

President's Message

Greetings to all members of OSEA and a special word of thanks and encouragement to the officers of all 57 chapters of the Association for their splendid work to date.

Reports from all sections of the state show evidence of the steady growth of OSEA. These facts are always encouraging to your Association officers and the headquarters staff. We still have a long road to travel, however, in reaching the desired goal of a statewide membership amounting to at least 90 per cent of all state employees. Such a goal is not a fantastic dream but can become a reality if we all continue our whole-hearted support of OSEA and its principles.

One is somewhat amazed at the tremendous strides the Association has made in the short period of its existence. As a member, if you will but pause for a moment of reflection, you also will be surprised upon review of the extra benefits which have been received to date. Many of these gains were hard won and undoubtedly would not be ours now were it not for the concerted efforts and unified strength of the Association.

Now is not the time, however, to rest on our laurels. Further benefits of many types should be sought. As the Association membership increases, thus giving added strength, the possibilities are unlimited for gaining further benefits for those loyal to OSEA. We should always keep in mind that, although a higher salary is the paramount goal of our individual efforts, through collective effort and strength of an Association such as ours, we may obtain other profitable benefits to help compensate for or to aid in connection with our present limited "take home" pay. Undoubtedly some splendid suggestions will emanate

from many of our chapters during the period of the Association's future growth. Any and all such suggestions should be given every consideration by your board of directors and if found to be feasible should be placed in effect for the mutual benefit of all members of the Association.

For the present let us all continue to acquaint more and more of our fellow employees with the principles of OSEA. Greater growth means greater benefits.

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