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Queen of Industry Contest for Lane County Announced

Plans are underway to produce the Queen of Industry program covering the greater part of Lane County. This is a working girl popularity contest designed to spotlight the working girls who meet and serve the public. They will represent every type of industry and participants will be chosen to enter the program on a basis of personality and popularity. Only this is definitely not to be a beauty contest, face and figure will have no bearing on the choice whatsoever.

The contestants will be of various ages, married or single, and will be selected by committee members who will call on each and every place of business throughout the area to choose and qualify the entries.

This contest is being produced by the Springfield American Legion Post #40. The purpose of the program is to raise funds for the various charitable programs conducted by the Post, including Child Welfare and Veteran's Rehabilitation.

Her Majesty, the Queen of Industry, will be awarded an elaborate vacation trip and there will be awards and trophies down to and including fifth place. The place of business sponsoring the Queen will be awarded a permanent plaque.

Dates of contest opening, Coronation Ball, etc., will be announced as soon as available.

Snow Measurements Less in Bohemia Area

Snow measurements at Bohemia reflect the light moisture conditions and indicate less water for irrigation during the summer months. According to measurements of Clair Hogate of the Rujada ranger station made February 15, there were eight inches less than on February 1. At the last measurement the snowfall measured 55 inches, 13 inches less than the corresponding period of 1954.



THIS 15 POUND SWEDISH TURNIP, raised by R. L. Doolittle on Rat Creek, was brought in to The Sentinel's "Onion Editor" a few weeks ago. The turnip measures 32 inches around. It had a double top, or at least did have before a deer ate part of it off. It was planted last May.

Applications Now Taken For WAVE Officer's Duty

The Office of Naval Officer Procurement, Seattle, Wash., announced that applications are being accepted from college graduates between the ages of 21 and 27, to serve on active duty in the Navy as WAVE officers for a period of two years. The next indoctrination class will convene at Newport, R. I., July 5, 1955. Since it takes approximately 2 to 3 months to process applications, the deadline date for completion of applications for the next class is May 10, 1955. For further information write the Office of Naval Officer Procurement, 110 Union Street, Seattle.

"One thing I can't understand is how a rumor that hasn't a leg to stand on, manages to get around." —H. G. Hutcheson.

New Oregon Blue Book Is Out Soon

First copies of the 1955 Oregon Blue Book are in the hands of Oregon's legislators following distribution of the reference manual to them Monday. The initial release of 1,000 copies will be followed shortly by further distribution to state, county and city offices; schools and the general public. This later distribution will be made in February.

Prepared by the office of Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry, the Blue Book has Oregon's colors of blue and gold on the cover using a gold-colored stock with blue printing. The front cover carries a reproduction of the pioneer statue atop the capitol dome. Observation of the 150th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition to the Northwest territory is carried on the back cover.

Economy Stressed
Strict economy has been observed in publishing the 1955 Blue Book, the first to be printed under the 1953 law which moved publication date to January of each legislative year. Number of pages have been trimmed from 450 in the 1954 issue to 374 for the new edition. The same format of the book has been retained, but some illustrations were dropped and the section on federal departments in Oregon has been changed to a directory of these departments.

Printing of the Blue Book began early in November with each section going to press as soon as information was complete. The last section, containing photos of state and legislative officials, was the last to be printed. Complications arose in the printing schedule due to last minute changes in the Multnomah county legislative delegation.

Some Names Left Out
The staggered printing schedule, necessary because of the multitude of information contained in the Blue Book, will mean that some of the facts will be correct as of the first week in January, while others will have been corrected only as of the middle of November. Where possible, when information was available, advance changes were made by the editors and the sections put to press with the fervent hope that nothing would go amiss.

Names of the 1955 Speaker of the House and President of the Senate had to be left out. Political speculation had the two positions pegged, but there was always the chance of a dark horse spoiling the forecasts, and the section containing legislative information had to be printed a week before the legislature met.

As in 1954, only 15,000 Blue Books have been printed. Cost of printing was provided for in an appropriation of \$15,000 by the state emergency board last September. This amount must also pay for distribution of the book, which costs about 12 cents each to mail. Free distribution will be drastically cut due to the limited number printed.

They say that there are about 32,000,000 of us in this fortunate land who are overweight and yearning to reduce.

(This is the first in a series of articles on taxation in Oregon prepared by the Northwest office of the National Association of Manufacturers at Portland. This article is introductory to the subject; subsequent articles will compare Oregon's taxes with other states and will outline the overlapping of federal, state and local taxes in Oregon.)

With a sizeable budget deficit facing Oregon, a study of the various tax sources in the state is particularly timely.

Oregon's original source of tax money was, like virtually all states at the turn of the century, a levy on property. The first tax of any substance to be added was the death tax, passed in 1903. This was followed shortly by the automobile registration tax, began in 1905.

These three—property, death and automobile registration—were the main sources of Oregon's tax income until the end of World War I, when the gasoline tax—now Oregon's second largest source of money—was introduced in 1919.

Ten years passed before Oregon's next major tax, this coming in 1929 as the corporation income tax.

Income Tax
In 1931, the individual income tax was introduced. Sixteen of the thirty-one states having an individual income tax today passed the measure during the years 1931 to 1940.

The state's gift tax and liquor monopoly program were instituted in 1933. Other selective excise taxes and miscellaneous levies were added thru the years, and these taxes, although individually small, comprise a good amount of the state's income.

The importance of state taxes today can be seen when considering that in 1902 the income from state taxes in the entire nation was only \$156 million, or \$1.97 per capita. In 1953, the 48 states handled \$10.5 billion, or \$66.01 per capita.

Tax Sources
Following are the major state tax sources in Oregon for 1953 and each one's percentage of the entire income:

Tax	\$ (millions)	Per cent
Ind. income	43.6	33.6
Motor fuels	30.5	23.5
Auto Registration	20.9	16.1
Corp. income	8.6	14.3
Death	2.8	2.2
Liquor monop.	2.0	1.5
Others	11.3	8.8
Total	129.8	100.0

Oregon has neither a sales tax nor a cigarette tax—two sources of revenue which in some states make up the major portion of state income.

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