

some degree make the general public more cognizant of the fact that our Association does not foster selfish motives alone but that the State Employees, as a group, are very active in civic and welfare programs. These efforts should win for the Association the good will and admiration of the general public, who, technically, are our employers, and which fact alone should definitely win their support to any future Association program for greater benefits for its members.

A third approach has now been made to the officers of OSEA to solicit assistance and support of still another community project. The Community Chest, Inc., through its representatives, have requested that the Employees' Association members assume responsibility in Marion County to spearhead the drive this coming fall to raise the governmental share of the county-wide quota. This request is being considered by your state officers and the question of assuming such a responsibility will be presented to the Board of Directors for proper consideration at their next scheduled meeting.

Here are three instances where the size and strength of OSEA have been recognized by community and public leaders. There is no doubt that the general public is becoming more cognizant of the fact that an organization of State Employees exists and better yet, that this Association is willing to take its rightful place among the recognized civic groups. Furthermore, that this Association is public spirited and does not curtail its activities to gaining benefits for its membership only. This is truly a healthy situation from our standpoint and should in the future be of material assistance in the Association's aims of winning for its members salaries and working conditions that are on parity with private industry.

The horizons of our ever-growing organization are extending. There are still greater avenues of activities to pursue in quest of our desire to serve and be served. Let's continue to grow, not only in size but also in our service to our members and our fellow men. With these motives propelling our efforts, nothing except good res-

ults should be experienced by our Association.

In conclusion, may I briefly mention for the benefit of our entire membership two more instances in which OSEA members have cooperated fully in aiding a community project. (1) State employees have always met their quota and donated generously to the Blood Donation unit of the American Red Cross. Many state employees are now full-fledged members of the "Give a Gallon" club. (2) Prior to Easter this year, the Easter Seal Drive in Salem, under the auspices of the Tuberculosis Association, was faced with an alarming crisis. Twelve thousand letters had been printed for mailing but no staff was available to address twelve thousand envelopes and stuff them with letters and Easter Seals. A plea was directed to OSEA since the mailing deadline was fast approaching and the tuberculosis program was in jeopardy. The task was undertaken by OSEA and as a result secretaries and typists in state service pledged their support. The twelve thousand envelopes were divided, addressed, stuffed and returned to the Tuberculosis Association in less than one week's time. The mailing deadline was met, thanks to the splendid cooperation of the many state employees.

Moral of this story, if there be a moral—"Give and you shall receive."

STATE EMPLOYEES PRAYER

The Government is my shepherd, I need not work;

It allows me to lie down on good jobs; it leadeth me beside still factories; it destroyeth my initiative;

It leadeth me in the paths of the parasite for politics sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of laziness and deficit spending, I will fear no evil, for the Government is with me; its doles and its vote-getters, they comfort me;

It prepareth an economic Utopia for me and my grandchildren; it filleth my head with bologna; my inefficiency runneth over;

Surely the Government shall care for me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in a fools paradise forever.