

due in large extent to this lack.

It is my belief that many members have become inactive through their feeling that they, as individuals, are not being listened to, or that their ideas carry no weight. Many such "gripes" are based on misunderstanding, while some are based on fact.

Insofar as the written word can do so, it should be the duty of the Director of Public Relations to satisfy the membership that their interests are being served by the Association, and by what means this is being done. It should be recognized, however, that the members themselves cannot sit back quietly and inactively and expect ALL to be done by words alone or by someone else!

In conclusion, it is my thought that our public relations should be pointed to two main objectives: (1) selling the Association to the public, legislature and administrative authorities, and (2) increasing the strength of the Association and maintaining its worthiness that it may be a power for the improvement of public service.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Director of Public Relations

## Chapter News

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thing for sure, we are combing a new batch of mud from our whiskers.

On my vacation through southern Oregon, I ran across a few old timers and had some good visits. Met Forrest Cooper in Roseburg. He seemed to be in good spirits—said that he had a seeing eye dog to lead him around while he was getting acquainted.

At different times, a member of one crew goes into another crew's territory to borrow a piece of equipment. Sometimes the stuff is hard to find. Maybe if all future equipment were built in the shape of beer bottles and hub caps, it would be easy to locate. How about it Ernie?

Gayle Perkins, Dufur helper, had to

go to a Portland hospital for a rebore job. He is doing O.K., and will be back to work shortly.

The Rufus crew still has the shorts. The fish head eaters and wine drinkers at Hood River are very quiet. Also, the Shaniko sheep herders seem to be missing.

E. H. Woodley  
Press Correspondent.

## OAK SPRINGS NEWS

Since the last issue of our magazine we have signed up two new members here—Lyle Endersby and Ed Muhm. Our gang is now 100 per cent OSEA members.

Darrell Devenport  
Press Correspondent.

## CAPITOL CHAPTER No. 19

Chapter 19 met at the Y.M.C.A. on October 17, and the evening was devoted to an explanation of the group life insurance plan, given by our State Secretary, Forrest V. Stewart.

The attention of our members has been pointedly directed to the matters of insurance and retirement by the large number of state employees well known to us who have broken under the continued strain of dealing with a difficult public, and been ordered by their physicians to take long rests. These include, from our chapter, Earl Boyle, Garland Hollowell, "Pop" Harland, and C. V. Richardson. Max Flanery of the P.U.C. office can also be included in this group. Waldo Geddes of the Gas Tax Department in the Secretary of State's office died suddenly at his home a few weeks back.

The opportunity to secure the life insurance through arrangement with the West Coats Life Insurance Company is unquestionably a remarkable privilege, not only by reason of the simplicity of its handling, but particularly through its low cost.

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