

Mary Teague, Eugene, Wins 'Miss Oregon' Title

Seaside (AP)—Mary Lou Teague, 18, doffed the title of Miss Eugene Monday and prepared to represent her state as Miss Oregon at the Atlantic City Miss America contest in September.

The five-foot five-inch brunette beauty, daughter of a Eugene lumberman, was selected winner of Oregon's top beauty pageant Sunday in the final eliminations at Seaside.

Miss Teague was graduated in June from Eugene high school where she was an outstanding student. Judged on the basis of talent, personality, swim suit appearance, and evening gown appearance, Miss Teague won a trophy in the swim suit competition Friday and impressed the judges Sunday with her lyric-coloratura voice in the talent contest.

The new Miss Oregon, succeeding Audrey Mistretta of Astoria, weighs 115 pounds. Other winning statistics are: Bust 34, waist 23, and hips, 37.

Runners-up in the three-day competition were Loretta Mason, Miss Hermiston, and Marilyn Lundell, Miss The Dalles.

Besides the chance to win the Miss America contest, Miss Oregon also receives a \$500 scholarship offered by residents of Seaside.

Maugham Leaves
Nice France (AP)—Arthur Somerset Maugham left Monday for Switzerland, where he will be operated on for hernia. He said he expected to be back at his Riviera home in September.



Mary Lou Teague of Eugene who won the title of "Miss Oregon" at Seaside Sunday, and who will represent Oregon in the "Miss America" contest at Atlantic City.

Grass Fire Menaces South Salem Timber

Roberts—A grass fire started by the backfire of a tractor spread over an acre of ground and threatened to enter nearby timber on the Martin Ward property on Homestead road, south of Salem, Sunday afternoon before it was extinguished.

Neighbors joined the fight and had the blaze under con-

Derby Champ Wires of Trip

(Editor's note: Salem's 1952 Soap Box Derby champ, Doug Adams, is enroute to Akron, Ohio, for the running of the All-American Derby on August 16. His first dispatch, written enroute east with his family, is printed below.)

By DOUG ADAMS
(Salem Soap Box Derby Champ)
Salt Lake City—Just finished a dandy swim in Salt Lake. We're having lots of fun. The copper and coal mines are very interesting. I wish all the derby entrants could be with us. We saw several good derby sites on our way over from Salem.

Thanks again to all the sponsors.

Fire Razes Sawmill Near Aumsville

Three fire departments, from Aumsville, Sublimity and Turner, Sunday afternoon were unable to control a blaze that destroyed the Rak Lumber Co. sawmill one mile north of Aumsville.

Firemen said they believed the fire started from a trash burner. It destroyed the mill, two truck loads of lumber and a truck before it was extinguished.

Loss was estimated at \$20,000 by the owner Walter L. Rak of Salem. There was no insurance.

Control before a State Forestry Department fire truck arrived

\$200,000 Farm Machinery Show at Oregon State Fair

In a sharp reversal of a trend, evidenced in recent years, some \$200,000 worth of the latest farm machinery and equipment will be exhibited at the 87th Oregon State Fair which opens its annual eight-day run here on Saturday, August 30.

In announcing this trend reversal, Leo G. Spitzbart, exposition general manager, said:

"The credit for bringing this fine display of farm machinery and equipment to the fair in the interest of all our farm friends, is due solely to the energetic and forward-looking action of the Central Valley Implement Dealers' association."

He went on to explain that the Central Valley Implement Dealers' association is a group of the younger men who represent some of the country's outstanding farm implement and equipment dealers and manufacturers in this region. Officers of the association include: Harris Leeds, Valley Tractor of Salem, president; Killian Smith, Killian W. Smith company of Aurora, vice-president; and Marvin Schulz, Capitol Tractor & Equipment company of Salem, secretary-treasurer.

A spokesman of this group, formed earlier this year, said: "We, the members of the Central Valley Implement Dealers' association, got together this spring and decided we were going to do something about giving all the farm folks something to see in the way of farm machinery and equipment. The invitation of Mr. Spitzbart to participate came at an oppor-

S.P. Wins Tax Writeoff in KF

Seattle (AP)—The government announced approval Monday of a quick tax writeoff on a proposed \$2,355,000 expansion project for the Central Pacific Railway company in Klamath county, Ore.

The Defense Production Ad-

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ministration granted a certificate of necessity for a stepped-up tax amortization to the Southern Pacific company, lessor of the railway.

DPA approval, the only certificate granted to firms in the Northwest during the period July 11-17, will allow a 40 percent accelerated tax benefit on the expansion.

The purpose of the tax amortization program is to expand

private industry productive capacity quickly for defense needs. Industry now has been advised that tax amortization goals for the defense expansion program have almost been reached, and that no more industrial expansion requiring this benefit should be planned without prior approval.

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