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Merit Award Winners Get Cash, Certificates

At the monthly meeting of the State Employee Suggestion Awards Board held Wednesday afternoon seven state employees were rewarded for submitting meritorious suggestions.

The bulk of a total of \$205 in cash was given to Edith Jewel Page, employed at Oregon Fairview Home. She received \$175 and a Certificate of Award for designing an adjustable, padded headboard for hydrocephalus patients. Five of these have been put into use and their greatest advantage is increased comfort to the patient by allowing him to rest on his back instead of only a side position. The use of these supporting boards also permits greater freedom for physical activity by allowing increased arm and leg movement, which is a definite health benefit. Less medical care is required, feeding is more easily facilitated and digestion of food greatly improved.

This is Miss Page's second cash award. Last December she won \$75 for another suggestion concerning the development of a cart-table combination to carry small children.

Edith Jewel Page is a member of OSEA Chapter 57, Fairview.

Three awards of \$10 each made up the balance of this month's cash presentation. Another Fairview employee, Ernest V. Smyres, received this amount for constructing a machine to be used to cut sutures and make gauze bandages, and is now being used in the surgical end of the institution's hospital. These previously had to be cut by hand; therefore much employee time is being saved.

Doris C. Martin, an employee of the State Tax Commission, was given \$10 for suggestion that state tax returns

be improved by providing a space to check whether "Mr., Mrs., or Miss" is submitting the return. This will eliminate all guess work and many errors when writing to individual taxpayers.

Doris C. Martin is a member of Marion Chapter No. 18.

A staff member at the University of Oregon, Grace Richardson, also was awarded \$10. She suggested that neatly painted disposal cans be situated in convenient places on the University campus to help keep the lawn, hedges and parking strips clear of rubbish.

Three Certificates of Commendation were presented for other useful suggestions which appeared before the Awards Board. Eleanor Schramm, secretary in the administrative division of the Agriculture Department, suggested the use of a uniform type of telephone call slip to record incoming calls, thus avoiding the possibility of any message being overlooked.

Industrial Accident Commission clerk-stenographer, Dorothea G. Strawn, suggested an addition to IAC transmittal forms to keep claimants constantly reminded of the importance of notifying the Commission of address changes.

The third person to receive a Certificate of Merit is Don B. Bowers, an auditor in the Eugene office of the State Tax Commission. Bower's suggestion was to change the method of handling paper work involved in the collection of delinquent taxes in the Tax Commission's field offices.

Don Bower's chapter is Eulane No. 40.

Oregon's Chemical Test Law 'Cripples Enforcement,' Says Hall

Stepped-up use of chemical tests for intoxication, a change in Oregon's law of arrest relating to motor vehicle accidents and driver training in high schools are "high priority" needs in Oregon's accident prevention program.

That was the comment of John C. Hall, field representative for the National Safety Council, in presenting state officials with an analysis of the state's 1955 traffic safety program.

Hall said Oregon is making substantial progress in its traffic accident prevention program and noted that

it was one of the few states to show a favorable numerical and rate comparison in traffic deaths from 1954 to 1955.

Hall recommended that Oregon's present law on chemical tests be changed. The present law, he said, "cripples enforcement" by first insisting that a driver must give his written consent to the test and then, if he refuses to consent, making that fact inadmissible in court.

He commended the state for its driver licensing and highway engineering programs.

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Following have one member each to their credit: A. H. Swain, R. J. Lawry, I. MacLaren, P. B. Bigelow, Clifford Johnson, Virginia Kusling, Lucille Paulson, L. Waite, Caroline Patterson, Louise Clark, James Banks, A. G. Upston, Edna Buzzell, Ruby Provience, Beulah Powell, Irene Schafer, Terese E. Hanks, George Sirnio, Donna Sawyer, Ken North, James Launer, Helen Smith, Gordon Tomlin, Albert Bunker, Ruth Wagner, Wilbur Tripp, E. E. Beckman, Mary Burton, Carol Eddy, Paul Davis, James D. Staly, Fred J. Hussey, Dolly D. Williams, Carol Gates, D. D. Hill, A. Q.

CONSTITUTION (Continued from Page 2)

ARTICLE VI (Constitution) Government

Section 1. The General Council is the supreme and continuing governing body of the Association.

Section 2. The membership roll of the General Council, limited to active members of the Association, is determined at the annual session, and consists of (a) delegates from the several chapters, (b) delegate-at-large from each district, (c) officers of the Association and (d) for the duration of the annual session, members of the outgoing Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII (Constitution) Administration

Section 1. The administration of the affairs of the Association is vested in the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Board of Directors consists of the officers of the Association and of the District Directors.

Section 3. The officers of the Association are: President, Junior Past President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors respectively of Civil Service, Law and Legislation, Public Relations, Membership, Insurance, and Retirement.

Section 4. The officers, except the Junior Past President, are elected at the regular sessions of the General Council from the active members of the Association, and the District Directors are elected prior to the regular sessions from active members of chapters in their respective districts.

The President becomes Junior Past President upon the installation of his successor.

The Vice President, Directors of Civil Service, Retirement, Laws and Legislation and the District Directors of Districts 4, 7, 8 and 9 shall be elected in odd numbered years while the Secretary-Treasurer, Directors of Public Relations, Membership, Insurance and the District Directors of Districts 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 shall be elected in even numbered years.

Section 5. The Board of Directors is authorized to employ such administrative legal and clerical assistance and other help as may be required in the administration of the affairs of the Association, subject to the financial ability of the Association.

Section 6. The employees of the Association shall be designated as members of the Headquarters Staff and upon employment shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the State of Oregon as they are applicable to civil service employees of the State, except when in any respect

such civil service rules and regulations cannot be applied to employees of the Headquarters office, said employees rights and benefits shall be determined as nearly as reasonably possible by prevailing practices in private industry.

ARTICLE VIII (Constitution) Limitations

Section 1. The Association shall be strictly non-political.

Section 2. Neither the General Council, Board of Directors, nor any chapter, committee, agency, officer or member shall take any action which is incompatible with the objects of the Association.

Section 3. No vote may be taken or sanctioned by the General Council, Board of Directors, any chapter, committee, or agency thereof which relates to the political preferment of any individual or group of individuals or of any political party.

Section 4. No chapter, committee, agency, officer or member shall publish any recommendation which relates to civil service, retirement, pay schedules, conditions of employment of State employees or of employees of other governmental agencies, declaring or implying the endorsement of such recommendations by the Association, unless approval be obtained first from the General Council if it is in session or from the board of directors if General Council is not in session.

Section 5. No ballot in the General Council or the Board may be counted for a particular office if the ballot carries instructions to vote for more than one candidate and the voter fails to conform.

Section 6. No debt shall be incurred in excess of funds in the treasury of the Association.

Section 7. The budgetary allotment for any activity shall not be exceeded except by approval of the Board.

Section 8. The total budgetary allotment may not be exceeded except by authority of the General Council.

Section 9. Any member elected as President of the Association shall serve in that capacity not more than two one-year terms during any five-year period beginning with the date of his first election.

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Despite the high prices of whisky, a nickel drink of it is still available in the South, a recent autopsy shows. Which reminds us of the commentator's story of the joker who bet the bartender he could drink 32 Martinis in two hours. He won his bet by a wide margin. Downed the drinks in one hour — and fell dead.

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