

Million Dollar Trade School Dedicated

Top representatives of labor and management joined with school officials last Tuesday in dedicating the new million-dollar Laney Trade and Technical Institute, a tuition-free public school operated by the Oakland Board of Education.

The dedication signals the expansion of a school originated in 1927 and known as the Central Trade School. The name was changed to Laney several years ago in honor of the late Joseph C. Laney, whose efforts on behalf of trade education has had its influence throughout the State of California.

Otto H. Hieb, president of Oakland Board of Education, and Selmer H. Berg, superintendent of schools, officially presented the school to the citizens of Oakland at the dedication ceremonies.

A. G. Alameida, president of the Central Labor Council, and William H. Oliver, representing management, accepted the school on behalf of more than 40 trades essential to the industries of the Bay area.

Superintendent Berg declared that Laney Trade Tech "marks the realization of wise educa-

tional and community planning.

"Laney Trade Tech proclaims a philosophy of education which recognizes the value of all types of human talent and ability.

"It provides fitting opportunity for the development of skilled workers in essential occupations.

"It testifies to the dignity of skilled labor and quality craftsmanship.

"It enriches the community with trained manpower."

EXPANDED PROGRAM

The original 1927 pre-employment program of 10 classes has expanded to meet local industry's demands so that now vocational training for jobs is available for the young men and women of Oakland in 37 different trade and technical fields, supplemented by evening trade extension and apprentice classes in 56 different trades.

In accepting the new plant at Third Avenue and East Third Street on behalf of the school, Principals Paul D. Thomas and H. N. Wright pointed out that Oakland now has one of the finest and most extensive trade schools on the Pacific Coast.

The courses offered include

pre-employment classes which prepare students to enter employment as experienced workers or prepare students to take standard examinations for licenses.

Courses in cosmetology (approved by the State Board of Cosmetology), radio communications (in preparation for the Federal Communications Commission examinations for radio telephone or telegraph licenses), or the aircraft engines and aircraft mechanics training courses (approved by C.A.A.) are examples of this type of training.

Other pre-employment courses including drafting and building estimating, dental assisting, restaurant cooking, tailoring, trade millinery, power sewing, household employment, waiter and waitress courses, soda fountain operation, and horticulture courses.

GOOD EXAMPLE

Upholstery student Robert Wilbur is a good example of the total training program offered at Laney Trade and Technical Institute in apprenticeable occupations.

After experimenting with a couple of jobs which offered no

future, Wilbur enrolled for pre-apprentice training in full-time day classes which meet for 30 hours a week.

Upon completion of basic training which he completed in only 10 months, he was placed in the trade as an apprentice upholsterer through the co-operation of the Joint Apprentice Committee for this trade.

Wilbur's full-time upholstery job is now supplemented by related technical training and practice in advanced techniques requiring special skills he cannot master on the job.

Evening apprentice classes meet for four hours a week at Laney Evening Trade and Technical Institute.

Upon completion of his program, Wilbur will be a journeyman upholsterer possessing the skills and technical knowledge of a true craftsman.

STANDARDS SET

Standards for admission to pre-apprentice training classes are determined by the Joint Apprentice Committees in accordance with job requirements and qualified students may enroll at any time in the school year, according to Vice-Principal Thomas W. Cole, who states this type of training may be taken in several crafts, including:

Auto mechanics, body and fender, diesel mechanics and machine shop, carpentry, industrial electricity; building trade including mill cabinet, painting, plumbing, refrigeration and sheet metal. Other pre-apprentice classes are offered in retail baking, in the printing trades, in pressing and spotting and in office machine repair.

Machine shop student Merle VanArsdale is an example of a third type of training available at Laney Evening Trade and Technical Institute. A journeyman machinist, VanArsdale is eager to keep up with new developments in the trade and broaden his job with new skills.

He is enrolled for six hours a week in trade-extension evening classes. This type of training is offered in many fields.

Dr. Spencer D. Benbow, assistant superintendent in charge of adult and vocational education, points out that the program for both day and evening classes is designed for flexibility to meet specific employment needs of training applicants.

Progress is therefore on an individual basis in most classes and enrollment is possible at any time during the school year with classes kept at small enrollment to permit individual instruction.

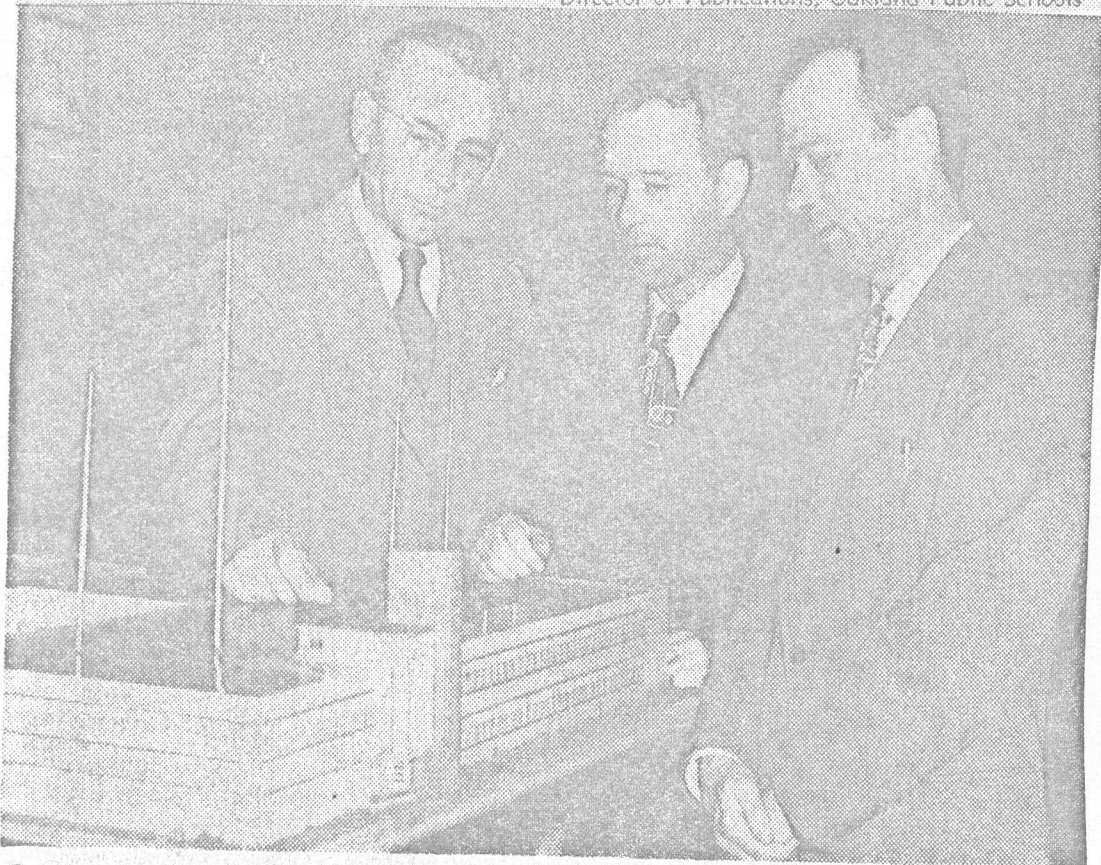
WIDE CHOICE

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Otto H. Hieb, president of the Oakland Board of Education (left), is shown discussing the new million dollar Laney Trade and Technical Institute with Howard and Clarence Laney, the Joseph C. Laney, after whom the school is named. OT 12/3/50