

Enrollment Increases At OTI

W. D. Purvine, director at Oregon Technical Institute, said Saturday that he is through guessing as to this year's enrollment at the mile-high school.

Advance enrollment at the registrar's office Friday evening stood at 863. This number includes 430 returning students and 433 freshmen. Freshmen last year on October 3 totaled 428. Total registration on that date last year was 648.

A union crew has been arranged for to start Monday remodeling another building to provide a dormitory to house 114 students. Even with this additional building, Purvine said, all housing is accounted for at the rate of four students per room.

Additional buildings will be remodeled as necessary, the director stated.

Union plumbers, electricians, painters and carpenters are to start remodeling a building to house a new auto painting shop which will duplicate present facilities. Another building will house a complete new body and fender shop. The body and fender shop being vacated will become a service welding shop. The machine shop is being expanded by the addition of 26 lathes.

Diesel remains number one on the list of total students, with 84 returning students and 102 freshmen signed up for the course. The electronics technician course is second in popularity with 35 returning students and 57 freshmen signed up.

Other courses which are showing increased enrollment are auto body and fender, auto mechanics technology, surveying technology, engineering design technology, X-ray and gunsmithing. The latter two courses have a waiting list.

"Three out of every four students state their reason for choosing OTI is contact with present or former students of Oretch," Purvine stated.

"We attribute the increased enrollment mainly to the demand of employers for OTI students and the satisfaction of previous students with the school," he added.

Basin Potato Fields Hit By Infestation Of Aphid

A heavy buildup of aphid in certified seed potato fields in the Klamath Basin particularly in the Butte Valley area is causing some consternation among entomologists and insecticide manufacturers as well as the seed growers themselves, according to Joe Schuh, local entomologist.

Potato fields have been hit with the heaviest infestation of aphid since 1946, and the disease carrying insects apparently are becoming immune to insecticides formerly used to control them.

Operating on the theory that two heads are better than one, Schuh called in several federal entomologists to assist in making tests with new insecticides in an attempt to control the pests.

Experts from the entomology research branch of the United States Department of Agriculture

stationed at Forest Grove, Oregon, who arrived last week to work with Schuh included: Joe Chamberlin, Charles Getzenanger and Cal Deonier.

Other men called in were Lee Stevens and Walter Wilson from the agricultural engineering research department of the USDA.

G. R. Ferguson, president of the agricultural division of the Geigy Chemical Company, New York, and Vernon W. Olney, representative of the same company in Fresno, flew into Klamath Falls Thursday to assist with the insecticide tests. The Geigy Company and Walker Brothers of Merrill have furnished most of the experimental chemicals used in the trials.

One government plane was flown from Forest Grove to aid in the spraying program. The plane was piloted here by Harold Bushmeyer. Local planes used in the tests included two owned by Ken Huff-

man, Malin, and two belonging to Jack Mulkey, Klamath Falls. According to Schuh, the insecticide Yapon, used here for years with good results, is not doing the job this season, even though the dosage has been doubled as well as the gallonage per acre.

Ground applications of Systox did a good job early in the season, but with the vines closed in between the rows it is now necessary to spray or dust by airplane. Air applications of Systox have not been satisfactory. Ompa, a new chemical never

before tried here was flown to this country from Germany and has been included in the tests as has another newcomer, Diazinon, which was flown here from the Geigy plant at Fresno. Last year a considerable quantity of Malathion was used for

aphid control with good results. This year it is not doing a satisfactory job. Nicotine is another chemical that has been tried in the tests, according to Schuh. After completing the spray tests Saturday morning, tests were to be made in the afternoon using all

available dust type insecticides including Malathion.



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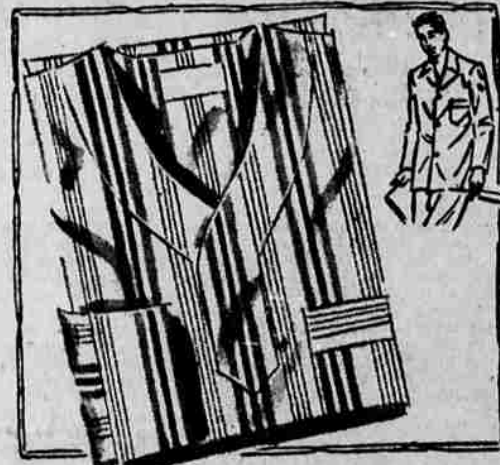
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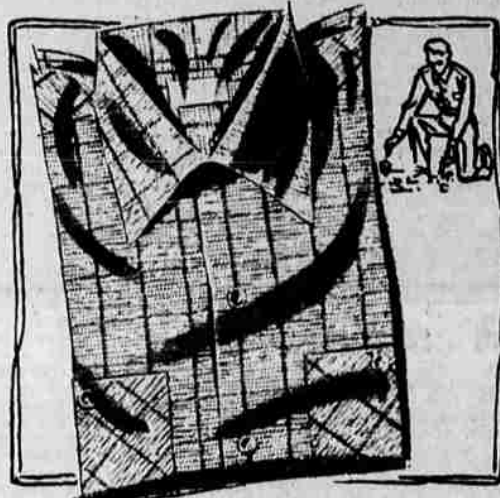
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