

Public Service and Future of Oregon

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to provide an adequate system of old-age retirement benefits for the employees of the governmental and educational agencies of the State of Oregon and its local governmental units."

With such organizations taking such action in recognition of the present handicaps to public employment there can be no doubt that the problem is of great concern. Public work of all kinds is now being deferred and upon the termination of the war a vast accumulation of deferred work will clamor for immediate performance. The present staff of the public service will be inadequate and must of necessity be materially increased. The Armed Forces now include the strength and vigor of our country, both of brain and brawn. When the war is ended, if the public service is to secure its just proportion of the trained and skilled men returning to peace-time pursuits, it must be better prepared to meet the competition of private industry. The welfare of the State and its future for decades depends upon the type of personnel attracted to the public service after the war.

ANTICIPATION (Cover Picture)

Looking forward to the time
When Peace, Goodwill and Cheer
Come again to all mankind,
Replacing hate and fear.

When rubber tires and gasoline
Are here again to stay,
And fishermen the same old liars
With the big one that got away.

When Hitler is surrounded
By bursting bombs and shell
And the Army, Navy and Marines
Have blasted the Japs to Hell!

When all the peoples of this earth
Have nothing more to fear,
And the sunset of each joyous day
Brings Peace, Goodwill and Cheer.

When once again we take our rods
And hie to a steelhead stream
Out in a country that is God's,
When life is more than a dream.

—*Ralph Gifford*
1945.

Up to October 1, 1944, 12,000 applicants for education or training under the "G.I. Bill of Rights" have been declared eligible and more than 3,000 have entered educational institutions.

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