

efforts, fourteen bulletin boards have been placed in various departments to facilitate the distribution of O.S.E.A. information. Consult the bulletin boards regularly to keep up with current O.S.E.A. activities—then join in the various programs.

Nomination of chapter officers was part of the business meeting, with election to take place at the meeting to be held during December. Delegates and alternates to the OSEA convention were nominated and unanimously elected.

Membership in Marion Chapter 18—one of the State's largest chapters—is now 298. Pins for securing five or more new members were awarded to Ruby Davis, Dorothy Gaines, Faye Ater, Peggy Anderson, Mary Bloomer and Jean Pfennig. Congratulations!

Chapter members were pleased in having as a guest Robert Ashby, director of district No. 2, who presented an informative summary of the main activities of the OSEA. Mr. Ashby discussed the insurance program for state employees, the reactivation and initiation of new chapters in different state institutions and the necessity of increasing the membership of OSEA. Amendment of the retirement program policies, proposed changes in the vacation program to grant increased vacation benefits consistent with longevity of state service and the activity of the OSEA legislative committee were also detailed. Mr. Ashby commented upon the necessity of a pay raise as requested by OSEA through its executive secretary, Forrest V. Stewart.

Commendation is expressed to chapter members who contributed freely of their time to insure the success of the state picnic, held in Champoeg Park, August 6, 1950.

Chapter 18 has expressed itself as being in favor of issuing cards to heads of departments—as honorary members and to retire members—as associate members. Such members would not

pay dues and would not be entitled to vote but could attend the meetings and join in the discussions if so desired.

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Now that vacation time is over we can settle down to winter activities. New officers for our chapter were elected. Harry Stillwell will be president, Fred Hammond, vice president and Don Stowe, delegate. Alta Larson was reelected secretary.

We have a few new employees, but have lost a few also. Roy Seller and Paul Doyle of the P.U.C. Department passed away this summer. They were ill a long time. Uncle Sam has taken one of the driver's examiners, Marshall MacDuffy. He is now in the army again and is in California somewhere.

The bowling team has now started rolling them down the alley. Every Thursday evening for both men and women.

A get-together meeting of all the Portland chapters was held in the Eagles Lodge, October 9th. Several candidates for office attended. The main topic was the wage question, due to the higher cost of living.



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