

COUNTY SALARIES IN WIDE VARIANCE BLUE BOOK SHOWS

Some Big Counties Pay Officials Less Than Smaller Units—None Are Liberal.

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Salem, Ore., Dec. 16—(U.P.)—The Oregon Blue Book for 1943-44 contains statistics concerning a schedule of salaries paid county officials who perform the same work but draw lower pay in more populous counties than they do in the smaller ones.

A comparison of salaries paid the same county official in Oregon's 36 counties showed little conformity or proportion when considering population and business volume.

None Excessive
Certainly none of the salaries paid would be considered excessive under normal conditions, and war-time prices and taxes have reduced them even further.

For example, Marion county, with a population of 75,246, pays its sheriff \$2400 a year, while Lake county, with a population of 6293, pays its sheriff \$2600. The Jackson county sheriff gets \$2875.

The school superintendent of Wheeler county receives \$750 a year and the same office in Gilliam county gets \$2200. The population and size of these two counties are about the same, Wheeler having 2974 and Gilliam 2844, according to the census figures on page 283 of the Blue Book.

Lane Figure Low
Lane county, with a population of 69,098, is the state's education center. It pays its county school superintendent a modest \$2400 a year, but in Lincoln county, population 14,549, the superintendent receives \$2760. Jackson county's superintendent is paid \$2300.

The office of county clerk is a good example of irregularity in pay schedules. The clerk of Clackamas county is paid \$2400 a year while the clerk of Clatsop county receives \$2967. The population of Clackamas county is 57,130 and Clatsop county is only half its size with 24,697. In Marion county, the state's

largest in population outside of Multnomah, the clerk receives \$2400 a year, while Coos county, less than one-half its size with 32,477 population, pays its clerk \$2600 a year. The clerk of Jackson county receives \$2300.

Assessors Listed
Consider the case of Oregon county assessors: Yamhill county pays a salary of \$2100, but Deschutes pays \$2400. Yamhill's population is 26,336, while Deschutes claims only 18,631. Benton county, population 18,629, pays its assessor \$2415, while its neighbor, Linn, with a citizenry of 30,485 only pays \$1800. Jackson pays \$2300.

The salaries paid county treasurers vary from \$1000 a year to \$3600, but the average for the 36 counties is \$1800. The Jackson county treasurer gets \$2300. School superintendents average \$2000.

Sheriffs rate the highest compensation with an average of \$2535 a year, and the county clerks are next best paid with an average of \$2347. In Jackson the county judge receives \$2760. Multnomah county has the highest schedule of salaries. The sheriff and county clerk each receive \$6000 a year, which raises the average of the state's 35 other counties, where sheriffs are paid from \$1800 up to \$3243 and clerks \$1800 up to \$2967.

In 1941 the legislature provided some adjustments in the salaries of county offices, but in some instances the increase did not become effective until the first of this year.

Neither the Blue Book nor the session laws explain the complex salary system which never has been presented to the labor relations board or other authority. A few taxpayers assume it's all a matter of legislative wisdom combined with suggestions from the home districts.

Los Angeles, Dec. 16—(U.P.)—Electrician Otis Sullivan, who married Mrs. Nettie Sullivan, his common-law wife, four days after he became the husband of another woman, today was ordered to pay \$25 weekly separate maintenance to wife No. 2. Mrs. Sullivan, 46-year-old former boarding house keeper, said Sullivan, 41, married her in Ft. Wayne, Ind., Feb. 18, 1942. Sullivan is still awaiting trial on bigamy charges.

SNOW IN FLORIDA
Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 16—(U.P.)—Snow fell here for an hour Wednesday. It was the first snow in 18 years. It was preceded by a sleet.

NEW POLICY FOR HOME HOSPITALITY IN MEDFORD AREA

A new policy for carrying on of home hospitality activities in this area was formulated at a meeting of the Rogue Valley Coordinating Council at a meeting held yesterday. Due to the fact that Camp White has been established here for some time

and almost all families of the area have made friends with the servicemen and their families through churches, recreation centers and other contacts, it is considered no longer necessary to arrange "dates" between the servicemen and families. However, council members urge all residents of the valley to entertain as many of the men as possible during the holiday season, not only for Christmas and New Year's Day dinners, but for all sorts of affairs during the entire holiday season. It was stated that if residents have difficulty in locating any persons which they wish to entertain, help may be received by calling 7131, the Riverside USO.

Mrs. Jo-n McCabe is chairman of the home hospitality committee.
Pvt. LaMurle Witt finishes training in Women's Corps. Pvt. LaMurle Beck Witt has completed her basic Women's Army corps training at Ft. Des Moines, Ia., and is now awaiting further orders. Mrs. Witt left Oregon Oct. 29 for the training center. Mrs. Witt's husband, T. Sgt. Richard H. Witt, a former civilian pilot, is in New Guinea with the army air corps and her brother, Cpl. Alfred M. Beck, likewise a former private pilot,

is an army air corps mechanic's instructor at Yuma, Ariz. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Beck of Rt. 2. Just prior to her enlistment Mrs. Witt was employed as a secretary at Camp White. Since her graduation from Medford senior high school Mrs. Witt has been prominent in the valley's musical and dramatic activities, appearing in the annual Shakespearean Festival at Ashland.

and directing and appearing in numerous other productions.
Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Clammy, 1:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember
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