

## Dean Walker Speaks At OSC Chapter Meet

Mr. John C. Burtner, Director of College News Bureau and active OSEA member of Chapter No. 29 at Corvallis, reports on Chapter affairs in a very interesting and enlightening manner as follows:

"An up to date report on state finances was given by Senator Dean Walker of Independence in an address before more than 100 members of the Oregon State College Chapter at its monthly meeting held November 9.

"Dean Walker held that the actual state surplus in the income tax fund is far below the figures that have been used.

"Despite the serious financial difficulties that face the forthcoming legislature the picture is probably not as bad as some have painted it, Dean Walker added. He believes that with good judgment the state can get along without sacrificing essential services and that the needs of state employees will receive fair consideration. He mentioned particularly that he had always found the officers of the State Employees Association to be reasonable in their general relationships with the legislature and the interim emergency board. He has always found them willing to work with the State officers for the general welfare of the state rather than making unreasonable demands.

"He added, however, that he hoped the employees association would, in turn, realize its responsibility in helping to see that any poor or inefficient employees were not allowed to reduce the returns the state gets for salaries and wages spent. He said he would much prefer to see higher salaries paid to efficient workers than to spread the salary budgets over an additional number of employees who were not producing their share.

"The Oregon State College Chapter has increased its membership materially

and is having well attended meetings. An election at the October meeting resulted in the following list of officers being chosen: P. M. Brandt, President; Ralph Harding, Vice-President; Mrs. Vida Bower, Recording Secretary; C. T. Yerian, Membership Secretary; Mrs. Gladys Schloeman, Treasurer.

"Delegates to the general council meeting in Portland in November were Grant E. Glanch, Ralph M. Harding, and P. M. Brandt. Alternates were Irwin Barklow, Vida Bower and Fred M. Shideler.

"The constitution of the Oregon State College Chapter has been amended to add the office of Membership Secretary.

"This chapter has contacted the two legislative candidates in Benton County concerning their support of the proposed program of the State Employees Association."

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## Engineers Organize; Tell Aims, Progress

In the belief that the forming of professional organizations with aims akin to those of the Oregon State Employees Association may prove of interest to our membership, the editorial staff is printing herewith an article prepared by Claude E. Pfifer, one of our members and Secretary-Treasurer of this new Oregon Association of Engineering Employees. Mr. Pfifer's article follows:

"Early in the Spring of this year, a small group of State Highway Engineers met and decided to issue a general notice to all State employed engineers and technical men to meet in Salem, with the idea of forming an Association of Engineering Employees for the purpose of improving their professional status. This called for increasing salaries commensurate with those paid elsewhere, and promoting greater opportunities for advancement under Civil Service classifications. In achieving these objectives, not only the engineers