

join use of such funds. The circuit court decided in favor of the plaintiff, a heavy contributor to the industrial accident fund, and an injunction was granted.

"The state appealed to the Oregon supreme court, and in a 4 to 3 opinion the majority sustained the circuit court, and it appeared that ended the matter. But shortly thereafter Justice George H. Burnett died, and Justice George Rossman was appointed to fill the vacancy.

"A rehearing was granted. Justice Rossman then wrote the prevailing opinion in which three others joined, which upset the previous decision and held that the law authorizing the borrowing from state funds for such purposes was not unconstitutional.

"Eastern & Western appealed to the United States supreme court. On February 25, 1929, that court wrote the final answer, affirming the Oregon supreme court.

"So construction was finally started and the building was occupied in 1930.

"The agricultural building is the third oldest in the state group. It was built by private parties and leased to the state, then later bought for about \$84,000 in 1931.

"Fourth and finest of the group is the capitol itself, completed in 1939 at a cost of some \$2,500,000 to replace the old state house destroyed by fire April 25, 1935. The design and plans for the new capitol were chosen after a nationwide architectural competition in which 123 firms participated.

"The winners were Trowbridge & Livingstone and Francis Keally of New York City. They received an award of \$132,000, which, of course, also covered their architectural work for the edifice.

"Five other firms received consolation prizes of \$1,500 each.

"As it was, the building finally erected is considered by many visitors who have seen them all, the most beautiful state capitol in America.

"The state library building was completed in 1939 at a cost of \$875,730. In keeping with the cloistered atmosphere that's supposed to surround a library, the construction of this build-

ing was serene and without untoward event.

"A new building for the state highway department is rising now, just north of the Public Service building.

"The Public Service building will house the state police, the state board of control, the audit division of the secretary of state's office, the civil service commission, the public utilities commission, the industrial accident commission, and the unemployment compensation commission."

OSEA Member On Committee

Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom, of Salem, in appointing a transportation committee for the purpose of surveying the bus transportation problem, recognized the State Employees Association as a potential factor in Salem and included a member of the organization, D. H. Cameron, SUCC, on his committee.

Much work has been done by the committee and there has now been published in the local newspapers revised schedules which call for new routings. This schedule will be placed in effect in the near future. Nearly all schedules have been arranged so that employees may travel to and from work with greater convenience than in the past.

Parking is rapidly becoming a serious problem in the capitol area and the committee recognizes this by urging all employes, whenever possible, to use this form of public transportation as a means of relieving the parking problem in the capitol area.

A girl working in a Federal Government office in New York wrote her parents: "I work in the data analysis group of the aptitude test sub-unit of the worker and analysis section of the division of occupational analysis and manning tables of the bureau of labor utilization of the War Manpower Commission which is under the Office of Emergency Management." Her mother wired back: "Come home immediately."