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"Have you heard the rumor going around about our neighborhood beautification program not being 100 per





FOUR CANDIDATES FOR NYSSA HIGH School Homecoming Queen are, from left, Brenda Bowers, freshman; Renee Lattin, sophomore; Kathy Kurtz, junior; and Shelley

ING INTO EFFECT - Oregon's

noise control law probably will

be enforced sometime early

But don't hold your breath

waiting for sweet silence. Cha-

nces are you won't notice any

That is unless you are a

motor cycle rider, auto or boat

racing fan, snowmobile dri-

ver or happen to live next door

It's unlikely many people have

homes situated in the latter in-

stance. But there are a lot

of cycle riders, racing buffs

and off-road recreation vehicle

people who feel put upon by

proposed noise-control re-

Oregon's Environmental Qua-

regulating noise when

Legislature enacted H.B.

lity Commission was charged

1669 back during the 1971 ses-

sion in Salem. The bill be-

came law June 25 that year

and EQC authorized develop-

ment of a program in October

Now, after a year of study,

monitoring existing noises and

surveying the problem extensi-

vely, the Department of Environ-

mental Quality has promulgated

regulations and will conduct public hearings this month and next. Initial airing will be in Eugene October 29, followed by sessions in Portland, October 30,

Pendleton, Nov. 5; Medford, Nov 7, and Roseburg, Nov. 8.

Generally, proposed rules

call for initial enforcement Jan. 1, 1974, and imposition of more

stringent requirements a year later. Overall, the purpose of

the new regulations is to protect noise sensitive areas-meaning residential property-from racket loudenough to dis-

turb sleep or disrupt normal outdoor neighborhood conver-

Initial rules cover six areas of involvement; (1) motorcycles and off-road recreation vehicles (2) road vehicles (3) racing events (4) public roads (5) industry and commerce and

The proposals for schools are

strictly advisory in nature and

suggest voluntary compliance. For practical purposes the sug-

gestions deal with hearing conservation and bear down principally on excessively amplified music at school dances. In the case of all vehicles,

muffler and exhaust noises are the targets. State Police are

charged with issuing citations

to drivers of vehicles altered to

create a sound louder than that

(6) schools.

difference right away.

to a rock crusher.

next year.

Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerinan

industrial plants -- their ope-

plied or are planning com-

pliance. However, difficult pro-

blems will arise in some in-

three feet registers 60 to 70

decibels, for instance.

And,

around existing industries.

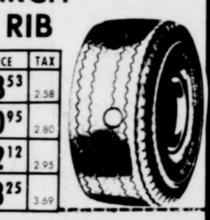
The successful candidate will be crowned at halftime of the Nyssa-Emmett game Friday evening, and will reign over the Homecoming Dance Saturday evening.

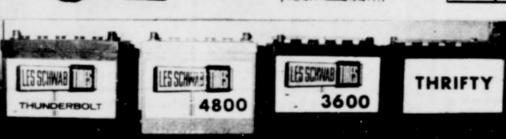


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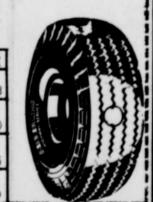
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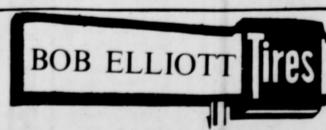
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emitted by standard equipment. Certification procedures for qualifying replacement equipment are yet to be determined. DEQ expects extensive controversy regarding racing standards and vehicular tracks adjacent to residential areas li-

kely will have trouble complying with the new law. Water skilers and anglers probably won't have any trouble because authorities now are concerned mainly with V-8 dry-stack types of racing boats.

Highway engineers may raise lots of questions because standards might be imposed requir-

sounds from two sources don't add up to twice as much noise, nor does the total sound decrease by half when one of two sources is turned off. In other words, two 60-decibel sound sources sitting side by side --SHHH, ANTI-NOISE LAW GO. ing extensive changes in design both emitting noise simultaneously -- don't produce a 120of new thoroughfares. And there decibel racket. The increase will be new requirements for in noise is hardly distinguishindustry and commerce. But a

DEQ spokesman indicated most Another interesting factor in the regulations deals with prorators aware of implications of perty lines of noise sensitive the law when it was passed two properties. An offender geyears ago -- have already comnerally can produce all the noise he wants on his own property just as long as that noise isn't audible at offending lestances where residential areas vels on noise sensitive properhave been permitted to grow up

And perhaps the most inte-To those unfamiliar with the resting aspect is that DEQ subject of sound, much of the staff, already heavily burdened language in the new regulations by demands of other environmenis pure Greek. The definital regulations, probably won't tion of Sound Pressure Level be seeking out many possible (SPL) for instance, reads: "20 offenders themselves until and times the logarithm to the base unless the public complains.

10 of the ratio of the root-Meanwhile, DEQ's enforcemean-square pressure of the ment load has been lightened to sound to the reference misome degree by subsequent passage of federal noise con-Actually, SPL is measured trol legislation -- in particular in decibels--which may be a that involving aircraft and airmore familiar term. A unit for ports. At the same time Freimeasuring relative loudness of ghtliner Corporation headquarsounds ordinarily detectable by tered in Portland is working the human ear, decibels range with federal assistance to defrom zero to about 130. Orvelop a "quiet truck" dinary speech at a distance of

How's that? New noise control what? Can't hear ya over the racket.



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