

News from the Chapters

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CHAPTER I—SALEM

Present at the OSEA meeting on May 19th in Salem, were candidates for State Representatives from Marion County who gave a few words in support of their candidacy. Governor Hall was in attendance for a short while.

A plan for an intensive membership drive was discussed. This is a nice time for all of us, that have been evading our duties, to do what we can for OSEA; to become members that OSEA will be proud of. True, we can reap the same benefits even though we do ride along on someone else's efforts . . . but we all have to live with that faculty known as a conscience.

It was decided to hold regular meetings through the summer months to maintain interests, and support the OSEA in its legislative program. We also authorized our Financial Secretary to appoint deputies for collecting and receiving dues.

Salem Chapter went on record as favoring retaining present retirement age of 65 but liberalizing pension payments.

CHAPTER II—ROSEBURG

In March, at our new meeting place in the Knights of Pythias Hall, Roseburg Chapter was pleased to have Loren White and Forrest Stewart as guests. The talks delivered by these men and the ensuing discussions were stimulating and have helped considerably in arousing and maintaining the interests of the membership in our problems. A pre-meeting dinner arranged by the executive committee, was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. This might be a suggestion to the other chapters

who are interested in a few social activities along with business.

The April meeting was confined to local business but we were fortunate in having access to the Forest Service sound film, *Realm of the Wild*.

At the May meeting, Frank Hall, District Director from Eugene, was present, bringing with him A. J. (Henry) Ford, C. C. McKinney and Charles Thornton. Frank and "Henry" gave interesting talks which helped to bring us up to date on the activities of the directors and officers. One of the more involved discussions concerned ways and means of finding the money to employ a field assistant to the executive secretary. The general consensus of those attending the session was that it would be money well spent even if we had to dig down into our personal pockets which everyone knows are already about as empty as they can get. Mr. Ford came up with a fine suggestion which we shall endeavor to act upon—namely, a joint picnic with the Eugene and/or other chapters later this summer. The highlight of the evening came when, as a guest, Charlie Thornton was asked to make the drawing for the jackpot. He predicted with great confidence that he would naturally draw his own name. Naturally, he did that very thing though it must be recorded that he seemed more surprised than anyone else.

The June meeting will include a potluck dinner with a party following the business meeting.

Roseburg Chapter, at this writing has sixty-four members, and with everyone assigned to the membership committee we are gradually rounding up quite a few of the old, hardy, re-