

ficials, which might be conjured up as a possible argument for these amendments.

At least before the amendments are adopted the organizations and friends who have sponsored the civil service act in Oregon should be heard."

The recently adjourned legislative assembly judged that the present merit system under the Civil Service Act deserves support and cooperation. The proposed amendments were withdrawn.

#### SPEAKERS EMPHASIZE INDIVIDUAL CONCERN

On the evening of March 7, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt spoke in Portland at an open meeting of the Northwest College Congress. Because she came directly from the meetings of the United Nations, her emphasis upon individual citizenship is especially notable.

"There will be no peace," she said "unless there are people in every nation who work for it." The United States, she pointed out, will have to accept the fact that the leadership is ours. Whether the objectives of our international organization are made effective will depend upon the way we exercise our citizenship at home. When you live in a democracy you can't shove off your responsibility on anyone else. You may complain about our representatives but we elect them. She concluded her talk by calling upon Americans to have "courage, vision and the kind of crusading spirit shown by those who founded our nation."

Leland Stowe, well-known newspaper correspondent and author of *While Time Remains*, also spoke in Portland and in Salem during March. He, too, emphasized the importance of each individual's interest and action in the struggle for peace. Every American should "educate himself for survival" by learning the facts of atomic warfare. He presented a very grim picture of a world which has the atomic bomb and whose inhabitants are indifferent to possible atomic destruction.

## Chapter Viewpoints

By VIRGIL G. O'NEIL

In the early part of 1947, I suggested a program for the Chapters in getting out news for the *Oregon State Employee*. Your response has been commendable. You have been doing a fine job!

The thought has occurred to me that a better understanding of our common interests might be obtained by an active interchange of ideas between the chapters. One way that comes to mind is by presenting in each issue of our magazine a few provocative problems for chapter discussion.

To get started, and as a trial balloon, I am listing a couple of questions for all the chapters to "chew on" at as early a date as convenient. If they strike a responsive chord and official chapter views are expressed concerning them, the replies will be polled and tabulated and presented in the next issue along with another set of questions.

Here are the first matters presented for your consideration:

1. How does your Chapter keep up interest in the O.S.E.A. and maintain a large, paid-up membership?
2. How can your O.S.E.A. general administration best help the Chapter to maintain its interest and activity?

I will be glad to hear from each chapter as to its reception of this idea and will be eager to receive your official chapter viewpoint. Suggestions of future questions will be gratefully accepted.

To avoid confusion send your replies to the O.S.E.A. office at 141 Pacific Building, Salem. Deadline for the May-June issue will be later because of the delay in publishing this issue. It will be May 21.

The world is full of willing people—some are willing to work, and others are willing to let them.

—Highways of Happiness