

vices to the people. We are confronted with a well nigh staggering problem . . . Each month or year that goes by is bringing us a greater backlog of urgent demands . . . It is a serious human problem. It is the problem of feeble minded children sleeping on mattresses, spread on the floors of day rooms; of blind children going to school in fire traps; of prisons where the inmates sleep with bars between them and a bathroom; of highways that take a weekly toll of sudden death. Every cent of our savings in the Postwar Reconstruction Fund is being used or is dedicated to the purpose of wiping out such blots on the name of our State."

"Since 1943 State employees have had legislative salary increases averaging 24 percent. These increases have been offset by mounting costs of living. There have been, however, no salary increases for those state officials whose compensation is fixed by statute . . . We cannot expect indefinitely to attract qualified men and women into the administration of the State's multi-million dollar business at salaries established in some instances as far back as forty years ago . . . The people of Ohio do not and should not expect public employees to continue making personal financial sacrifices by remaining in State service." Governor Thomas Herbert of Ohio.

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POETIC CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBERS

We have received several contributions of poetry from members of the Association which we regret not being able to print because of our limited space. Among these contributors, Russell A. Mohny, Sr., of Highway Chapter No. 1, is the most prolific. Obviously, Mr. Mohny has an active imagination and genuinely enjoys these excursions in verse. We can't resist giving you a sample from *I Quit Smoking By Request*:

Near forty years I've puffed the weed,
But now must smoke no more;
The Medic says I must accede,
Or fail to live four score.

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