

OUR NEWEST CHAPTER

Congratulations to the employees of the Oregon State Hospital for the organization of our newest chapter.

The chapter is to be known as the Evergreen Chapter Number 28. Mr. Billy Wilson is President and also chapter delegate with Gwendolyn Champion as alternate delegate. E. O. Rinderman was elected temporary secretary-treasurer.

This chapter has already held three meetings and others are scheduled for the near future. Membership is growing by leaps and bounds and predictions are that this chapter will make some of the other chapters sit up and take notice, not only in membership but in activity as well.

Best wishes and welcome to O.S.E.A.

PRODUCTS OF THE MERIT SYSTEM

From Good Government

As Good Government has hertofore noted, the civil service merit system has been responsible for securing for the federal government the services of many scientists who have won world reputations for achievement. Employees of the Naval Research Laboratory who have been given distinguished civilian service awards, include Drs. Robert M. Page, for his work in developing radar; Herbert Friedman, for his invention that made possible the mass production of crystal quartz oscillators; Clarence E. Jackson, for developing better methods of welding; and Elias Klein for developing underwater detection equipment.

State, county and municipal officials of Washington, Oregon and California recently met in Portland, Oregon to organize the Pacific Coast Board of Intergovernmental Relations, the purpose of which is to facilitate the handling of administrative problems.

Coleman Heads State Civil Service

William G. Coleman was named as the full time director of the state civil service board.

Coleman, who was senior classification analyst of the war production board's personal department in Washington, D.C., telegraphed his acceptance and said he would report here March 15 if released from the navy by that time.

Coleman has also served as merit system council in Baton Rouge; research assistant in the school of public administration of the University of Chicago; and in the school of public administration at the University of Missouri.

WEST TRAVEL BOOM AHEAD

Ten billion dollars is no trifling sum even in these days when, on a national scale, anything less than a billion is considered "small change."

Yet, ten billion dollars is the amount which Americans are expected to spend next year for travel. And indications are that the eleven Western states will get a large slice of that financial melon. Airlines and railroads are preparing for a record-breaking peacetime load, especially on Western routes. Nearly half the persons contacted in a nation-wide automobile association survey have a preference for travel in the West.

In fact, travel experts urge those who plan westward travel by plane or train in '46 to wait until after June to avoid the crush.

The American nose has been held so close and so long to the grindstone that the prevailing desire is to get "away from it all." And where could said nose better enjoy the free air than in our Western wide open spaces?