

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

OIL-DRI CORPORATION OF AMERICA
(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK
and CLASS B STOCK
(immediately convertible into Common)
(Title of Class of Securities)

677864 10 0
(CUSIP Number)

Maryon Gray, 410 N. Michigan Ave., Ste. 400, Chicago, IL 60611
312, 321-1515
(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Persons
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

July 31, 1997
(Date of Event which Requires
Filing of this Statement)

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS,
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.
Robert D. Jaffee ###-##-####

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX (a)
IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS
IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION United States

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES 390,741 Class B Shares
No Common Shares

BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH 8 SHARED VOTING POWER
None

REPORTING
PERSON WITH

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

390,741 Class B Shares
No Common Shares

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
None

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

390,741 Class B Shares
No Common Shares

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES []

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

21.5% of the Class B Shares representing 17.3% of the voting power of
Issuer's outstanding stock at August 1, 1997. (See Item 5.)

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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Item 1. Security and Issuer

This statement relates to the Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share (and the Class B Stock, par value \$.10 per share immediately convertible into Common Stock) of Oil-Dri Corporation of America, a Delaware corporation ("Oil-Dri"). Oil-Dri's principal executive offices are located at 410 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 400, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

Item 2. Identity and Background

- (a) Robert D. Jaffee
- (b) 650 Dundee Road
Suite 280
Northbrook, IL 60062
- (c) retired
- (d) No
- (e) No
- (f) United States

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

No purchase of securities of Oil-Dri Corporation of America ("Oil-Dri") was involved.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

Robert D. Jaffee has no present plans or proposals which relate to or would result in (i) the acquisition by any person of securities of Oil-Dri or the disposition of securities of Oil-Dri, but may from time to time sell securities of Oil-Dri, (ii) any extraordinary corporate transaction of Oil-Dri or its subsidiaries, (iii) a sale or transfer of a material amount of assets of Oil-Dri or its subsidiaries, (iv) any change in the board of directors or management of Oil-Dri, (v) any material change in Oil-Dri's present capitalization, dividend policy, business or corporate structure, (vi) any change to Oil-Dri's charter or bylaws or other actions that may impede the acquisition of control of Oil-Dri by any person, (vii) causing Oil-Dri Common Stock to cease to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange, or to become eligible for termination of registration pursuant to Section 12(g)(4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or (viii) any action similar to those enumerated above.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

- (a) Aggregate Number and Percentage of Class Beneficially Owned. Robert D. Jaffee owns beneficially 390,741 shares of Class B Stock of Oil-Dri and no shares of Common Stock of Oil-Dri. The Class B Stock is held by Robert D. Jaffee as Trustee of the Robert D. Jaffee Revocable Trust of July 29, 1974, as amended.

The shares beneficially owned by Robert D. Jaffee constitute 21.5% of the Class B Stock outstanding at August 1, 1997, and, since the Class B Stock is entitled to 10 votes per share, constitute 17.3% of the voting power of Oil-Dri's Common and Class B Stock.

- (b) Sole Power to Direct Vote: 390,741 shares of Class B Stock and no shares of Common Stock.

Shared Power to Vote or Direct Vote: None

Sole Power to Dispose or Direct Disposition: 390,741 shares of Class B Stock and no shares of Common Stock.

Shared Power to Dispose or Direct Disposition: None.

- (c) During the past 60 days, Mr. Robert D. Jaffee effected the following transactions:

Date	Amount of Securities Involved	Nature of Transaction	Price Per Share	Where and How Effected
7/18/97	1,900 Class B	Conversion & Sale*	17.635	NY Stock Exchange Open Market Sale
7/31/97	46,475 Class B	Conversion & Sale*	17.257	NY Stock Exchange Open Market Sale
8/1/97	150,000 Class B	Conversion & Sale*	17.375	Private Sale to Blue Mountain Production Company, a subsidiary of Oil-Dri

* Conversion of Class B Stock in Trust ownership to Common Stock upon sale of said stock.

- (d) No other person has the right to receive or the power to direct receipt of dividends from, or proceeds from the sale of, such security.
- (e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer

None.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

None

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: August 15, 1997

/s/ ROBERT D. JAFFEE
(Signature)
Robert D. Jaffee