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GOVERNOR EARL W. SNELL ADMINISTRATION

Record Descriptions

Summary of Records

The records of the Office of Governor Snell consist of administrative and legal correspondence, proclamations, press releases, speeches, budget records, extraditions, discharged veterans rosters, parole files, and legislative records.

The records document the extradition of criminals from other states, legal opinions from the State Attorney General, law enforcement concerns, tax, relations with Japanese citizens during World War II, closure of forests due to extreme fire danger, unemployment, labor, and the Oregon Trail.

Administrative correspondence, 1943-1947

3.50 cubic feet

Arrangement: alphabetical by subject

Series documents the communications and activities of Governor Snell's office. Series includes correspondence, informational pamphlets, and information requests.

Information includes financial analyses, names of board and commission members and agency heads, and emergency plans. Topics include transportation, taxation, recreation, federal programs, and foreign relations. Other subjects include education, pensions, salaries, traffic safety, unemployment compensation, and vocational education.

Photographs have been separated from this series.

Extraditions, 1943-1947

.75 cubic feet

Arrangement: alphabetical by county name

Series documents activities involved in the extradition of criminals, both to and from the State of Oregon.

Records include action reports, travel vouchers for retrieving prisoners, extradition requests from other states, and investigation reports requested by the Governor to aid in his extradition decisions. Subjects include charges or indictments against criminals, reason for charges or indictments, and Attorney General's agreement with extradition request.

Legal correspondence, 1943-1947

.10 cubic feet

Arrangement: chronological by month of letter

Series documents communications and activities concerning legal problems and questions. Series includes affidavits, depositions, legal briefs, and correspondence.

Correspondence includes requests for the Governor to intervene on judicial matters, requests for legal opinions, and reports of the costs for extraditions.

Affidavits state facts of case and include names of individuals involved, dates, and location of crime. Depositions include statements of witnesses and includes dates, locations, and individuals involved, while legal briefs contain facts of case, issues, and arguments.

Budget records, 1943-1947

.10 cubic feet

Arrangement: chronological by date within budget year

Series documents the development and maintenance of the Executive Department's budget.

Series includes the Office of the Governor's adopted operating budget as approved by the Legislative Assembly, correspondence, account breakdowns, and budget request drafts. Information includes dates, fund appropriations for each account, account name, expense items, salary amounts, and budget expenditures for accounts.

Legislative records, 1943-1947

.10 cubic feet

Arrangement: chronological by legislative session; thereunder numerical by bill number

Series documents the establishment of laws by the Oregon Legislative Assembly for the benefit of Governor Snell's office.

Records include copies of legislative appropriation bills relating to the Governor's Office, correspondence with Legislative Assembly members, opinions of the Executive Department concerning specific bills, and reports to the Governor from various interim committees.

Subjects of reports include the study of prisons and jails, tax structure, and legislative procedure.

Speeches, 1924-1947

1 cubic feet

Arrangement: chronological by speech date; and alphabetical by subject

Series documents speeches made by the Governor to various groups, including the Republican Voters of Oregon and the general public.

Topics of speeches include welcomes and greetings for various events, contributions of women to American life, bond finances, taxes, shipbuilding, World War II, presentation of awards, and Oregon forests. Other subjects include the employment situation for state employees, military draft, new citizens of the United States, logging operations, commercial fishing, and agriculture.

Series also includes an index citing speech subject, date, and speech location. Speeches for 1924-1942 are arranged chronologically, thereunder cross-referenced by alphabetical-numerical code. Speeches for 1943-1947 are alphabetical by subject only.

Proclamations, 1943-1947

.10 cubic feet

Arrangement: chronological by proclamation date

Series documents announcements made by the Governor on various activities or events. Contents include subject of proclamation, date, and governor's signature.

Subjects include closure of forests during fire season, restriction of lights and celebration of victories during World War II, observance of holidays, and elections of individuals.

Press releases, 1943-1947

.20 cubic feet

Arrangement: chronological by release date

Series documents gubernatorial press releases publicizing events, programs, and activities related to the Governor's office.

Information includes dates, subjects, and quotations from the Governor. Topics include celebration of holidays, recognition of specific events, and announcement of individuals to government positions. Series also includes announcements citing the intention of the Governor's office concerning specific political positions.

Parole files, 1943-1947

1.85 cubic feet

Arrangement: alphabetical by subject's name

Series documents activities involved in the parole status of criminals in Oregon.

Records include correspondence with individuals requesting clemency or release of individual from prison, and investigation reports requested by the Governor to aid in his parole decision. Subjects include comments by individuals concerning specific cases, commutation of jail sentences, and copies of confessions. One important case included in the series is that of the DeAutremont brothers, who were convicted of robbing a Southern Pacific train.

Photographs have been separated from this series.

Stream pollution studies, 1943-1946

.10 cubic feet

Arrangement: chronological by date of correspondence or report

Series documents the activities of a special committee established by Governor Snell to study stream pollution in Oregon. Records include correspondence, reports, news releases, and studies. Information includes dates, correspondent's names, and subject of correspondence.

Subjects include pollution requests made by sanitary districts on possible ramifications of pollution on ground water, and lowering pollution in various streams.

Discharged veterans rosters, 1945-1947

.75 cubic feet

Arrangement: alphabetical by county, thereunder chronological by date, thereunder by county site of discharge

Series documents discharge of veterans in the counties of Oregon after the conclusion of World War II.

Records consist of lists of names and addresses of discharged veterans. Information includes list date, county name, name and address of veteran, and symbols denoting foreign service and if the veteran was an officer. Other information includes civilian or military occupation and discharge date. Multnomah County also has a roster of veterans coordinators who helped returning veterans with their problems.

Administrative Correspondence Container List

Container 1

Aeronautics, Oregon State Board of

Agriculture, Department of

Agriculture, State Board of

Aluminum plants

American Association for the United Nations

American Bible Society

American Red Cross

American Society of Newspaper Editors

Apprenticeship Council, State

Architect Examiners, State Board of

Attorney General, Oregon

Attorney General, United States

Battleship Oregon Commission

Blind, Commission for the

Bond Commission, State

Bonneville Project

Boys Camp (predecessor to MacLaren; see also Juvenile Delinquency Committee)

Boy Scouts

Champoeg

Chiropodist Examining Board, State

Chiropractic Examiners, State Board of

Civil Service Commission, State

Coal production in Coos Bay, Oregon

Collection Agencies Advisory Board, State

Columbia Basin Fisheries Development Committee, United States

Columbia Basin Inter-Agency Committee

Columbia Valley Authority

Conciliation, State Board of

Control, Board of

Corporation, Department of

Cosmetic Therapy Examiners, State Board of

Curry County

Day, I Am An American

Defense Council, Oregon State

Dental Examiners, Oregon State Board of

Dental School Advisory Council to the State Board of Higher Education

Disabled American Veterans

District Attorneys

Dumbarton Oak Week

Editorials

Education, State Board of

Educational Agency for Surplus Property, State

Elks, Benevolent and Protective Order of

Emergency Board

Employment Service, Oregon

Employment Service, United States (State Agricultural Advisory Committee to the)

Engineering Examiners, State Board of

Engineers, Department of State

Fairview Home

Farragut Naval Station, Farragut, Idaho; converted to educational purposes - refers to Oregon involvement

Federal Power Commission

Federal Security Agency

Fire Marshall

Fish Commission

Flax and Linen Board, State

Flood control - Klamath Basin

Forestry, Board of (Keep Oregon Green Association)

Forestry, State Board of

Game Commission

Geology and Mineral Industries

GI Bill of Rights

Governors Conferences of Eleven Western States

Governor's Traffic Safety Commission

Health, Oregon State Board of

Health, Board of; Hospital Licensing, Advisory Council to the State

Health, Board of; Hospital Survey and Construction Advisory Council to

Higher Education, Oregon State System of

Highway Commission, State

Highway Improvement Districts

Highway Traffic Advisory Committee

Hillcrest School for Girls

Hillcrest School, Advisory Board of the

Hospital, State

Container 2

Idaho Power Bill

Indians

Industrial Accident Commission

Insurance, State Department of

Intergovernmental Relations Board

Interior, United State Department of the

International Association of Public Employment Services

International Aviation Fraternity

Interstate Cooperation, Committee on

Jail Survey

Japanese, relations with

Judges, Circuit Court

Judges, County

Judges, District Court

Judges, Supreme Court

Justice of the Peace

Juvenile Delinquency Committee

Klamath Falls Marine Barracks - predecessor to Oregon Institute of Technology

Labor

Land Board, State

Library, Oregon State - also contains material on the State Archives

Limestone

Liquor Control Commission, Oregon; also includes the Temperance Advisory Committee to the Liquor Control Commission, later to be called the Educational Advisory Committee

Livestock Auction Markets, State Board of

Living War Memorials

MacLaren School

Mapping program for Oregon

Medical Examiners, State Board of

Merit System Council

Mexico, relations with

Mileage Administrator, State Government

Military Department

Mothers Day

Museum Committee

National Boys and Girls Week Committee

National Farm Safety Week

National Guard (see Military Department)

National Home Demonstration Council

National Rivers and Harbors Congress

National Safety Council

National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

National Traffic Safety Contest

Naturopathic Board of Examiners

North Bend, Oregon - consolidation with Marshfield, Oregon

North West States' Development Association

Notary public

Nurses National Memorial, attempt to get a

Nurses, State Board for Examination and Registration of Graduate

Optometry, State Board of

Oregon American Mothers Committee

Oregon and California railroad grant lands

Oregon Building Congress

Oregon Education Association

Oregon Geographic Board

Oregon Mental Hygiene Society

Oregon - questions on

Oregon State College

Oregon State College Mothers Club

Oregon Trail

Container 3

Papermills, message to

Penal institutions

Penitentiary, Oregon State

Peoples Utility District, Central Lincoln

Pharmacy, State Board of

Philippines, message to

Physically handicapped

Pilot Commissioners, State Board of

Port of Portland

Portland Home Builders Association, Incorporated

Postwar Readjustment and Development Committee

Public Employes Retirement System

Racial problems

Racing Commission

Railroad policeman

Real Estate Commission

Reclamation Commission, State

Rent controls

Rogue River Coordination Board

Roosevelt, Franklin D.; Warm Springs Memorial Commission

Rural Zoning Committee

Salaries

Salem Foundation, Salem, Oregon

Sanitary Authority, Oregon State

Secretary of State

Snell, Earl - personal information

Special Agent Commission

Soil Conservation Commission of Oregon, State

Special Agent Commission

State Department, United States

State Employees Association, Oregon (includes material on the 40-hour work week)

State Police, Oregon

Statuary Hall Committee

Tax Commission

Tax Study Commission

Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission, Multnomah County

Taxes

Territorial Centennial Commission

Tourist Development Committee - includes history of Central Oregon

Traffic Courts Conference Committee, State

Traffic safety - see Governor's Traffic Safety Commission

Treasurer, State

Tuberculosis Hospital, Eastern Oregon State

Unemployment Compensation Commission, State

University of Oregon Medical School

Valor Fund Committee

Veterans' Affairs, Advisory Committee of the Director

Veterans' Affairs, Department of; includes history of first years of agency

Veterinary Medical Examining Board

Vocational education

Wage and Hour Commission

War Department, Corps of Engineers projects:

Albeni Falls - Columbia River improvement
Alsea Bay

Amazon Creek

Columbia River - between Vancouver and The Dalles

Columbia and Snake Rivers, Oregon and Washington

Coos Bay, Oregon

Coos and Millicoma Rivers, Oregon

Foster Creek

Klamath River

Container 4

War Department, Corps of Engineers projects (continued):

McKenzie River
McNary Dam

Necanicum River

Nehalem Bay and River

Nelscott, Oregon - protection of beach

Santiam River

Siuslaw River and Bar

Shipanon Channel and River, Warrenton, Oregon

Smith River, Oregon

Tillamook Bay and Bar, Oregon

Willamette (Lower) between Portland and the sea for small-boat mooring basin at Astoria

Yaquina Bay and Harbor, Oregon

Watchmaking, Oregon Board of Examiners in

Water Conservation Conference, National

Welfare Committees, County

Western Safety Conference

Western States Post-War Industrial Development Committee

Willamette River Basin Commission

Willamette River Survey - Pollution

Women in politics

World War Veterans State Aid Commission

Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)