

longer. The Chapter sent up magazines to keep the boys' thoughts off their aches and pains.

On the list of employees taking advantage of the retirement act features which permit retirement on July 1, is Alfred Wild of the Bend section crew. He says his wife didn't want to put up any more lunches for him anyway, but it is not as it "uster be" when he was working, as it is hard to keep busy on a little front yard, and keeping up his real estate.

Kenneth E. Morton, of the Fall River fish hatchery, expressed by letter to the Chapter, his regrets in not being able to attend the meeting at this busy time.

Dinty Moore has been going to work in a new tie and clean shirt lately. Looking around the corner, we see the reason; namely a late model mode of transportation.

Sam Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, from Alkali Lake, made a trip to the Willamette valley, returning with fresh fruit and a new pair of spectacles for Sam.

—E. E. Johnston
Press Correspondent

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July 20, 1947, will be a day long remembered by a large number of Rose City chapter state employees and their guests. This was the day that we had been looking forward to for about two months—the picnic and drawing for prizes donated by various contractors and business men in and near Portland.

At 1:00 p. m. the crowd seated themselves at the tables of their choice.

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Just to look at the assortment of food on these tables made one's mouth water. At 1:15 p. m. Ed Reif, chairman of the entertainment committee, gave the word to go. The next forty-five minutes were very quiet, with the exception of someone asking for the salad or "pass the cake," etc.

By 2:00 p. m., when all were complaining that they had eaten too much, the athletic committee decided that this would be the time to stage the athletic contests. They proceeded to get things going with a tug of war between the engineers and the maintenance boys. The engineers were doing all right until someone on the maintenance gang demanded that Mr. Sarmal, of Birkemeier and Sarmal, untie the end of the rope which he had wrapped around a tree. When the engineers lost that support, the maintenance boys pulled them across the line to win, and received a box of cigars for their efforts. Then came foot races and sack races for small children, older children, and grown-ups of both sexes.

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