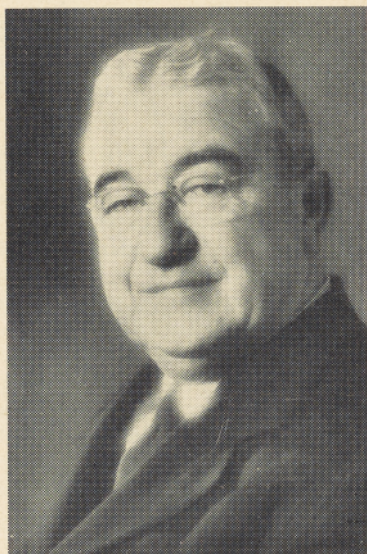


Meet Our Secretary-Treasurer

Homer V. Carpenter was born in a log cabin in Wells County, Indiana, in 1876, of hardy pioneer Hoosier stock. When he was six, his parents and their two children moved to Fort Wayne where Homer attended grade and high schools and started on his chosen business career. For four years he was with the General Electric Co., leaving that concern to work for the Munsingwear Co. as office manager, at Fort Wayne. After three years in this position, then being twenty-five, single and fancy-free, he was lured by the spirit of adventure and came to the wild and woolly West to seek his fortune in Oregon, the land of opportunity.

Times were bad, so Homer took a job as telegraph operator with the Union Pacific Company in Portland and managed to thus keep the wolf from the door for two years. In 1904 he secured employment as collection teller for the U. S. National Bank, and while so employed married his present wife. They have three daughters, and their only son is now with the Army Air Forces overseas. In 1908, Mr. Carpenter started working for the Willamette Iron & Steel Co. as treasurer, a position he held for 20 years, growing in executive stature as the company developed industrially. Financial distress overtook the company in the 1928-29 period and through circumstances beyond his control, Mr. Carpenter was compelled to again seek employment in other fields. He selected Portland's Broadway Safe Deposit Vaults Co. as a business venture, reorganized the company financially and successfully directed its affairs as secretary-treasurer till 1939.

Since 1939, Mr. Carpenter has held the position of credit manager with the Industrial Accident Commission at Sa-



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lem and is now serving the State in the same efficient and diligent manner as has been his custom during his many years of previous business experience.

Mr. Carpenter has been a member of the Elks Lodge for many years and has been actively interested in the Boy Scout movement. While with the U. S. Bank in Portland, he played centerfield on their baseball team and retains his interest in that sport. He enjoys a good game of golf. Hale and hearty at 69, Mr. Carpenter is energetic, forceful, and capable.

The Oregon State Employees Association is fortunate in obtaining Mr. Carpenter's services as its secretary-treasurer, and all who know him appreciate that our affairs are in the hands of a man splendidly equipped and trained to render us all a valuable service.