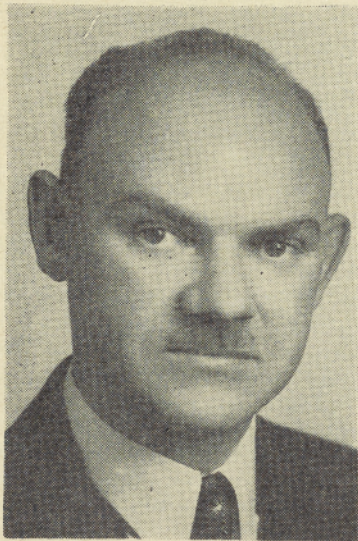


ed enthusiasm and continuous flow of ideas have already taken him knee-deep into his work for the Association. Virgil left New Hampshire in 1912 to come to Oregon, where he has since resided almost continuously. After graduation from Salem High School, he worked as a cost clerk for a short time, then transferred to the S.I.A.C. as a bookkeeper. Since 1920 he has been employed with the Highway Department, doing field engineering in several capacities until 1926, when he came to the Salem office on a six-weeks' assignment which so far has extended over 20 years. Since 1941, Virgil has been in charge of the writing of specifications and has supervised the preparation of plans for highway road contracts as an Assistant Staff Engineer in the Office Engineering Department of the O.S.H.D.

Virgil's time-off-the-job is spent on auto trips, fishing, vacationing in the mountains, boating and gardening. He is a fancier of dogs and is partial to terriers. He and his wife live in Salem.

Virgil has been an active member of Salem Chapter No. 1, having tried especially to stimulate discussion of As-



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sociation affairs at chapter meetings. His "all-out" attack on the problems of publicity indicate that the Association stands to profit greatly through his capable efforts.

YOUR MAGAZINE STAFF

With the advent of 1947, your *Oregon State Employee* staff has been somewhat altered. Ellis H. Jones, statistician for the Unemployment Compensation Commission, has accepted the position of Managing Editor. Cecil Head, chief mail clerk and information desk attendant for the Highway Department, will be the Advertising Manager. Elizabeth Dotson, member of the State Library staff, will assume the duties of Literary Editor. Barbara Ortman, order librarian for the State library, will select interesting and timely clippings about state service in our own and other states. Magdalene Erpelding, secretary in the Highway Division of County and City Relations, will continue her work as editor of news received from the chapters. Ralph Gifford, Highway Department photographer, will supply more of his distinctive cover pictures. Publication of the magazine comes under the general supervision of the newly elected Director of Public Relations, Virgil O'Neil.

These staff changes mean that E. H. Clymer has retired from the duties of editor and Public Relations Director. Mr. Clymer was on hand to edit the very first issue—the April-May issue in 1944. During the last three years, he has contributed numberless hours of his time to work on the magazine. Many special features and much informational material has been brought to Association members during Clymer's editorship. We are mailing a copy of this issue to Mr. Clymer in Arizona where he is enjoying a much earned rest. It is with great appreciation for his time and efforts that we say "Happy vacationing, Eddie!"

The new staff believes that it is the function of this magazine to publish
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