for 25,000 students if in a couple of years it's going to have only 10,000.

Vanport Center is designed for veterans, fathers particularly. Unlike many campuses where married students live in tents or trailers and carry water for blocks, Vanport has completely furnished apartments, plus heavy shopping centers, school, library, hospital, recreation halls.

If Mr. and Mrs. Veteran both want to go to school—some Vanport enrollees do—that's simple, too. Vanport has nurseries where they can leave the small fry.

There'll even be college spirit at Vanport, though it'll be more of the family recreation than the rah-rah side. Counselors for men and women will direct student activities and athletics.

"We don't want any of this hubba-hubba stuff," students told school officials. Picnics with ice cream for the kiddies and family jaunts to the mountains were favored.

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# Stickpin Clue In Stab Death

SPOKANE, Aug. 7 (AP)—A three-carat stickpin diamond was being sought by police today as a possible clue to the death of Dr. R. A. Hahn, 81-year-old physician whose colorful life was brought to an end last night by a souvenir French army bayonet thrust through his heart.

The doctor's body was discovered by his son, Rudolph, who told police he found his father dead after a stranger in the hallway leading from his hotel apartment suite told him he had just been talking with the doctor.

Dr. C. J. Abrams, Spokane county coroner, said Hahn had been dead less than an hour when police were summoned. He said a three-carat diamond was missing from a stickpin usually worn by the doctor.

Dr. Hahn was a principal in several court cases and was convicted in 1945 of performing two illegal operations. He was released on probation under \$10,000 surety bond.

His former \$75,000 home was the scene of the fatal shooting of his second wife, 32 years his junior, in 1940, which a coroner's jury found to be a suicide.

# Army Hopeful On McNary Job

PORTLAND, Aug. 7 (AP)—Details on the McNary dam must be supplied by the army engineers for a decision on whether construction may go ahead after the federal construction moratorium ends September 30.

Col. O. E. Walsh, district army engineer, said, however, that he expected the McNary project would be allowed to proceed on schedule.

The Dorena dam, on which bids were called only Monday, will not be affected by the moratorium, which does not apply to work under way, and Col. Walsh said no other projects in this district would be affected.

Walsh outlined the situation after receiving detailed instructions on the moratorium. He said no bids, notices to proceed, awards, or invitations can be issued during the period.

# Crash Fatal To Five Blamed On Fast Speed

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Aug. 7 (AP)—A coroner's jury yesterday attributed the bus-truck crash which ended fatally for five persons near Ringen, Wash., July 27, to "too great a speed for the condition of the highway."

The jury said it also felt that "the schedule under which the bus driver was operating was too fast for the present road condition."

Merle Nelson, driver of the bus, was among those killed.

# On The Beat



# Tebee Picked For New Post

Appointment of Charles L. Tebee to be director of the northern Rocky mountain forest and range experiment station at Missoula, Mont., has been announced by Lyle F. Watts, chief of the forest service. He will assume his new duties September 1. Since July, 1943, Tebee has been assistant regional forester in charge of the forest service division of state and private forestry at Portland.

Tebee spent a year with the Caterpillar Tractor company in Klamath Falls, which led to employment as logging superintendent for a concern in the Philippine islands. Returning to the United States in 1934, Tebee entered the U. S. forest service. The northern Rocky mountain region includes Montana, northern Idaho and northeastern Washington.

# Former Chancellor Dies In Germany

BONN, Germany, Aug. 7 (AP) Wilhelm Marx, 82, veteran statesman who was chancellor of Germany in 1923-24 and 1926-28 under the Weimar republic, died here Monday.

He had been inactive politically since 1928.

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# Workman Dies In Flash Fire

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Fellow workmen at the Columbia Sand and Gravel company pit played a hose on the bunker underneath which he was working in a vain attempt to enable him to escape.

A welder, Roy Louis Christian, 39, barely scrambled to safety from above the bunker.

Abernathy's mother, Mrs. Lee Chetwood, lives at Halfway, Ore.

# Army Recruiting Man Inspects KF Office

Capt. Forrest Kleiman of the Portland army recruiting station visited the Klamath Falls station Tuesday on an inspection tour of this section. He reported that the army enlistment program for July had exceeded the quota by more than five per cent.

Reasons for the increased enlistment, according to Kleiman, are believed to be the new higher pay for regular army, the cancellation of the man's service experience, and the approach of the deadline on the GI bill of rights.

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