

competition was keen. We had visitors from several states including Washington, D.C. A pot-luck dinner was held where everyone was at his best.

An invitation to a meeting at Coquille for August 18 has many of the members planning a trip to the coast. Among those planning on going are Ross Newcomb, President of Chapter No. 2, James Vaughn, our Director Hill Young, past president, and several others.

We have been having much discussion on the subject of new members with several new applications as the result.

—R. K. Wood

Columbia Chapter No. 34 includes the employees of the Secretary of State's office and the Public Utility Commission, Portland Branch Offices, and is under the very capable leadership of David Bryant, of the PUC, as President. Much effort has been spent by Mr. Bryant to further the development of the OSEA since its inception. We give a lot of thanks to Mr. Dave. He has just returned from an audit in Longview, Washington.

In order to get everyone to take more interest in all things pertaining to the welfare of this organization, every employee has been appointed to serve on some committee. It is in the interest of all to have new ideas and suggestions brought forward at any time. Mr. Johnnie Crawford, our Chairman of Committees and representative at the General Council, called a Chairman committee meeting in July for a little get together and pep talk along this line. Out of this, a suggestion box was put up. Nothing startling as yet has happened. We still have hopes of more of the members coming through with some good ones, constructive ideas, I mean. We know they have them. The General Council meeting is only a few months away.

We are sorry to report that Roy Sellers, chairman of the committee on membership, has been ill for the past two months. His loss has been keenly felt as he has been a very interested worker for the OSEA. We hope he gets well soon. Nellie Miller has taken over his duties as chairman while he is away. Our membership is almost

100%, due to a few new employees not yet signed up and a few old stragglers. Maybe after vacation we can talk them over to our way.

One of the biggest news that has happened in the Secretary of State's office, Portland, is the bowling team that was organized this year. It has 12 members to date. Tuesday night is the big night, and Wednesday is the tough day. They report they are getting to be real hot shots. The team name? MEADOW LARKS!!!

—E. M. Griffith

Attention is called to the many examination announcements made by the Civil Service Commission for the filling of appointment lists, promotional lists, et cetera. This issue of the magazine will arrive too late to justify listing those which close October 1st, but there are many open, continuous examinations which may be taken by interested and qualified employees at any time. Such include, but are not necessarily limited to the following:

Property Appraiser, \$310-\$380; Clerk I, \$160-195; Clerk Typist I, \$160-\$195; Clerk Stenographer I, \$180-\$215; Clerk Typist II, \$185-\$225; Clerk Stenographer II, \$195-\$235; Clerk II (Promotional), \$185-\$225; Clerk Typist III (Promot.), \$210-\$255; Clerk Stenographer III (Promot.), \$210-\$255; Accounting Clerk, \$210-\$255; Accountant I, \$240-\$300; Accountant II, \$280-\$350; Accounts Executive I, \$330-\$410; Civil Engineer I, \$280-\$350; Civil Engineer II (Promot.), \$320-\$400; Civil Engineer III (Promot.), \$380-\$460; Civil Engineer IV (Promot.), \$440-\$540; Civil Engineer V (Promot.), \$500-\$600.

Many OSEA members and other State employees, especially new employees, wonder what is best to do when they start contributing to the Retirement Fund. To pay on the regular rate for their age or to elect to pay the minimum of 5%, when lower. When it is understood that the State will match the employees contribution, it seems wise to get as much benefit from the Act as possible and that can only be done by electing to pay the largest amount permissible.