

# District No. 2 Presidents Plan for Membership

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The first meeting of the Chapter presidents representing those chapters comprising District Number 2 of the OSEA was held at Nohlgren's restaurant on January 30, 1950. The meeting started with a luncheon at 6:30 P.M. The keynote was OSEA membership and the ways and means to increase the same to at least 6000 in 1950.

Three major procedures for increasing membership were discussed and resulted in the adoption of the following:

1. That each chapter be instructed to select a membership chairman and submit the name to the head office. This procedure would relieve the chapter presidents of some of their load and permit the state membership chairman to coordinate his activities by working through the district director and he in turn through the chapter chairmen.
2. Gene Schmidt and the writer were instructed to establish an equitable potential membership for each chapter and set up a quota toward which each should work. Consideration of an appropriate prize for the chapter that first reached its quota was discussed but a definite decision on the prize was tabled for study at the February meeting.
3. Gene Schmidt was instructed to mail a report to each chapter president, monthly, as to the standings of all chapters on their progress towards reaching the established quotas. This report will also include the current total OSEA statewide membership.

Following conclusion of the above action it was stressed by the state membership chairman that every chapter secretary should be furnished

with an adequate supply of pamphlets explaining the benefits to be derived by membership in this association. It was further stressed that every effort should be made by each chapter to carry out programs that would be of help in keeping all the old members as well as assisting in gaining new members. Miss Nolan gave a very interesting talk concerning her activities as chairman of the SIAC membership committee setting forth the successful methods she had utilized in the past in securing the interest of the new members in joining the association. In spite of the inclement weather practically every chapter of this district was represented and the interest shown was exceptionally encouraging. It is the plan of this group to meet once a month in the future.

Those in attendance were: Joe Wilson, S.U.CC., state membership chairman; Gene Schmidt, Ass't. Exec. Sec'y of OSEA; Robert Ashby, SIAC, Director of District No. 2; James Bank, Pres., Capitol No. 19; John Susbauer, Pres., SIAC, No. 20; Alvah Brown, Pres., Oregon No. 22; Clarence L. Tomkins, Pres., OCE No. 43; Jess L. Baker, Pres., Deer Park No. 47; Clarence Tandy, Pres., Hi-way No. 1; James Singleton, Pres., Willamette No. 21; Lyle Beyers, Pres., Forestry No. 25; Olive Mallery, Pres., MVSU No. 32; Frank Hutchison, proxy Marion No. 18; Geo. Kayser, Sec'y of Shop & Field No. 38; and Miss Nowlan, Membership Chairman, SIAC No. 20.

The government is suing the A&P because it buys and sells groceries too cheap, and is too big. Not likely to catch the housewife vote.

Now that the British have devalued the pound we hope to see more of those small British cars and fewer of those big British loans.