

OSEA News & Notices

The OSEA Headquarters report of our financial condition at the end of August shows 979 new members so far this year, a cash balance of \$2882, and a furniture and fixture inventory of \$1,033. A total of \$18,011 has been received during the first 8 months of the year.

Mary Laughlin, Secretary-Treasurer, has been forced to resign her position with the OSEA as she plans to attend the Graduate School of Social Economy and Social Research at Bryn Mawr.

Lois Manning, employed with the Insurance Department and a faithful OSEA worker, has been appointed by the Board of Directors to fill this office the remainder of the year.

The Oregon State Highway Department in conjunction with the Extension Division of the Oregon State System of Higher Education, are offering a course of in-service training in "Elementary College Mathematics" to Highway Department employees, starting early in October. At this writing nearly 30 have signed up for the course. This action is in line with the Civil Service Commission program for in-service training of State Employees and is a commendable activity. The OSEA is proud of its record in having brought these opportunities for employee improvement to fruition through its sponsorship and support of the Civil Service Act.

The Public Employees Retirement Board held a hearing in Salem on August 12th preliminary to its adoption of a new, complete set of rules interpreting the Retirement Act on a policy and administrative basis. Forrest Stewart represented the OSEA and State employees at the hearing. Only three of the proposed rules met with any objection from the em-

ployees viewpoint, and each of these was modified, as adopted by the Board, in line with our recommendations.

The annual OSEA General Council meeting is scheduled to be held in Portland on November 18th, 19th and 20th. Chapters will be busy instructing their delegates and discussing the resolutions which will be brought up at the meeting. Every OSEA member might well get out to his Chapter meetings in the interim and voice his opinions regarding the issues. Some thought should be given to the selection of OSEA officers for 1950, as they are elected from among the Chapter delegates. Every delegate should have some ideas about who the State officers should be, and a little political activity between now and then could be a healthy and interesting thing.

The Roseburg Chapter No. 2, OSEA, held its regular meeting June 7. Rep. Paul Geddes was our guest of the evening and gave a very educational talk on the OSEA and the presentation of its problems to the legislature. Mr. Geddes discussed the importance of lobbyist, and told that they were extremely valuable at the legislature but also stressed home lobbying as being most effective also. Formulate a program early in the season, work on it, talk it over with legislators at home was recommended. Mr. Geddes followed the bill from its presentation through the various committees to its acceptance or rejection. We received some very good thoughts for the next legislature from this speech. Refreshments were served later which are always much enjoyed.

On August 7, the OSEA picnic was held at the Rod and Gun club grounds. We had a fine turnout with everyone having a good time. We find we have some very good horseshoe players and