

### Buyers, Builders Asked for Opinion On Rules Changes

Washington, D.C. — The department of commerce has had hundreds of trade buyers and builders for an opinion on changes in plywood grading rules that could save millions of feet of Douglas fir from rotting on the west floors of southern and central Oregon.

The changes are offered in no amendments to the Commercial Standard for fir plywood used by the industry as broad minimum specifications. Among them are new plywood grading rules that will control the use of white pocket.

This is a disease which starts as a stain and ends as a maze of perforations in the wood rimmed with a white fuzzy substance, cellulose. Veneer infected with the disease in its most advanced stages is excessively weak.

**New Grading Rules**  
The new grading rules are officially offered by Douglas Fir Plywood Association of Tacoma, Wash., on the basis of an extensive two-year research project by the U. S.

Forest Products Laboratory at Madison, Wis. "For years," Hall said, "there has been no adequate way to use the vast stands of timber affected with this disease. We just didn't know enough about it. Our research has now enabled us to write minimum specifications for the use of that portion of this infected veneer which is usable. Properly controlled, it will not impair the strength or glue bond of plywood in any way."

The forest service estimates that 65 to 100 billion board feet of timber in western Oregon alone are infected to some degree. Hall said that if the proposed changes are accepted, up to 50 per cent of this material which has previously been culled may be used in plywood.

Douglas Fir Plywood association is pushing the amendments on behalf of 107 subscriber mills who account for more than 90 per cent of total industry output. Production in 1958 was 6.2 billion square feet.

The present Commercial Standard prohibits the use of white pocket veneer and DFPA bars it from plywood bearing DFPA stamps.

### 16-Year-Old Runs New Art Galley

Cleveland, Ohio — UPI — Roberta Ann Caswell, 16, is boss of the Cleveland area's newest art gallery, a shoestring operation opened recently in a rented real estate shack in suburban South Euclid.

The cute junior at Beaumont School for Girls named her gallery "The Dilemma Shop." She will sell oils and etchings by Cleveland Institute of Art students, handicrafts by patients at Sunny Acres Sanitarium, and miscellaneous toys and jewelry. Miss Caswell said she hoped the profits would see her through college.

Asked why she named the gallery "The Dilemma Shop," the pretty young owner said, "Don't you think that's an arty name?"



**HIGH TIDE DAMAGE**—The home of Bob McGraw on the Pacific Coast in Malibu, Calif., is imperiled by erosion caused by unusually high tides which have caused much damage in the area. Patio and ping-pong table are already gone, and the waves keep coming in.

### Wilson Warns of Critical Situation

Eugene—On the eve of what promises to be the most critical decade in the history of higher education in Oregon, O. Meredith Wilson, president of the University of Oregon, in a message to alumni last week, warned of the critical building situation facing the school.

Within the next 10 years, enrollments at the university are expected to soar past the 10,000 mark. By 1970, they are expected to climb above 12,000. These figures are

based on the numbers of students presently enrolled in elementary and secondary schools in Oregon. The same situation holds for other institutions in the Oregon state system of higher education.

The university is asking for three major building items in the 1959-61 biennium request made of the legislature. Of first importance among these is a new science building. Second is an addition to Condon hall which would house classrooms and office space.

Third is an addition to the library. Total cost of the projects is \$4,895,000.

President Wilson pointed out that while construction at the university has been moving forward as rapidly as funds become available, past legislatures have postponed important building needs.

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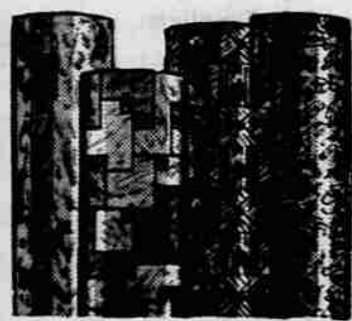
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