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Termites, Carpenter Ants Exported To England to Aid Science Research

Termites and carpenter ants from Oregon are being "exported" to England—but it's all in the interest of research and scientific cooperation.

Four shipments of the damaging "wood workers" have been sent to London by Robert D. Graham of the Oregon State University Forest Research Laboratory. He is in charge of wood preservation studies.

The British scientists also are working on control of termites in buildings and timber. They requested the colonies of dampwood termites from Oregon for use in basic studies on termite behavior, sense organs and "communication."

Their studies earlier have concentrated on tropical termites that are problems in British territories of Africa but now have been expanded to include work on termite control in buildings and timber.

The carpenter ants were sent to Granada TV Network Limited in London, producer of films on scientific subjects.

Shipped by Air Express

Special clearance had to be arranged with both governments to make the overseas shipments possible, Graham explained. The shipments are usually made by air express, although one colony of termites went parcel post with the termites sealed in the chunk of wood on which they were working.

The termites were requested by the Colonial Termites Research unit of the British Museum of Natural History and the Depart-

ment of Zoology, Queen Mary college, University of London. Studies at the University of London indicate that termites produce sound by hitting their heads against the roof of galleries. The sound appears to have the same effect as a "warning signal."

Circular Offers Information

Subterranean and dampwood termites, found in western Oregon, may invade houses and other buildings, usually as a result of poor construction practices. Graham explained that this and other helpful information about dampwood termites and their control is given in OSU Extension Circular 700, available on request from the Bulletin Clerk, Oregon State University, or county agent offices.

Winged carpenter ants are sometimes confused with termites but two differences ease identification, Graham says. Ants have typical "wasp-like" waists, which termites do not. The pairs of wings on termites are of equal length; on carpenter ants, the wings are of unequal length.

Differences Noted

Damage by termites and carpenter ants is sometimes confused. Carpenter ants excavate wood to provide living quarters but do not feed on wood. They expel the wood as sawdust, which is one indication of their presence. In contrast, termites consume the wood they excavate and use the fecal pellets to seal off the areas in which they are working. No "sawdust" marks their presence.

Home owners are advised to get the facts about suspected termite infestations before contracting for an expensive job of termite control. Unscrupulous operators have been known to supply their own termites and infested wood to "sell" home owners. Extension Circular 700 provides the facts and tells what to do if you think you have a termite problem, it was noted.

BURTON SMITH GRADUATES FROM EASTERN OREGON

Burton Smith has received a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Oregon college in La Grande. He will teach next school term in The Dalles elementary school.

Smith is a graduate of Nyssa high school and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Smith, former Nyssans, now residing in Ontario.

RETURN TO ENTERPRISE

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Herriman and family left Sunday for their home in Enterprise after spending the past two weeks visiting relatives here.

VISITS FROM CORVALLIS

Mrs. Howard Snowberger of Corvallis arrived Monday for a visit of several days with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Eldredge.

N. Niccum Receives Oath of Allegiance In Naval Air Reserve

Norris J. Niccum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elza F. Niccum of route 2, Nyssa, has received the oath of allegiance for enlistment in the Naval Air Reserve at the U.S. Naval Air station in Seattle.

Niccum reported for duty at the U. S. Naval Preflight school in Pensacola, Fla., in April when he began 18 months of training to become an aviator and commissioned officer. His selection as a naval aviation cadet was announced by the Seattle Naval Air station where Niccum submitted his application for aviation training valued at \$125,000.

When he graduates from training, the Navyman will receive the aviator wings of gold and bars of an ensign. Consistent with the needs of the Navy, he will have chosen to specialize in flying either propeller driven, jet powered or helicopter-type aircraft and

MISS POUNDS HAS POETRY IN COLLEGE PUBLICATION

Miss Edith Pounds, who has been attending Eastern Oregon college in La Grande, has had two pieces of poetry published in "The Middle R," literary magazine of the college.

Miss Pounds has been asked to join the Drama club next year. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pounds of Nyssa.

DUFF ENROLLS AT TVCC

Joe Duff, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Duff of rural Nyssa, has been accepted for enrollment at Treasure Valley Community college. He will major in the field of agriculture during the fall term starting Sept. 19, 1963.

will proceed to service in Naval Aviation commands.

Niccum was graduated from Grant high school at Portland in 1959. He attended Oregon State university prior to enlisting in the Navy.

Two Local Students Receive OSU Degrees

Two students from Nyssa received degrees June 2 at Oregon State university's 94th annual commencement.

Ronald Robert Stephen graduated in the School of Science and James Raleigh McKinley in the School of Agriculture.

Approximately 1900 degrees were conferred by OSU President James H. Jensen this year. This was the second largest number in history, topped only by the veteran-packed class of 1950. The number of advanced degrees this year was a record total.

A breakdown shows approximately 1400 bachelor's degrees this year, 420 master's degrees, 70 doctor's degrees and four professional engineering degrees.

Stephen is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Stephen of route 2, Nyssa, while McKinley's parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McKinley, route 1, Nyssa.

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RETURNS FROM MURTAUGH

Mrs. Ida Walters returned Monday from Murtaugh, Idaho, where she had spent 10 days visiting her sister, Mrs. Veeta Willhite, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Lyda Callen. Enroute home she also visited in Boise with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Walters and other relatives.

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