

# OVS Opens Up New Fields In State Education

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Oregon has a casual way of making history in the way of education. The Oregon Vocational School is one of those steps. The real meaning of developments up here on the hill is so vast that we get daily surprises from new angles.

The idea of regional vocational training is well established as a contrast to that of technical training. The Oregon plan of regional vocational education and state-wide coverage is a combination being watched by many other states. It is no stretch of imagination to say that the nation has its eyes on the new institution at Klamath Falls.

### The School's Aim

The one central aim of the Oregon Vocational school is to fit individuals for more valuable employment. The trainees working in the school will be either learning a wage-earning occupation or improving abilities in one already entered. No consideration is planned for training designed to broaden the general education of students. The school is specialized toward the utilitarian need of its students for increased earning power.

The entire vocational and technical program of the State Department of Vocational Education is of this specialized nature. To the secondary schools and to the higher education schools goes the responsibility for general training. Careful devotion to the aims of each type of education is a fundamental of Oregon's whole educational plan. One end product of such specialization is the general elimination of overlapping and resulting waste of public funds.

### Immediate Plans

The Oregon Vocational school is starting on plans using the axiom "that one must crawl before he can walk." Three or four classes are opened to start. From time to time others will be opened. It is then possible to make absolutely certain that a well qualified instructor, a completely equipped shop, and an organized program of training awaits each person entering a class.

With this foundation, the fall of 1947 will see a real drive to develop the school to the size planned. About 400 students are wanted to give the school a sound start. For the second year the plans anticipate 500 students. These are set as minimum goals.

A grand opening will be held in the early fall as a part of the school's program. Visitors will be invited from many states, some having already requested invitations.

### Course Organization

Let us forget how schools are run. None of the regular plans have a bearing. In the first place, courses have no annual starting and ending time. A class is started when needed and closes only when the need is met or the enrollment falls too low. The school will be open the year around to permit a trainee to complete his training in the shortest time.

The next important point is that each individual travels at his own rate. An estimated maximum time for learning the course is set, but the trainee is given a certificate and leaves the class when he can do the work. Each occupation is broken down into the essential jobs it requires. When the student can do a job properly, his record is marked to show it. If he has previous knowledge, this may mean that one trial at the job proves ability. If the job takes him several trials to learn completely, he is credited later.

A class is a gathering of individuals then at Oregon Vocational school, not a group progressing at the same rate. The result is a trainee receives a certificate, leaves the class when he is capable, and a new person is admitted from the applicants who are waiting. In some technical occupations the entry times will be more limited, but this will be an exception. Whenever a class is desired by a group of 10 or 15 persons, it will be set up even though it is not in the regular catalog of courses.

### College Credit

College credit is not given by the school.

### Entrance Requirements

The chief requirement for school entry is ability to profit by the instruction. Previous academic training has little bearing. The student must be at least sixteen years of age. Girls or women may enter on the same basis as men. Veterans or non-veterans are equally welcome. No upper age limit exists.

### Instructor Requirements

Instructors must come from the occupation for which training is to be given. The minimum experience is seven years, including a four-year apprenticeship period. This means that the real minimum is three years of experience. However, most instructors who are hired will have ten or more years of actual occupational experience.

The question of teacher training is easily resolved as the school maintains such training. Previous experience in teaching is secondary to well-rounded occupational experience. Each instructor enters on a probationary period of one year and receives much assistance on teaching problems during that period.

### Advisory Committees

The State Board of Education is to appoint a state-wide advisory committee to advise with it on general problems of the school. Each course of instruction will have its own advisory committee. The committee will aid in determining content of the course, advise as to instructor qualifications and general needs. Committees in the carpentry, auto mechanics, and cooking occupations are now in the process of formation.

### Tuition and Rental

Overall costs per student are considerably lower than college training or private trade school charges. This is partly due to shorter training periods.

The rental ranges from \$11.00 per month for a student in a four-student room, \$13.00 per month in a two-student room, and \$35.00 per month in an apartment. Apartment rental includes heat, light, water, and garbage disposal.

Tuition is \$50.00 per month, with a few tools extra in some courses. Tools required are those the graduate must have to secure employment as well as necessary in the training course.

Student work will be used to assist many of those enrolled. The result of such a policy will be to aid earnest students to secure the training they need.

### Types of Courses (See Catalog List at End of Article)

**SPECIAL** — Courses for special groups or purposes will meet at the school. The Oregon State Police School now in session is one. Two groups of officers from the state police force meet for three weeks each with many instructors conducting meetings. The vocational agriculture instructors and veteran agriculture instructors will hold sessions for one week beginning August 4.

**TECHNICAL** — A technical occupation is one of semi-professional character or one which involves a great deal of detailed scientific or other technical knowledge. Courses for these occupations are one of the unusual parts of the school. New courses exist in the whole country for training as engineering aides and occupations for work on the staff of professional employers such as computers, inspectors, instrument men, and laboratory aides.

**TRADE** — Training in the occupations known as trades and crafts will be available as needed. This training is specifically aimed at providing basic skills, which when followed by a period of job experience or apprenticeship training will lead to craftsmanship.

**AGRICULTURAL** — Practical agricultural practices courses will be offered to meet the needs of students from the area in which they live.

**DISTRIBUTIVE** — The occupations dealing with distribution of goods and services, namely retail and wholesale trade and service occupations, are included. Courses in business management will be especially designed in certain cases for trainees in other occupations that have plans to establish their own business.

**HOMEMAKING** — Classes for present and future homemakers will largely be presented on a short unit basis. They will meet either days or evenings. Students in the school, students' wives, and women from Klamath Falls will be admitted to these classes.

**EVENING CLASSES** — Courses for persons who wish to attend in the evenings will be available. The Oregon Vocational School will cooperate with Klamath Falls Union High School in these courses.

### Community Tie-up

Many of the facilities at Oregon Vocational School are either supplementary to local ones or in addition to them. To develop the best services then, close coordination with the local school boards and Mr. Arnold Gralapp, Superintendent of Schools, will be maintained. The cooperation and support of groups in the community will be sought and returned. As a sidelight, when the committee from Klamath Falls appeared before the Ways and Means Subcommittee and secured a change to a favorable report, the cooperation angle was most important. Members of the legislature recognize the urgent need for such local support, and the fine evidence of such report was a telling factor in the decision. From my own standpoint, it was a major factor in deciding in favor of accepting appointment here. After arriving the support given has exceeded promises. Coupled with many features of climate, sports opportunities, and other advantages we have become regular Chamber of Commerce representatives in bragging up our new country.

The rifle range is in considerable demand with requests from Oregon National Guard, local rifle clubs, such as Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Marine Corps League, and others. The use of the range will be extended to the limit of scheduling possibilities.

The swimming pool was unfortunately damaged by freezing. The circulation pump housing and several large gate valves were split during last winter. All of these parts are very expensive so that repairs will have to wait until at least the 1948 summer season. Community use

will be made where the pool can be opened. Community participation in costs too will be necessary to make an opening possible.

### Physical Plant

The plant is in good shape generally, with most repairs minor. Plans for conversion of barracks to living quarters are progressing. Three buildings contracted for remodeling into apartments by Pinner and Watkins are due to be finished by August 5, at latest estimates. The dependents' hospital is almost finished as an instructor housing building with three two-bedroom and three one bedroom apartments.

### School Budget

Klamath County legislative representatives were openly doubtful that the state appropriation was adequate. It was apparent, however, that the state could not well increase the total at that time to many problems.

The doubts appear to be well founded, and every measure for economical administration is being used. Should enrollment reach or exceed the 400 for 1947-48 and 500 for 1948-49 as estimated, the budget will just carry through as it now appears.

### Catalog of Courses

The following presents courses planned for immediate and later opening during the first two years. Other courses will be opened if need and interest appear.

#### AGRICULTURE:

- Animal Enterprises—9 months (1170 hours)
- Farm Crops—9 months (1170 hours)
- Farm Management—9 months (1170 hours)
- Farm Mechanics—9 months (1170 hours)
- General Agriculture—18 months (2340 hours)

#### DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION:

- Accounting—12 months, 2 weeks (1620 hours)
- Bookkeeping—8 months, 2 weeks (1080 hours)
- Retail Selling—8 months, 2 weeks (1080 hours)
- General Office and Business Practice—8 months, 2 weeks (1080 hours)

#### TRADES AND INDUSTRIES:

- Air Conditioning Mechanics—12 months (1560 hours)
- Aircraft Mechanics and Engine Mechanics—18 months, 2 weeks (2400 hours)
- Auto Body and Fender Repair—18 months, 2 weeks (2400 hours)
- Automotive Electricity—11 months (1400 hours)
- Auto Mechanics—25 months, 2 weeks (3300 hours)
- Auto Painting—6 months, 1 week (800 hours)
- Baking—6 months, 2 weeks (840 hours)
- Barbering—6 months, 1 week (800 hours)
- Blacksmithing—8 months, 2 weeks (1080 hours)
- Brick Laying and Stone Masonry—8 months, 2 weeks (1080 hours)
- Carpentry—8 months, 2 weeks (1080 hours)
- Cement and Concrete Finishing—4 months, 1 week (540 hours)
- Cooking—8 months, 2 weeks (1080 hours)
- Cosmetology—12 months (1560 hours)
- Diesel Mechanics—11 months, 3 weeks (1500 hours)
- Dry Cleaning—8 months, 2 weeks (1080 hours)
- Electric Appliance Repairing—8 months, 2 weeks (1080 hours)
- Electric Motor Repair—18 months, 2 weeks (2400 hours)
- Electricity (Inside Wireman)—6 months (780 hours)
- Furniture—6 months (780 hours)
- Furniture Making and Repair—8 months, 2 weeks (1080 hours)
- Jewelry Manufacturing and Repair—12 months (1560 hours)
- Laundering—6 months (780 hours)
- Machine Shop—21 months, 1 week (2750 hours)
- Jun Making and Repair—12 months (1560 hours)
- Meat Cutting—12 months (1560 hours)
- Men's Tailoring—12 months (1560 hours)
- Mill and Cabinet Work—12 months (1560 hours)
- Neon Sign Work—12 months (1560 hours)
- Office Equipment Repair—12 months (1560 hours)
- Painting and Decorating—12 months (1560 hours)
- Patternmaking—12 months (1560 hours)
- Photography—12 months (1560 hours)
- Plastering—9 months (1170 hours)
- Plumbing and Pipefitting—12 months (1560 hours)
- Motion Picture Projection Work—9 months (1170 hours)
- Radio Repairing—12 months (1560 hours)
- Refrigeration Servicing—12 months (1560 hours)
- Restaurant Operation—6 months (780 hours)
- Sheet Metal Work—18 months, 1 week (2360 hours)
- Sporting Goods Repair—6 months (780 hours)
- Upholstering—12 months (1560 hours)
- Watch and Clock Repairing—14 months, 1 week (1850 hours)
- Welding, Arc and acetylene—6 months (780 hours)

#### TECHNICAL EDUCATION:

- Commercial Art and Design—18 months (2340 hours)
- Dental Technician—12 months (1560 hours)
- Drafting—6 months (780 hours)
- Electrical Technician (Industrial Electronics)—18 months (2340 hours)
- Engineering Aide (Construction)—18 months (2340 hours)
- Engineering Aide (Highway)—15 months (1950 hours)
- Engineering Aide (Hydraulic)—15 months (1950 hours)
- Horology—14 months, 1 week (1850 hours)
- Medical Technician—12 months (1560 hours)
- Optical Technician (Optician)—12 months (1560 hours)
- Radio and Communications—18 months, 1 week (2360 hours)
- Sewage Disposal—9 months (1170 hours)
- Surveyman—12 months (1560 hours)

## Auto Heads Eye Boost

DETROIT, Aug. 4 (AP)—Automobile circles wondered whether a two to six per cent boost in car prices by General Motors corporation was the beginning of a new price spiral in the industry.

There was considerable uncertainty whether Ford Motor company and Chrysler corporation, chief rivals of General Motors, would follow the price hike announced by GM Friday.

However, unconfirmed reports circulated through the industry that at least one other manufacturer was prepared to announce price increases shortly.

General Motors upped its price tags from \$57 to \$168 on all five passenger car models and on Chevrolet trucks.

President Walter P. Reuther, whose CIO United Auto Workers bargain for 220,000 General Motors production workers, termed the price increases "another large stride down the inflationary road leading to depression and mass unemployment."

A wage increase to the union last April was cited by GM President C. E. Wilson as one of the factors influencing the increased price of cars. He estimated the wage increase upped the company's operating costs by 12 per cent.

## Labor Backing Liquor Law Change

PORTLAND, Aug. 4 (AP)—State labor organizations reported today formal action to seek an amendment to the Kno law to provide sale of liquor by the drink may get under way soon.

Herman Kenin, president of the Portland Musicians' union, said labor officials recently conferred with the Hotel association representatives on the subject.

The state AFL convention at Bend had recommended changes in the law.

## Herbert Marshall Weds Boots Mallory

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., Aug. 4 (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Marshall were honeymooning here today.

The 37-year-old actor and Patricia (Boots) Mallory, 34, former dancer, were married yesterday by the Rev. Joseph M. Ewing at Santa Barbara's First Presbyterian church.

Attending were the bridesmaid, Mrs. Richard Hill of Santa Barbara; the best man, Actor Nigel Bruce; and a small group of film friends. Marshall formerly was married to Actress Edna Best and Lee Russell and Miss Mallory formerly was the wife of Film Producer William Cagney.

## Conscience Prisoners Up

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 4 (AP)—Today is conscience day in central police court.

Among the persons scheduled for arraignment before Chief Magistrate John J. O'Malley are: Richard Charles Schumacher, 32, who—according to Detective Richard McInerney—gave himself up yesterday to face a charge involving

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