

Cash Awarded OSEA Members For Cost-Saving Ideas

The "money tree" showered cash on numerous members of OSEA during January. Suggestions submitted by State employees will save taxpayers of Oregon thousands of dollars according to Gordon Shattuck, Secretary of the State Employee Suggestion Awards Board.

A majority of those sharing in award money recently were members of OSEA, including those who received "top money" following the recent meeting of the Board. Those richer by virtue of their cost-savings ideas are:

WILLIAM J. BIEGLER, who will share a \$500 award, devised a two-page mimeographed form which will eliminate 60 departmental form letters. Biegler, along with his Department of Motor Vehicles associate, James Garvin, received a special commendation in person from Gov. Robert D. Holmes, who commented that this idea was part of the proof that "Oregon State employees are as intelligent and resourceful as employees anywhere."

Highlight of the recent Board meeting was the awarding of \$500 to WALTER D. THOMAS, a Salem revenue auditor with the Public Utility Commission. Thomas suggested that each vehicle having PUC authority to operate should only be issued one, instead of two plates. This would eliminate carriers from placing the two plates, formerly issued, on two different vehicles. As a result of his suggestion, legislation was introduced by the PUC at the 1957 Legislature. An estimated \$8,500 will be saved annually.

DONALD E. ARMSTRONG, also an auditor with the Commission, submitted a suggestion which will save the State \$3,000 yearly in auditing time. He was the recipient of a \$100 award for the idea.

Other members who received substantial awards and commendations for putting their minds to work are:

CATLIN R. BRANDON, Board of Health at Portland, \$50 for an idea that will reduce hazards of infection to workers handling infectious viral agents; ROBERT O'TOOLE, Department of Agriculture, Portland, who earned \$25 for devising a new accounting system to record mileage

traveled by grain inspectors; R. F. LOCKARD will share \$50 with non-member Jean Knepper for suggesting that interest be added six months from due date of employer's annual withholding reports regardless of when filed by employer. Both are employed by the Tax Commission as are the following: MILLS B. MARSH, Jr., was awarded \$25 for his idea that auto compasses be installed in cars used in timber cruising. FRANCES CASS, \$25 for suggesting uniform placement of each part of a person's name on state tax returns; GORDON WILCOX, \$20 for recommending rubber stamps to replace written signatures on correspondence handled by tax auditors and \$10 to JOHN L. BURTON for suggesting a safer type of electric extension cord in state buildings.

Dividing \$50 were ELIZABETH GANT and EUGENE HOXSEY, both of Fairview, who devised a tripod and attached wheel chair to weigh patients—\$864 in annual savings; EUGENE KUNKLE, Department of Agriculture, Redmond, earned \$35 for his idea of stretching an overhead cable with attached extension cord along livestock shuttles; ROBERT BOEHMER, State Hospital, \$10 for an idea of great therapeutic value to patients; NORMAN WOLF, Lakeview and a Highway Department employee, received \$75 for suggesting a hydraulic spray boom for herbicides; JOHN BOND, also a Highway Department employee, won \$20 for proposing that a citation be presented to section maintenance crews having no accidents during the year! CARL HOBSON, Salem, \$20 for making an important map change; EUGENE BRASSFIELD, won \$20 for suggesting that SIAC checks be sent out in standard white envelopes rather than the more expensive gray envelopes; and to EVELYN STARK went \$10 for proposing memorandum forms be printed on onion skin paper so as to aid typing carbon copies, and an award of \$150 went to VIOLA CHRISTIAN of Hillcrest School for devising a new form to be used in recording case histories.

Receiving CERTIFICATES OF MERIT were the following members: ADAH DEAN, University of Oregon employee from Springfield; FRED W. BROWN, Public Employees Retirement Board, from LaGrande; MRS. WILLIE MAY PECKHAM, State Engineer and Hydroelectric Commission; HELEN BLISS of Salem and DONNA FORSBERG of Milwaukie.

ORCHIDS OF THE MONTH TO ALL THESE MEMBERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES!

Appointed . . .

Mr. Frank Corbett of California-Western States Life Insurance Company has been named Group Representative in charge of the Oregon State Employees' Association Group Life program.

Corbett's appointment was announced by Neil E. Simpson, Vice President and Superintendent Group Sales of Cal-Western Life. "In selecting Mr. Corbett for this important position, we are mindful of the need by OSEA for the high caliber of service and counsel on its employee and dependent benefit program," Simpson stated. "I am confident that, under Mr. Corbett's direction, our Company will continue to enjoy the fine relationship with OSEA that has existed for the seven years we have been associated with this case."

Cal-Western Life's new OSEA representative brings to this position a record of three years' experience in a similar capacity on the Company's California State Employees Association case. Prior to joining Cal-Western Life's CSEA staff in 1955, Mr. Corbett had several years experience as a newspaperman with the Sacramento Bee.

Referring to Mr. Corbett's experience with Cal-Western Life in California, Mr. Simpson said that, "The work of the Oregon State Employees Association, particularly in the field of its fine group life program, is very similar in nature to that of its sister organization in California. We are sure that OSEA of-

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High, Wide and . . . ?

Trailers are causing an increasingly-greater problem on the nation's highways as the homes-on-wheels get larger and larger.

W. C. Williams, Oregon State highway engineer, cites a recent instance wherein a wide trailer became stuck on a highway in a storm and held up a snow plow for three hours.

Williams said, "Persons hauling trailers have an obligation not to travel in bad weather unless necessary. In this particular instance, the trailer was two feet wider than the eight-foot limit. Only trailers of less than 35 feet in length and eight feet in width are permitted on our highways without special Highway Department permit."

DA Debates Negro Issue With Mayor Schunk, Portland

A recent issue of The Oregonian carried an account regarding Leo Smith, District Attorney for Multnomah County, wherein he had taken exception with Portland's Mayor Schunk who had said "... that appointment of a Negro detective to the homicide division would violate Civil Service regulations."

The controversy flared up recently when Smith criticized police investigations of homicide crimes in Portland's Negro district and urged ap-

pointment of a Negro detective. Later Smith said he had received assurance from Mayor Terry D. Schunk that a Negro policeman will be assigned for special homicide detail work whenever it is necessary.

Smith, while employed as legal counsel for O.S.E.A., wrote the Civil Service Act of this State and explained it to the legislative committees who adopted it, so it appears that Mayor Schunk was somewhat over-matched.

State Receives \$31,170 From Automobile Auction

Old State cars never die, they are just bid away. The State of Oregon realized \$31,170 in gross receipts from the sale of 55 cars at an auction in Portland this month.

It was the largest quantity of cars ever disposed of by the State Motor Pool, in which 300 bidders competed in bids from 1956 models to older makes.

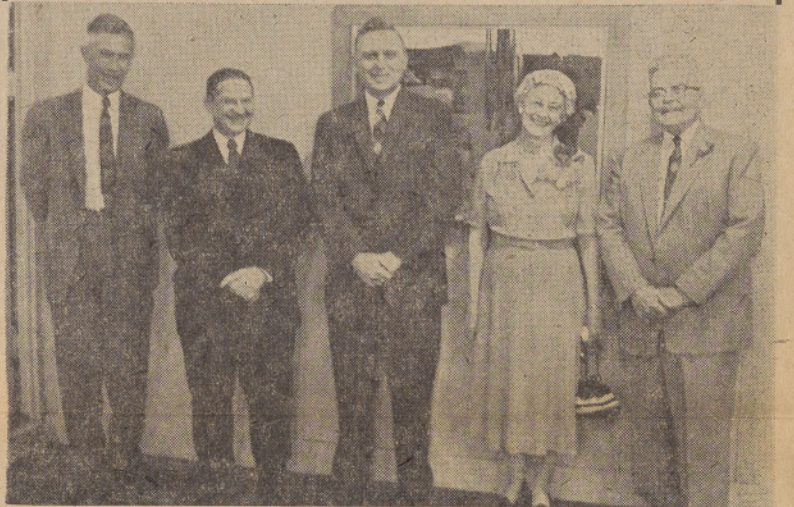
The auction, conducted by the Department of Finance and Administration, was held to dispose of state-owned cars no longer in use. About

35 per cent of the sales went to car dealers, the rest to individual buyers, officials said.

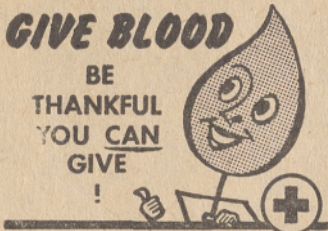
The state averaged \$1,050 on each 1956 model sold with automatic transmission. Eight 1955 four-door sedans grossed an average of \$760, they said. Three 1950 dump trucks averaged \$565 each in bidding that went slightly above wholesale prices.

Next state auction will be held in the first week in March. Details will be announced later, state employees said.

Frank Evans Retires . . .



Shown above are friends and associates of Frank Evans, charter member of Public Welfare Chapter No. 31 who recently retired. (Left to right) Willard Renken, president of Chapter No. 31; Gordon Gilbertson, Assistant Administrator of Multnomah County Public Welfare Commission; Gus B. Lange, Administrator of the Commission and past-president of Chapter No. 31; Mrs. Evans and her husband, Frank Evans.



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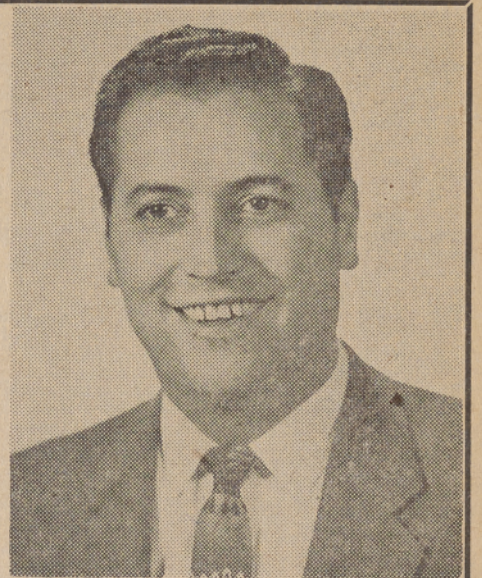
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Mr. Corbett comes to this new position following three successful years in a similar capacity in connection with the California State Employees Association program. His splendid background of experience assures O.S.E.A. members of the same high standards of counsel and service which have prevailed during the past seven years.



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