

The President's Message

There remains at this writing less than three months' time in which to prepare our bill to be presented to the 1945 Legislature, which will convene next January. Much has been accomplished since the 1943 session, but there is yet a great deal of work ahead of us.

During the coming months we must concentrate on publicity and organization. There are many people in the State who have not heard of our Association and have no idea of our aims and purposes. Our publication no doubt has done a great deal of good along this line, as it reaches not only public employees and members but also goes to libraries, newspapers, legislators, State and local government officials and travels to all corners of the globe to former State employees who are now in the Service.

It is a tremendous job to contact all State employees and to explain to them our objects and purposes and enlist their support. As we have only one paid employee who can devote full time to this, it is imperative that each and every one of us give him all the help possible.

Our Executive Secretary has been making excellent progress since he was employed in June. Five new chapters have been organized in Salem and Portland, comprising about 250 members. The new chapters are Portland Chapter No. 17, the employees representing several State Departments including Public Utilities, State Department and Department of Public Health; Marion Chapter No. 18, the employees in this chapter representing several State Departments including the State Engineer, the Corporation Commission, the Insurance Department, the Fire Marshal



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and the Tax Commission; Capitol Chapter No. 19 represents the employees in departments located in the State Capitol Building; S. I. A. C. Chapter No. 20 represents the employees in the State Industrial Accident Commission; Willamette Chapter No. 21 represents employees in the Public Utilities Commission. In addition to the chapters now organized, several new chapters representing employees in other departments will soon be organized.

This will no doubt be my last message to you, as the General Council will meet in December, just prior to the convening of the Legislature. At that time a new President will be elected. It has been an honor and a pleasure to have served you and to have worked with your other officers, and it is my fervent hope that the efforts of all of us will not have been in vain.