

of editions; also to send out more frequent news letters to each member.

7. Approved a 1949 budget of \$24,000, which calls for maintaining an average of 3,600 paid-up members and the gaining of not less than 1,000 new members during the year; plus \$2,000 income from the magazine.

#### SUMMARY:

This 1948 session of the General Council was a truly representative meeting. Under a policy adopted by our president, Loren White, every Chapter which entered a resolution for consideration was permitted and requested to make its position and arguments known, to question every committee report and to state its position fully. Serious deliberation was given every subject, and there was no attempt at "railroading." All delegates were able representatives. It was evident to all who attended that the OSEA has reached a stature of maturity and has the strength, ability and purpose of becoming an ever increasing influence in every matter that involves public service and the welfare of the State and its employees.

## Loyalty Test Proposal Explained

By R. M. SMITH

To the members and friends of the Oregon State Employees Association, the writer submits to you the following explanation of the reasons for opening the discussion of loyalty at the General Council meeting held in Portland.

There was no desire to create the erroneous impression in the minds of the people that subverters were running rampant throughout the State service. There was no intent to advocate or precipitate an expensive, bootless "witch hunt."

This subject of "loyalty" was introduced solely to draw your attention to

the serious conditions which are now developing. With the state service afflicted by an un-investigated personnel turn-over of several thousand this year, the Budget Director threatening a reduction in wages which have been and are too low to attract sufficient help, with the Federal government and labor unions purging their ranks of subversive elements with no provision made for their dispersal; in view of such facts, the question of loyalty tests for state employees (although extremely repugnant) appears to deserve some deliberation and study. The records clearly show that the question is of deep concern to many as attested by the prompt and emphatic attention it received in many quarters and the Press.

#### SIAC CHAPTER PLANS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Plans for a Christmas party at the VFW hall Wednesday, December 22, were made at this week's meeting of the S.I.A.C. chapter of the Oregon State Employees Association.

Capitol chapter presented a program of music by Jack Spong, vocal solos by Mrs. Galesdorf and electric guitar numbers by students of Mrs. Meola.

Forrest Stewart, executive secretary of the OSEA, reviewed accomplishments of the OSEA and discussed the need for an adequate salary for state employees.

Loren White and Ralph Southwick, SIAC delegates to the general council meeting in Portland, were given instructions to favor an increase in prior service credits under the retirement plan, and to exercise their judgment in other matters.

Editor's Note—The above is a reprint from the *Oregon Statesman* of Salem, appearing November 20, 1948. We like to see such material reaching the local papers and encourage all Chapters to have their meetings publicized in like manner.