



# THE OWL HOOTS

By AL GEISS

In browsing through the office files early in the week this writer came across a recently-inserted folder containing reports from faculty members concerning their 1961 summer activities. The fact that the teachers scattered to the four winds was not unexpected but the capacities which a number of them assumed at their respective destinations was both interesting and impressive.

Don Miller and Burdette Dodge from the Metals Division accepted employment with Aerojet-General Corporation at Sacramento as training coordinators in the Solid Fuels Rocket Program. Don's assignment consisted of preparing and writing training manuals for "welding evaluation" and "basic metalurgy" to be utilized in all of the Aerojet - General plants. Burdette's responsibilities included developing a profile method of student evaluation for instructors in the corporation's training programs, compiling a set of questions for screening prospective measurement inspectors and aiding in assigning classification ranks and writing a Manual of Instruction in the field of Metrology. Burdette concurrently formulated a course of instruction in the field of Metrology for Oregon Tech. Complimentary copies of the manuals which Don developed will also be sent to Oregon Tech.

Diesel instructors Merle Jackson and William Swartz had tremendous experiences attending the four-week Sixth Annual Aerospace Education Workshop at Portland which was sponsored by the Oregon State System of Higher Education in cooperation with the Civil Air Patrol, Oregon Air National Guard, Air Force, Navy, Federal Aviation Agency, United Air Lines, Skyway, Inc. Boeing Company National Aeronautics, General Extension Division and private and commercial aviation groups. The workshop concerned the challenges and problems of the aerospace age and included training in the areas of "Weather and Weather Maps and Their Uses," "Aspects of Power Supply for Satellites and Space Vehicles," "Life Support and Other Biological Problems of Space Travel," and "Manpower Requirements and Vocational Opportunities in Aerospace Industries." They were flown to Boeing at Seattle where they heard Dr. Werner Von Braun talk on "Who Is Trying to Beat Who and Why?" The following was lifted intact from Merle's report:

"Then we flew to China Lake in California which is a Navy testing base. We were taken to Michelson Laboratory, one of the world's most complete research and development centers. Its 10.3 acres of floor space is used for offices, laboratories, and shops. They have an X-ray machine with a capacity of a million volts, capable of detecting flaws in five inches of steel. From there we went to the Thompson Aeroballistic Laboratory. This is where a lot of their missiles are tested. The following day we were taken to the Propulsion Laboratory. This is where solid and liquid fuels are made and tested. We saw some tested. From there we went to the ground range where we saw guided missiles fired at targets 27,000 feet high and they



MRS. KENNETH STONE

## Weed Wins NEA Award

WEED — Better Homes and Gardens of Meredith Publishing Company has awarded Weed a certificate for Exceptional Achievement — Action in Education.

The magazine, in cooperation with the National Education Association and the National School Boards Association, made the award on the basis of an article submitted by Mrs. Kenneth Stone.

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## Vandal Acts Investigated

WEED — City police here are investigating several acts of vandalism to city street signs. Approximately 10 of the street designation signs have been broken off, pulled up and some switched to other areas.

Weed Police Chief David Dawson said a particular concentration of the acts had been noted in the Weed High School residential and former "A" Camp areas. Malignant mischief to city property is punishable by a maximum fine of \$105, according to Kenneth Stone, Weed Justice Court judge.

## Yreka Fund Group Sets Big Dinner

YREKA — A dinner for the Citizens Committee of Sponsors of the Siskiyou County Hospital Building Fund Campaign will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, in Winema Hall of Siskiyou County Fairgrounds.

Mrs. Ruth Burton, chairman of the arrangement committee, said that the Citizens Committee Sponsors is a group of men and women, prominent in the religious, civic, fraternal and commercial life of the area. Several labor representatives are also members of the committee. The group is purely honorary.

More than 500 persons have been invited to the dinner, the only meeting of the entire group planned. The dinner is to add prestige and strength to the campaign, but no funds will be solicited at the gathering, Mrs. Burton said.

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NEW ARRIVAL — This sparkling white, new garbage truck with modern picking-up apparatus in rear, was recently purchased by McCloud River Lumber Company to encourage an interest in keeping McCloud clean.

## Short Check Surprises Ontario DA

ONTARIO, Ore. (AP) — Malheur County Dist. Atty. E. Otis Smith was surprised when he received his September paycheck to find that it was about \$252 short.

Checking up he found that the Malheur County Court some six weeks ago took action which reduced his annual salary by \$3500.

This week, Smith claimed the action was illegal and demanded that it be corrected.

County Judge Ellis White explained it this way:

When the court determined the district attorney's salary at the first of the fiscal year (July 1), it was decided that the salary should be \$10,800 — \$6,500 from the state, and \$4,300 from the county.

But an act of the last legislature raising the state's contribution to \$10,000 became effective later in July, which in turn raised Smith's salary by \$3,500.

The county court decided the

## New Uses Uncovered For Douglas Fir Bark

LONGVIEW, Wash. (AP) — Douglas fir bark is headed for new uses under a chemical process unveiled Friday at the Weyerhaeuser Co.'s Longview Technical Center.

The company, which in 1954 built a plant for mechanical separation of bark into three different parts, is now turning out in carload lots a whole new family of bark products.

W. H. Meadowcroft, manager of Weyerhaeuser's New Products Division, told a news conference that in the chemical breakdown of Douglas fir bark these things were produced:

A pure fiber that can substitute for sisal as a reinforcing agent in plastics;

A wax useful in all sorts of ways including for carbon paper

links and for some types of molds;

And a material that can be put into various forms including an adhesive, a binder and as a dispersant for the so-called mud pumped into oil wells to carry debris to the surface.

When the mechanical breakdown of Douglas fir bark was developed, it, too, had an offshoot application, officials said in showing some of the products of the company's research, but it was as a sort of plug to stop the drilling mud from draining away into porous sections of the hole.

The mechanical separation of bark into various products will be continued. From it the company produces fireproof insulation, material in which orchids are grown, and a wide range of other things including the raw stuff from which plastics can be molded.

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