

OSEA Employs Assistant Executive Secretary; Eugene Schmidt Assumes Duties June 1



Eugene F. Schmidt

Pictured above is Eugene F. Schmidt, your new assistant to Executive Secretary Forrest V. Stewart. Gene was selected by your board of directors on May 21, to fill the much needed position of assistant executive secretary and will soon begin his work in an effort to provide closer contact with the chapters. Gene is enthusiastic about the job and anxious to meet you as soon as time permits.

Graduating from Willamette university, Salem, Oregon, this June, Mr. Schmidt has obtained his BA by four years of background in personnel and other contributing liberal arts courses.

Born in Dickenson, North Dakota in 1920, Mr. Schmidt moved to Oregon in 1936 and except for three and a half years in the navy, has since been a resident of Salem. Commenting on what he thinks of Oregon, Gene says that the lure of the mountain streams and the excellent fishing (he knows a few good places), among Oregon's

many other good merits have kept him firmly entrenched here.

After graduating from high school in Salem in 1938 Gene went into business for himself in Salem, but was interrupted in his promising enterprise by Pearl Harbor. He enlisted in the US navy and spent his 3½ years service mainly in the South Pacific. He feels confident that his choice was wise in deciding instead of returning to his former business that he would attend college and make use of the opportunity presented by the GI bill.

Mr. Schmidt entered Willamette U. in 1946 and the record of his four year career indicates the interest and ability he displayed while he was there. Among the things that kept him busy, in addition to a heavy studying schedule, he was homecoming manager, secretary-treasurer of his class, served as senior member on the judiciary committee, and was active in several service organizations. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

During the summer of 1947, he worked for the state engineer's department and last summer, also part time during the winter, with the civil service commission in connection with the private pay study survey and the proposed pay plan on state salaries. Gene has indicated that it was through this particular work he became interested in applying for the position with the OSEA for which he has been selected.

When time permits, Gene enjoys to go nine holes on the local golf course, although he admits it's mostly for exercise, he also enjoys skiing and is interested in the art of cookery.

Five memory gems: Be brief—politely. Be aggressive—tactfully. Be emphatic—pleasantly. Be positive—diplomatically. Be right—graciously.

—The Penn-Trail.