

fice building at Northeast Seventh and Oregon Streets.

Prospects for the success of this chapter now appear very bright. We have about a 98 per cent membership of all regular employees and expect to make it 100 per cent. The necessary percentage to qualify for the group life insurance plan has been secured, with coverage to commence November 1. We have our own council room—rent free—and also facilities for refreshments when desired.

Two meetings have been held since organization—the first to elect officers and a delegate to the General Council, and the second to adopt certain resolutions for presentation at the November 22-23 meeting, among which was one asking that all state employees be given a cost-of-living sal-

John J. Scrivner

#### OREGON TRAIL CHAPTER No. 35

The Oregon Trail Chapter held its first meeting in the Nurses' Home at the State Hospital at The Dalles on November 4. We were very happy to receive our charter then, and it was displayed at the meeting. Mrs. Laura Collins presided as temporary chairman at this first meeting.

The first order of business was the election of officers, which resulted in the following being unanimously elected: Mrs. Laura Collins, president; Mr. Alvin Lawellin, vice president; Mrs. Ethel Gamble, secretary-treasurer.

An executive board was also elected: C. A. Wood, business manager; Mrs. Hazel Wright, dietitian; Mrs. M. R. Selisch, superintendent of nurses; Ruth ary increase. Every state employee should be interested in this movement and should get behind it and give it his wholehearted support, as it is inconceivable that anyone could deny the justice of such a request. The average state employee has been taking it on the chin, quietly, for a long time. It is time for him to speak out.

Sherman, R.N.; Harry Thatcher, painter.

We now have 72 members, which is about 100 per cent, as some of our kitchen help comes and goes.

The Dalles Chapter has been contacted and has graciously consented to install the members of our chapter on Friday, December 12, 1947. The Dalles Chapter invited the Oregon Trail Chapter to a potluck supper held at the Civic Auditorium on November 29, which we accepted with pleasure.

The executive board and the officers are meeting soon to form a set of by-laws, and we are very happy to be a member of the Oregon State Employees Association.

Mrs. M. R. Selisch was elected as our representative to the meeting held November 22 and 23, in Salem.

Mrs. Laura Collins

#### VEXATION

Of all the jobs I ever had,

Engineering is the bunk;  
I have to work in weather bad,  
Unfit for man or skunk.

When sun boils down upon my back,  
And sweat runs off my face,  
The Chief gives me another whack,  
To hasten up my pace.

When snow is nearly two feet deep  
And weather icy cold,  
My chillblains nearly make me weep  
Although I'm growing old.

When rain is pouring from the sky,  
And soaks my wornout shoes,  
The Chief then says he wonders why  
I always have the blues.

The cost of food, and clothing too,  
And rent is out of sight.  
I know not what on earth to do;  
Inflation is a fright.

The State is nearly broke, we're told;  
They cannot raise our pay.  
I'll have to sleep out in the cold,  
And eat alfalfa hay.

—Russell A. Mohny, Sr.  
Salem Chapter No. 1