

Wisconsin State Employees Retire

On February 1 a total of 134 Wisconsin state employees were retired from state service under the state retirement act passed by the 1943 legislature. The Wisconsin State Employee's association sponsored the bill.

In addition to the employees who were retired there are 81 employees, 70 years or more of age and subject to retirement, who will remain on their jobs for another year at least on deferments asked by their department heads and granted by the personnel board.

Under the law an employee must retire at 70 years of age but his department head may ask that he be kept on for an additional period not to exceed four years if his services are necessary to the functioning of the department.

3000 City Employees Covered by Pension

Approximately 25 percent of the eligible municipal employees in Wisconsin are participating in the state municipal retirement plan which became effective on January 1.

Almost 3,000 employees in 19 participating government units are covered by the new law which is optional for any city or village. All but one city has assumed the responsibility for prior

service contributions for both the municipality and the employee, even though they could elect to pay one-half the employee contributions or only their own contributions.

One-fifth of all Madison, Wisconsin, city employees, representing a total of 103 persons, are eligible for retirement but the city council has approved a resolution retaining this group on the city payroll for the next six months. The council took this action to permit time to study individual cases and to aid in meeting the manpower shortage.

L. G. Hines Speaks to College Employees

More than 200 persons who attended the open meeting recently sponsored by Pennsylvania state college employees thoroughly enjoyed the address given by Lewis G. Hines, former state secretary of labor and industry. He gave the following advice "Go slowly; act with dignity; present your cause as true Americans in an intelligent and enlightened manner and you cannot help but succeed."

He warned the members, "This cannot be the type of group which knocks you over the head first and tells the joke later. Your real strength will come when you prove to the college and to the public in general that you are united in cool-headed, clear thinking action—ready always to combine persistence with understanding."