

## CHAPTER NEWS

### CHAPTER No. 1—SALEM

Words do not describe the success of the picnic for all State Employees sponsored by Salem Chapter and held on the banks of Mill Creek on Sunday, July 16th. An idea of the size of the crowd can be gathered by the following list of "inducements" which were consumed by those present: 20 gallons of ice cream, 18 dozen weinies and buns, and for coffee, Horton Hughlett just diverted Mill Creek into an urn for a couple of hours and it came out just as you like it—hot and strong. Ermal Owens kept the games moving both for grown-ups and kids. Art Burt's ball team scored the win of a hot contest. Members and employees were there from many sections. It was the first public appearance of our new Executive Sec-

retary, Mr. Forrest V. Stewart, who made many friends.

Through the grapevine we learn that R. M. Smith, of the Albany chapter, was seen on one of our hottest days dressed in two or three pairs of trousers and shirts with a heavy veil over his head chasing bees. If it was butterflies, a further investigation would have been made, but we never did hear the end of the bee story.

The Salem District Maintenance Office seems to be the focal point for a considerable volume of overseas mail. As every branch of the services seemed to be represented, your reporter did a little snooping with the full expectation of discovering a sort of private Service Department and Correspondence Bureau. Well, that's just what I found, with Margy Judson, our goodlooking recording secretary, in full charge and in constant touch with the Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Air Force all over the world. Some day the war will be over, Margy, and when all

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