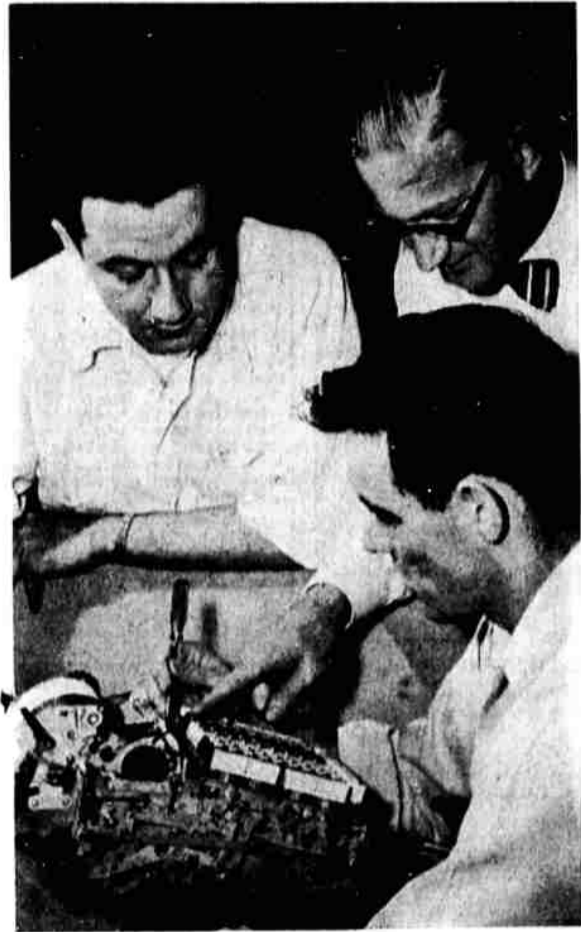


Widespread Demand for OTI Craftsmen



TEST FLIGHT— Del Jones (center above), department supervisor is checking out two students on their final exams. The students are (left) Douglas Probert, Conrad, Mont., and (right) Barney Mitchell, Portland. The two men are slated to receive their diplomas within a few days and will then consider several job offers.



HALFWAY JOB— The trio above is working on an Oretch exhibit for the State Fair. It's a cut-away typewriter that will show the function of working parts. The three students are (l. to r.): Bob Newvill, Redmond; Charlie Hilton, Orville, Calif.; and Arnold Wilding, Oswego.

Jobs Waiting For Graduates

By WALLACE MYERS

It's difficult to visualize anything appearing more utterly useless than a broken down typewriter that has lain on a muddy river bottom for several months. Well, there's a pile of such junk at Oregon Tech. . . Battered old machines so forlorn and rust-crust that you're apt to give your trousers a protective hitch before stepping over them.

Del Jones, boss of the Office Equipment Repair and Maintenance course at OTI, showed me the old machines. Jones got them as war surplus and some of them were actually fished out of the river at Portland.

Jones uses the old typewriters for laboratory specimens; if a student can rebuild one of those old pieces of mishandled machinery, chances are he can repair most any office machine.

NEW LIFE
And Jones' OTI students rebuild those water-logged pieces of junk so that they look like spanking new typewriters.

The course includes all types of office machines. All ages, makes and models. The students get thorough instruction in everything from an old 1906 Remington typewriter to modern electric typewriters and giant calculators. Fame of the Oretch course is rapidly spreading. Students are coming in from all over the country. And graduates have their pick of several jobs when they leave school. When I talked to Jones the other day he had a dozen or more letters on his desk from firms seeking to employ his graduates. A few of the appeals were from firms which had already hired OTI men and wanted more.

One letter I noted in particular. It was written by Vance Gribble, executive secretary of the Pacific Northwest Office Machine Dealers Association in Seattle. Gribble concluded his letter to Jones thus:

"I have met several repairmen from the school (OTI) and they do know all repairs of all the machines. You certainly are to be congratulated on the fine job done at the school. Without a doubt it is one of the finest schools in the country."

BACKGROUND
Jones literally grew up in the office machine business. He started as a delivery boy for the Remington outfit in San Francisco and progressed to the top echelons. Later he served with both Woodstock and Royal, two other leading machine firms.

Jones' assistant is Ed Patzer. Ed entered the field by completing the course at Farago Institute in Idaho. Then he learned about OTI and came here for a post-graduate course. Now, after some summer school work, Patzer has been certified as an instructor.

If all adds up to another big blue ribbon for Oretch's glossy coat of achievement.

Truck and Car Hit, 2 Killed

SEATTLE (AP)— Two persons were killed and a third critically injured Wednesday night in a truck - auto collision on the Seattle - Tacoma Highway south of here.

Killed were Ralph Dustin, 37, and his wife, Corrine, 35, both of Seattle. Richard Hubbard, 39, Tacoma, a passenger in their car, was taken to New Renton Hospital for treatment of a severe head injury. State Patrolman said the Dustin car and a heavy Army truck collided head-on on 18 miles south of here when the truck crossed the center line. Clay D. Butts, of Fort Lewis, driver of the truck, said he crossed into the oncoming lane to avoid another automobile.

Congressman Say Reds Outdoing U.S. Airmen

WASHINGTON (AP)— Two members of the House Armed Services Committee said Thursday "the Soviet is out-producing us in planes by three or four to one" and demanded an investigation.

In a joint statement, Representatives Norbell (R-Ore.) and Nelson (R-Me.) suggested that the House Armed Services Committee inquire into "the extreme lag in combat aircraft production."

"We don't pretend to know just wherein the fault lies," they said, "but certainly something is wrong with a system whereby the Soviet is out-producing us in planes by three or four to one."

Claims have been made that the joint chiefs of staff have erred in their future scheduling, that there has been a lack of appropriated funds, that factory production schedules are lax, that there are material shortages and a half dozen other reasons.

"It seems to us that it is high time to find out just where the fault and to correct it if possible."

"Neither ourselves nor the American people like to think that our flyers are not given a proper number of planes in Korea or that as planes are shot down this great industrial country is only producing sufficient quantity to barely replace them."

Nelson and Norbell both served as combat intelligence officers with the Eighth Air Force in World War II.



INSTRUCTOR Ed Patzer (second from left) is making with a mimeograph for three students. On Patzer's right is Wesley H. Parent, Billings, Mont. To Patzer's left is Chet Cogburn, Midland, Tex., and Jack Burpee, Longview, Wash.

Bar Exams Get Court Defense

SALEM (AP)— The Oregon Supreme Court said Wednesday that the state's bar examinations are fair, and it added that it would continuously seek to improve their quality.

Answering charges that the bar examination questions favor graduates of law schools in Oregon, the high court said this is not true.

The investigation was made by Chief Justice James T. Brand, and the whole court approved his report.

Justice Brand wrote that the State Board of Bar Examiners would continue to study the question.

"The examinations given in Oregon constitute in general as fair a test as is given in any state," the report said.

"The quality of the examinations will not only be maintained but will be improved in the future," Decisions Wednesday:

Earl W. Withers and others vs. Ralph E. Reed, appellant. Appeal from Harney County. Suit over water rights. Opinion by Justice Hall S. Luak. Judge M. A. Biggs, affirmed, 4 to 3.

Frank C. Turner and others, appellants, vs. Robert H. McDaniell. Appeal from Lane County. Suit for account of partnership in a machine shop. Opinion by Justice Walter L. Toole. Judge G. F. Skipworth, affirmed.

U. Grant Davis, executor, vs. Ray W. Hurlbut and wife, appellants. Appeal from Lane County. Suit to cancel deed. Opinion by Justice Harold J. Warner. Judge G. F. Skipworth, affirmed.

Youth Charges Cop Beating

PORTLAND (AP)— Norman E. Hardy, 18, Tigard, asked \$35,000 damages Wednesday in a suit in which he accused two Portland policemen of beating him after an automobile accident Dec. 24.

Hardy named Victor Keller and Thomas Henswick as the policemen. They were named as defendants, along with Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee of Portland.

British Test Defense Units

LONDON (AP)— British troops in Southeast England went on a surprise alert Thursday to show potential invaders it's still a tight little island, and with no soft underbelly.

Cooks, clerks and everyone else in British Army uniform in the area moved to battle stations in an anti-invasion practice which lasted through the early morning.

The maneuver was part of a program of anti-invasion training announced to Parliament last December. Prime Minister Churchill said then that though Britain's troops were far fewer than in World War II and still widely scattered, the nation "should suggest to the mind of a potential paratrooper the back of a hedgehog rather than the paunch of a rabbit."

Kind Bartender Draws Fine

HUDDERSFIELD, Eng. (AP)— A bartender who helped a customer—a good one, apparently—into his car was fined 10 pounds (\$28) Wednesday for "aiding and abetting" drunken driving.

The police nabbed the customer-driver, who pleaded guilty to a drunken driving charge and paid 25 pounds (\$70).

Bartender Tom Hobson, the police added, knew the man had had too much when he samaritanned him to his vehicle.

GRUENTHER LEAVES

PARIS (AP)— Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, chief of staff to Gen. Eisenhower at supreme headquarters, Allied powers in Europe, left by plane Wednesday for a 12-day visit to the United States.

Tule Scouts Offer Show

TULELAKE—Vaudeville, the biggest show ever to be presented here according to E. E. Pedersen, Scoutmaster for Boy Scout troop 44 will be presented to the public Saturday night in the Tulelake high school gymnasium. All adult talent is on the program and the show promises to be a riot of fun.

Acts will be snappy without a dull moment to mar the continuity, Pedersen said today.

The Klamath Falls chorus and quartet of Barbershoppers, and House Brothers quartet, Mary Jane Paygr at the Hammond organ and dozens of novelty acts are planned.

Funds from the show will finance the trip for 57 Scouts to summer camp at Crescent Lake and six boys Jack Thomas, Joe Zlabek, Robert Ager, Grant Asher, Harley Blankenship and George Fischer

to a 29 day trip starting June 15 to the Philmont ranch, Cimmaron, N. M. They will be accompanied by Pedersen and Ken Pollard Alturas. Scouts from the entire Modoc council will attend.

Curtain time on the show is 8 p.m. Tickets are being sold by Boy Scouts and at the door.

ATOMIC SALE

SALEM (AP)— State Civil Defense Director Jack A. Hayes left Thursday for Las Vegas, Nev., to witness atomic tests, along with civil defense officials of other states.

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