

Student at OTI Gets Scholarship

Jesse Floyd Dressler Jr., son of Capt. and Mrs. Floyd Dressler, 883 Old Stage rd., is a recipient of the Associated General Contractors scholarship at Oregon Technical Institute, Klamath Falls. He is a fifth term student in highway technology and an honor student at OTI.

A graduate of Jacksonville High school, Dressler is a member of Phi Theta Kappa national honor society. His wife is the former Elizabeth C. Falk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Klumph, 246 Benson st. The couple has two sons.

Plastic Used to Remove Dreary Sights of Industrial Plants

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New York — UPI — One of the eyesores of industrial America is slowly but steadily being cured by a new face lifting, plastic style.

The latest development to come out of the world of plastics is a coating which can change an ugly duckling of an industrial plant into a kaleidoscope of multi-colored pipes and machinery.

The coating, urethane, pro-

vides a sparkle that lasts for years, and a surface that is virtually abrasion-proof and scratch-proof, according to manufacturers of the plastic.

Outlasts Paint
Myron Bryant, president of Better Finishes and Coatings Co., a Dixon chemical subsidiary, said this unusual plastic lasts four times as long as ordinary paint and gives a glossy hard covering that can be cleaned with very little effort.

A number of large industrial firms have already turned to the new plastic to exchange somber exteriors for a fresh, long-lasting gleam. Industry sources estimate the

sales of the new urethanes have moved up from \$1 million in 1958 to more than \$8 million last year.

Bryant noted that plants using chemicals or acids are particularly impressed with the new plastic because it cannot be corroded by accidental spillage. And trucks and tank cars carrying chemicals or acids now are beginning to acquire urethane coats to protect against spillage damage.

A prime example of this switch from a somber tone to pastels is Du Pont's chamber works in Deepwater, N.J. Decked in light green with touches of yellows and reds, the plant now glistens by daylight or floodlight.

Maintenance men chose a light green to hide streaks that were bound to show up on parts of the unit. Apparently one of the chemicals used in the process finds a way to seep through even the tightest joint, and slight green staining had continually shown up here and there. But Du Pont said, when you can't lick them, join them. They painted her green.

Contrasting colors also were used. In normal operation heat had turned several joints a light color, so the maintenance men simply picked an ivory-colored urethane finish to coat these parts. And they touched up platform edges and stair edges with the same color.

Control valves were coated with international orange. And all of Du Pont's normal safety-code colors were used — red for fire boxes, dark green for safety showers, yellow for potential hazards.

The urethane coating has been on the plant nine months and is holding up well according to Du Pont. It noted that a good rainstorm will take off any surface dirt and "leave the place sparkling."

The pastel color scheme has been a bonus for plant operating personnel as well. Unanimously, they agree the plant is a better place to work in, particularly at night when the coating adds brightness that was impossible when the plant was shrouded in black.

Urethane coating originally was developed to service military equipment but was found to have much greater utility in the industrial field. Bryant foresees a wide application of the plastic in the domestic and home-consumer fields.

Other applications of the plastic presently include floor finishes, wire coatings, inside coatings for pleasure boats, and coatings for rubber toys.

College Receives Health Service Training Grant

Corvallis — A new research and teaching program in microbial genetics will be added in the Oregon State university department of bacteriology July 1 under a \$176,000 training grant from the U.S. Public Health service.

The five-year grant provides for addition of a highly-trained staff member to head up the microbial genetics work and for four fellowships each year for outstanding graduate students.

In announcing receipt of the grant, university officials pointed to the increasing importance of microbial genetics. Much of the basic research in genetics is being conducted with microorganisms at present because they reproduce so rapidly that results are obtained much more quickly than with larger animals and plants.

Greater knowledge of the genetics of microorganisms will be a key also to progress in the fight against infectious diseases, it was noted.

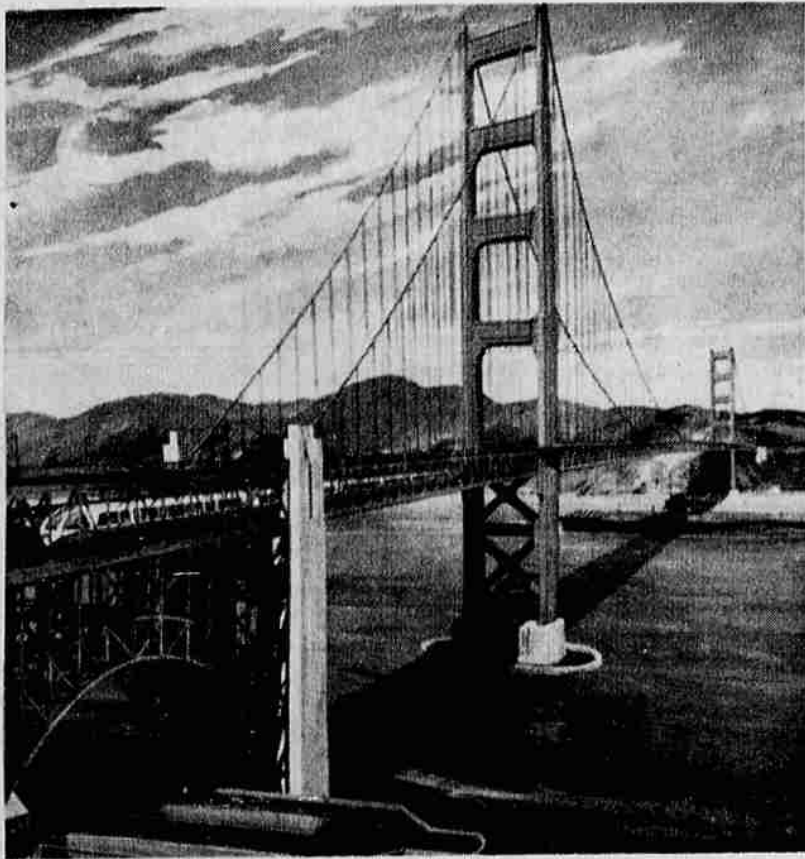
Dr. Paul R. Elliker, chairman of the bacteriology department, and Dr. K. S. Pilcher developed plans for the new program of work. The grant came from the infectious diseases section of the Public Health service.

Training in microbial genetics will be given in the bacteriology department at both undergraduate and graduate levels, Elliker said. Students majoring in various related fields—biochemistry, zoology, parasitology, botany, and plant pathology for example—also will benefit from courses in this field, he added, as will graduates going into state, government, and industrial laboratories dealing with public health problems.

The bacteriology department—which will change its name to the department of microbiology in July—received special equipment grants totaling \$24,000 last fall from the Public Health service and is now one of the West's best-equipped centers for research on microbiology, Elliker reported.

IN EXERCISE

John E. Grossen, electrician's mate third class, USN, participated in this year's largest Atlantic fleet amphibious exercise in the Caribbean area. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Crossen, route 1, box 129, Yreka, and a crewman aboard the USS Boxer.



BRIDGE STRONG — Special wind tunnel and structural studies have confirmed that modification of the Golden Gate bridge to carry rapid transit will damage neither the structure nor appearance of the famous span. Installation of the transit facilities would be beneath the automobile roadway of the span and within its present trusses. In the artist's conception shown here, a rapid transit train speeds virtually unseen across the bridge. Travel time from Mill Valley to downtown San Francisco would be 16 minutes. (UPI Telephoto)

Manufacturer Says Investment Opportunities in Europe Expand

New York — The investment opportunities for American firms in both the Common Market area and the so-called Outer Seven, said Lear, whose firm manufactures precision control equipment for aircraft and missiles.

"The Europeans now want all the things we have and they are eager for partnerships with American business to produce them rapidly," he said.

In housing and the industries that supply housing the opportunity is fabulous, Lear said. European home construction methods still are so old fashioned that if building went on at present rates, the housing shortage would get worse every year, he pointed out.

"Even progressive Sweden has such a terrible housing shortage that young couples can't marry because they can't get an apartment," he explained. The new era of cheap air transport and rising standards of living have created special housing development and other investment opportunities in long-neglected resort regions Lear said.

"For example, the huge Mediterranean islands of Corsica and Sardinia have been impoverished backwaters for centuries. Now both are on the threshold of something like the development Florida has had. The Rothschilds have just bought a huge desert in northern Corsica. They intend to develop it as a seaside resort and an irrigated truck farming area."

Cracks are developing in Europe's traditional cartelized industrial and merchandising structure to enable Americans to break into hitherto closed fields there, Lear said. For example, the gasoline cartel in Switzerland has been overthrown in recent years.

The chances of an American firm operating in Europe running into a European product with big potential for the American market always are good, Lear said.

Hospital officials noted there were now more than 150 industries and agencies in the metropolitan area using such materials. Last year there were several incidents where persons working with these materials had to be hospitalized for some reason.

Any person exposed to radioactive substances would be scrubbed and decontaminated before receiving medical or surgical treatment. The clothing would be destroyed.

Report Submitted to Ministry of Labor

Karachi, Pakistan — The government-appointed wage board for working journalists has submitted a 107-page report to the ministry of labor after seven months of deliberation.

The five-man board was organized May 30, 1960, "for fixing rates of wages in respect of working journalists."

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