

or approximately 2,878 employees. A year ago over 40% of the employees were conditional. Examinations, however have been given for only 50% of the 590 classifications. There are less than 100 employees in each of the unexamined classes. If the Commission's budget request for the 1951-53 biennium is approved the Commission will expand its examination program and attempt to administer the remainder of the examinations during that period.

## Insurance Drags

The new insurance program was taken over in November 1, 1950 by California-Western States Life Insurance Company of Sacramento. In the change-over some 750 of the 800 members covered under West Coast switched over to the new program. With the assistance of representatives furnished by the company, 20 chapters qualified by April 1st.

The claims paid for this period amount to \$20,500. The recipients were beneficiaries of the following deceased members.

R. A. Heishman No. 17; A. L. Rice No. 36; James H. Howe No. 20; Vine A. Buchholz No. 34; Mildred Schaller (dependent) No. 56; Charles D. Morse No. 20; Florence Tucker (dependent) No. 30; James J. Banistner No. 30; Cyril Suing No. 20.

The claim experience has been exceptionally high, however, it was extremely fortunate this low-cost insurance was available to these members and their families.

It is difficult to understand, in view of the above facts, the lack of interest in this program on the part of so many members. Maintaining this liberal plan is entirely up to the membership. At present less than 50% of members eligible are participating. Do you carry this low-cost protection on yourself and family?

With the assistance of the Insurance company, letters and applications are being mailed to all members not now insured, we ask that you fill out an

application and mail it to the OSEA office.

**IMPORTANT**—Have you changed your marital or dependent status since applying for insurance? Be sure and notify headquarters office of any change. Failure to do so may cause your insurance to be cancelled at a time when you need it most. Headquarters has no way of knowing about these changes unless you report them.

## Chorus Organized

The state employees are again organizing a "State Employees Chorus." The tentative plans for the group include a performance at "Fun Night," planned for this spring for OSEA members, and a full-night program, either this fall or early winter.

The OSEA, through its Recreation Committee, is supporting the group, and it is hoped that the chorus can be continued on a permanent basis to bring enjoyment to both members and the public.

Any state employee who is interested in singing is invited to join the Chorus. Three meetings have been held, and notices of future meetings will be placed on bulletin boards and sent to OSEA chapter presidents. Anyone interested in additional information may contact Glen Savage, Industrial Accident Commission, ext. 527; Mrs. Enola Engelhorn, Tax Comm., ext. 267; or Mrs. Faye McClanahan, Vocational Education, ext. 279.

## OSEA Pins

We have just been informed by the manufacturer that the bronze OSEA pins are no longer available because of Federal restrictions, but future orders of sterling or gold can be obtained at increased costs plus federal tax.

Due to the foresight in ordering, the headquarters office still has a fair supply of the bronze pins available at the original price of 75c. Your chapter secretaries may have some on hand or can order additional supplies while they are available.