

## The President's Message

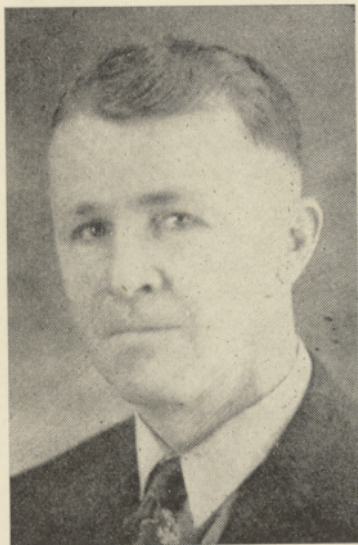
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life of our Association, and the more we have the better it will be. Each chapter has representation in the General Council through its delegates and has a chance to bring its ideas before the General Council and have a voice in determining the program that will be most beneficial to its particular department.

I had hoped to announce definitely the formation of Chapter No. 17, to be located in Portland, before the second issue of "The Oregon State Employee" was published. I can say that the chapter is being formed and will represent employees of several state departments.

I hope to see all of the state departments represented at our next meeting of the General Council in December.

## Meet Our President



Austin (Henry) Ford was born in Highland, Wisconsin, in 1899 where he lived until 1914 when his parents moved to Pendleton, Oregon.

He attended high school at Pendleton and after graduating went to Corvallis where he studied Civil Engineering at Oregon State College.

In 1918 during the First World War he enlisted in the Navy, serving sixteen months as gunner on the Battleship

Oregon and on the Destroyer McKenzie. He received the Navy "E" for gunnery excellence and was discharged in 1919.

In 1921 he started with the Oregon State Highway Commission as chainman and worked two years. In 1923 he accepted a better position with the Southern Pacific Railroad as scout levelman. After a few months with the S.P. he accepted a position on a railroad survey crew in Mexico but due to a Mexican revolution was unable to get into Mexico and after looking over some of the southern and central states returned to Oregon and returned to the Oregon State Highway Commission as transitman. He advanced to the position of Resident Construction Engineer and was later promoted to District Maintenance Superintendent in charge of the West Portland district, which position he now holds.

He is a member of the American Legion. He likes baseball and is a good hunter.

He resides at his home in Portland, Oregon with his wife and two sons, Donald 14, and Robert 12.

Henry is making a very fine record as president of our association. Since his election in February, 1944, the membership of the Rose City Chapter of which he is a member, has doubled.