

### Record OTI Enrollment Seen; Policy Change Made

OTI has adopted a new policy for the coming term in regard to enrollment applications, according to Winston D. Purvine, director. Recent high school graduates will be asked to produce transcripts of credits.

Also, it appears that about seven of the regular courses will be placed on a waiting list basis before the school term starts on Sept. 14. An unprecedented number of students have already signified their desire to attend OTI this year.

A comparison of enrollment application figures shows that: Before August 1, 1952, applications had been received from 15 new students who were applying for entry. Between Aug. 1 and

Aug. 31, nine more were received, making a total of 24. This year, by Aug. 11, 1953, the school has received 214 application from new students. On Tuesday, 10 applied for admission.

The figure for old students expected to return to school has not changed appreciably. In August, 1952, 306 were expected to return.

"We have maintained the same number of instructor positions that we had last year, but we have our finger out and placed on several possible new instructors and are looking for more. We may have to hire 15 new people within a week. It is just crazy."

**BIG CLASS**  
The electronics technology course, which is radio and TV together, has 23 new enrollments this year, Purvine said. There are 34 carry-ahead students. The greatest number of students that course has ever had in the past was 42. The entire building will be taken over for the course which previously had just the one floor. This dislodges all the business courses which were upstairs.

"We are putting in a complete TV shop," stated Purvine. "The enrollment right now will fill four of the seven classrooms in that building, and that is without any 'walk-in' enrollment. Last year by the time school started, an additional 50 students had enrolled in addition to the 24 counted by Aug. 31. Then we had more than 200 'walk-ins.' If that happens in the same proportion this year, we can expect 1000.

"Diesel mechanics technology course had an enrollment of about 80 students at the previous high point. We now have a registration of new students of 42 and a carry-ahead of more than 50. So we have moved the cabinet making classes from the Marshall Cornett Hall to the laundry building and have given that space over to a heavy equipment shop for diesel.

"The auto body and fender repair class has 17 new students and a carry-ahead enrollment of 19, making a total of 36 already. It has had the most pronounced upswing of any class, so we moved carpentry from the separate building it was in to the laundry building, to make its old shop available either for body and fender or diesel.

"Surveying technology and engineering design technology are being moved to a newly remodeled building to meet accreditation requirements and increased enrollment. The space they vacate, which is two large classrooms in Nickerson Hall will be used, after being remodeled, for business courses."

The summer patching up of the streets and general repair work has been done, the director indicated. Fourteen more classrooms have been prepared in existing buildings to take care of the technical related classes and allied subjects. Work on the campus is 50 per cent technical and 50 per cent practical.

The technical institute, established in 1947, had more than 98 per cent veteran enrollment that year. Last year the number of veterans of World War II and Korea had dropped to under 20 per cent. This year it appears that the figure will be less than 10 per cent. There are only 18 veterans among the new students who have applied for admission.

So, for the first time in its history, OTI will have a student body of the type that was normal prior to 1941.



**SIGNING UP** for enrollment in the fall term at OTI is Robert L. Brooks (left) of Redmond, the 214th new student to sign up. He is the nephew of J. C. Renie, Klamath Falls jeweler. Don Kettler, H&N staff photographer, caught him talking over the body and fender course with Winston D. Purvine (right), OTI director. Brooks was the 10th new student to apply for admission on Tuesday.

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for the school term starts on Sept. 14. An unprecedented number of students have already signified their desire to attend OTI this year.

A comparison of enrollment application figures shows that: Before August 1, 1952, applications had been received from 15 new students who were applying for entry. Between Aug. 1 and

of that number, 283 had entered school by the end of the first week of the fall term. In August, 1953, a total of 306 are expected to return.

"This new student figure is very startling to us," said Purvine. "It is a terrific spot to be in. Anything can happen to change the prognosis of enrollment. This is what we have done:

### Bly Sets Plans For Weekend

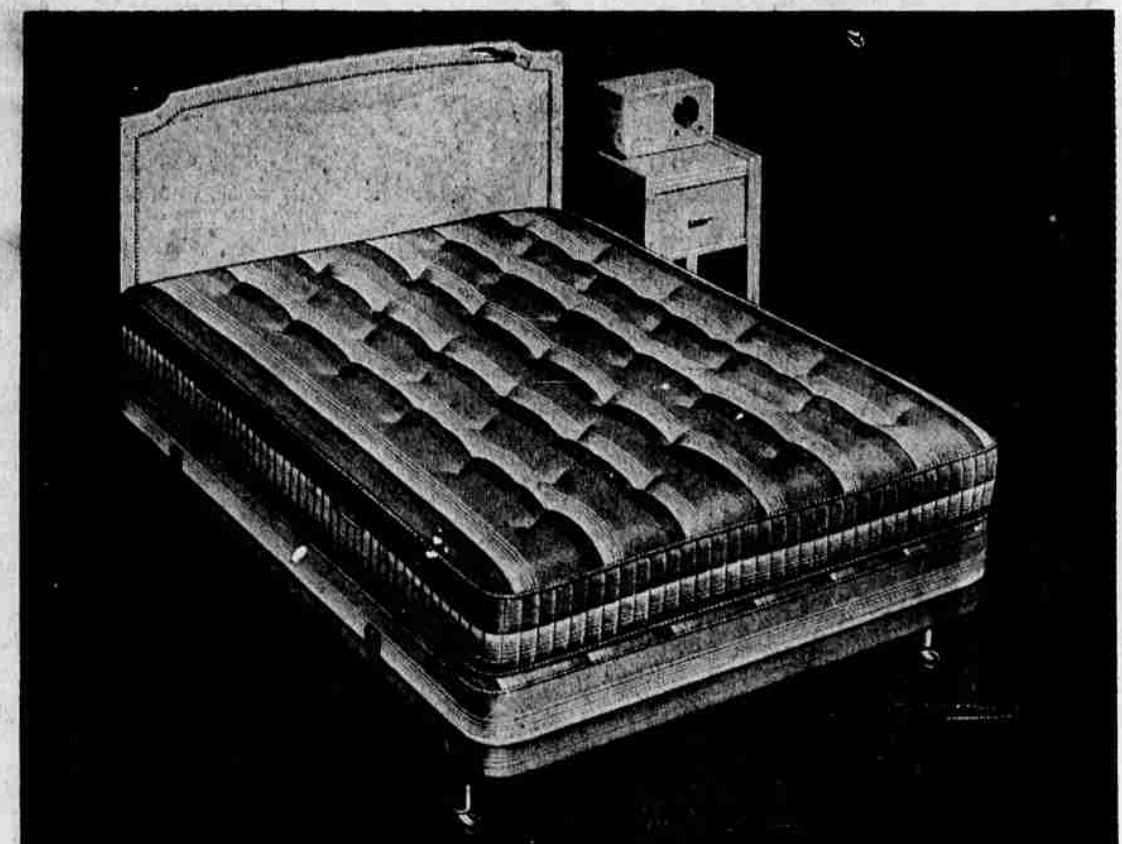
**BLY** — All Civic and Social groups at Bly have banded together to sponsor the Bly United Organizations weekend, August 15-16. Festivities will start with a street dance Saturday night. Both modern and square dances will be featured. Music will be by the Three Notes from Lorella; squares will be called by Vic Douglas of Klamath Falls.

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock concession stands will be opened at Bly's Sprague River Recreational Area. Booths containing fancy work, food and coffee, fortune

telling and a fish pond will be in operation. A fly casting contest and various games for entertainment will round out the morning. The grand finale will be a beef barbecue at 4 p.m. Proceeds from this venture will be used to construct a tennis court.

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