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RESOLUTION TIME IS HERE

This seems like a good time to give thought to some Association problems and to prepare chapter resolutions for our General Council meeting to be held in Bend on November 11-13.

Aside from the usual and important subjects of salaries, working conditions, civil service and retirement, others have come to my attention which I will pass on for member and chapter consideration. Maybe someone will champion one or another of these ideas!

1. Should the OSEA take a look at credit unions and either initiate one for its members or look to a tie-in with one now in existence?

2. Would it be advantageous to engage a part-time, paid press agent to help with an enlarged Sentinel and get more OSEA press coverage?

3. Should we take a look at our organization set-up and pattern ourselves after industry, whereby our directors would be chosen NOT for specific duties but to serve as an advisory and directive group to the Headquarters staff?

4. Why not make our dues uniform, paid wholly to OSEA headquarters with refund to the chapters of a part?

Pros and Cons of Uniform Dues

Opponents of uniform dues say: Some chapters need more money than others; some members don't like high rates; let the chapters have their own say; let members have choice of low rate or high rate chapter, et cetera.

Those favoring a uniform rate say: Easier to sign up new members anywhere at any time; choice of chapter shouldn't be swayed by cost differentials; chapters needing extra money can run shows, special events or make assessments for special events; many chapters now with small dues would develop new and larger cash balances for chapter functions; membership increases would be encouraged; future dues rates at state level might decrease; eventual annual basis could be established and collections eased; voluntary payroll deduction method of collection could be realized sooner, et cetera.

Get Resolutions in Early

Members and chapters are asked to get their resolutions for General Council consideration in early, in triplicate, and in no event later than by October 9. The earlier the better so more members and delegates can be advised of what the other fellow is thinking. In later issues of the Sentinel I will brief some of the resolutions received and will throw out for consideration other ideas that come to my attention.

Virgil G. O'Neil, President, OSEA

OSEA RETIREMENT COMMITTEE MEETS

OSEA's director of retirement, P. M. Brandt, has the responsibility of getting retirement resolutions which were adopted by the General Council into shape for presentation to the legislative interim committee. He must also strive to get those improvements incorporated in the final report and recommendations of that committee to the legislature.

To help him in this important task he has surrounded himself with a committee of five people known for their interest in, and comprehension of, the state retirement system and social security: Webb Ross, Imogene Johnson, Gertrude Chamberlain, Gene Schmidt and Carl Hobson.

The second meeting of the group was held on June 22 when the committee studied reports and recommendations made by Max Manchester, executive secretary of PERS, who recently returned from a national convention devoted principally to retirement study. His report and recommendations included many of the improvements suggested by the OSEA General Council. Progress is very satisfactory.

TELEVISION SETS DONATED

Chapters in District No. 2 (Salem area) donated one television set to the Oregon State Hospital and one to Fairview Home.

The sets were presented in behalf of the several chapters by Gordon Tomlin, district director, James Polley and Howard Lockwood, presidents of chapters representing employees at the two hospitals.

Dr. C. E. Bates, superintendent of the State Hospital, and Dr. Irvin B. Hill, superintendent of Fairview, accepted the gifts for their respective institutions.