

Introducing Our Vice President

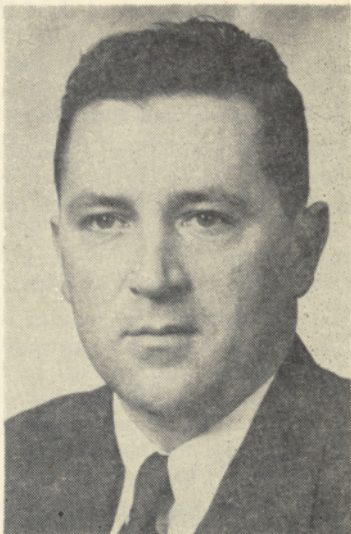
R. M. Smith was born in Felido, Washington, January 20, 1899. 'Hood,' as he is known to his many friends throughout the state, attended grade school at Felido until he was eleven. At this time his family moved to St. Johns, Oregon, and he became a web-foot by adoption. After finishing grade school and attending high school at St. Johns, Hood rounded out his education by attending college at Oregon State.

After three years in the U.S. Navy during World War I, he worked for two years on logging road location and construction and after that five years with the Public Roads Administration on various projects including the Mt. Hood Loop highway, Glacier Park Transmountain highway, Oregon Coast highway, Rainier Park highway and others.

With this backlog of experience he started in September of 1930 for the Oregon State Highway, first as transitman and later as inventory supervisor, division office engineer, resident engineer and from 1941 on as District Maintenance Superintendent.

In common with almost all of the State Highway Engineering personnel, Hood has been called upon to serve in a considerable number of places throughout the state in connection with various jobs. This constant changing necessitated frequent changes in living quarters and it seems appropriate that credit be given to Mr. Smith's wife who, like the wives of a large percentage of the State Highway Engineering personnel, maintained a home for a good many years under rather adverse circumstances in many remote locations.

Hood resides at Corvallis, with his wife Edith and son Glen, who is attending Corvallis high. Another son, Ted, is at present in the U.S. Navy.



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Hood is extremely active both in work and play and gives himself unstintingly to both. Whenever he can find time from his official duties he can usually be found with a fishing rod or a gun as he is an ardent fisherman and hunter.

A large amount of the credit for the formation and growth of the Oregon State Employees Association is due to the time and effort given by Hood. He has been very active throughout his district in obtaining members, was president of Albany Chapter No. 7, during 1945, and as our Vice President will strengthen and stimulate the Association in the task of fulfilling its objectives.

You find yourself refreshed by the presence of cheerful people. Why not make earnest effort to confer that pleasure on others? Half the battle is gained if you never allow yourself to say anything gloomy.—L. M. Child.