

After personally presenting certificates to the 80 trainees, and congratulating each of them individually, he added the thought, "Courtesy is the greatest instrument in the world for improving public relations."

The courses given were in filing methods and accounting procedures and were sponsored by the state civil service commission to promote increased efficiency among state workers. Robert Johnson, state civil service director who presided, said the commission will endeavor to resume the training in the autumn.

GHOST OF THE PAST

(Cover Picture)

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Deep snow and screeching windstorms of uncounted yesterdays have left their marks on this alpine veteran clinging to the brink of beautiful Crater lake, mutely telling the story of Nature's battles in the highlands.

In death, gaunt white branches and scarred old trunks have become things of beauty which add to the blue charms of the mountain wonder held tightly in the volcanic embrace of the southern Oregon Cascades.

How long it may have lived and how long it may have died, a victim of the elements in the high country, no person will ever know. It would not be out of line to suggest that it was in all of its green finery when John Wesley Hillman, a wandering prospector, discovered the lake of sapphire on that June day in 1853. Then, too, it may have already succumbed to the winds and snows, standing as a monument to its own green years.

Perhaps the more imaginative visitors, who at times speculate on things that were, may see Indians on the rim, camped near the tree while on one of their infrequent trips to this mysterious upland. Perhaps the medicine men, who were the most frequent visitors, found help and inspiration from the tree to make good medicine in the centuries before white man stumbled on the sublime scene.

But there it stands, witness to the unknown years and there it will stand

for the tomorrows Nature sees fit to permit.

To an artist such as Ted Rosin, who knows the outdoors, it spells beauty to be captured forever by the camera, and for visitors without cameras it is a scene to be long remembered. Branches against the blue, Nature's finest artistry frames forest-covered Wizard Island with its rugged background of jagged crater wall heights.

In this setting of supernal quiet, a million yesterdays and more rest deep in mysterious waters which long ago came to replace volcanic fires which destroyed ancestral Mt. Mazama. Thus was created beauty born of violence to thrill mortals through all the years.

CALIFORNIA STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION PLEDGES SERVICE TO THE STATE

Our attention has been directed to the Pledge of Service of the California State Employees Association which is striking in its simplicity. We quote it as follows:

"We, public servants of the State of California, pledge ourselves:

"To perform our work honestly and efficiently, striving always to improve its value to the public.

"To treat the public and our fellow workers with courtesy and consideration.

"To uphold the laws and principles of our State and nation, and—

"By all of our acts to earn, for the public service, the highest esteem and respect."

In view of the fact that our own Association is closely patterned after that of California, and also that the California Association is the most successful employee association in the Nation, perhaps we should read their pledge once more and see how we measure up to proven and successful precepts upheld by others.

Joe: "If you have 10 dollars in one pocket and 15 dollars in the other, what have you?"

Bill: "I have on somebody else's pants."