

We Need More Members

The membership contest which ends October 31 is almost over. New members are being reported in at the rate of 100 per month. This is encouraging, particularly during the summer months when many chapters were inactive. It is also interesting to note that 80 per cent of this gain was made by only six of the chapters.

Now that vacations are over and chapters are again active, membership should show a decided increase providing every one will get in and work toward that end. The matter of membership cannot be left up to the chapter officers and membership committee. They are doing a fine job but they need the help and cooperation of every member. Certain individual members have done an outstanding job of securing new members. They are to be highly commended. The task would be easy if each member signed up at least one new member. It is interesting to note that one third of the state employees who are members of the Association have been carrying the ball for the other two thirds. The field is big and wide open.

State employees should not lose sight of the fact that this is their organiza-

tion and was organized for their protection and advancement and it should be kept strong enough to carry out the purposes for which it was organized. Such strength is mainly derived from a large membership and can only be as strong as employees choose to make it.

The accomplishments of the Association to date have been more than satisfactory. The dues are almost on a par with those of the neighboring Association to the south and much lower indeed than those of many comparable organizations. Benefits already gained, through the efforts of the Association, are worth many times over the cost of membership for many years to come. New programs in the making and the protection of the benefits thus far gained make membership in the Association both necessary and desirable.

Now that much of the worry and urgent necessities of war are over, the individual state employee should give some thought and make some plans for the economic uncertainties that lie ahead.

Without organization, public employees may again become lost in the maelstrom of economic manipulation.

BUFFALOES AND TREES

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Much is said of the various freedoms which we must cherish and protect. The list is endless and not the least of these is the freedom to enjoy the beauty and bounties nature has bestowed upon us.

Here in Oregon where timberland is rapidly passing into the private ownership of a few large operators and is either being logged by man or destroyed by fire, we find as we drive over our highways, year after year, more operations close to the highways. Soon we will see only a mass of stumps and

snags. Rapidly our own beautiful State is becoming a cemetery where once spread mighty forests.

Men of vision who see the inevitable end of this process, know that just as the Indian was stripped of his hunting grounds, so will the white man be stripped of his playground, beauty spots and markers of historical interest.

To this end, public spirited men propose to reserve parkways along the highways, where we can retreat on occasion,

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