

Norwegian Visitor . . .



Miss Ragnhild Eriksen, (right) of Oslo, Norway, is shown here reviewing OSEA Officers' Handbook of practices while Jim Daniels, (standing), Executive Secretary, explains some of the Association's procedures. At left, Norman O. Nilsen, Commissioner of Labor, who was Miss Eriksen's host during her Salem visit, also learns more of OSEA activities. (See story this page.)

Miss Ragnhild Eriksen, of Oslo, Norway, spent several hours visiting with staff members in the Headquarters offices this month. She is participating in the foreign leader program of the International Education Exchange Service of the U. S. Department of State. The Office of International Labor Affairs of the Department of Labor has been assigned responsibility for her program.

Miss Eriksen is a Labor Party member of the Oslo city council; Executive Board Member of the Oslo Labor Party and an official in the City Hall local union which has approximately 1,500 members—mostly government and municipal employees. She also serves on various committees of government, labor and political organizations.

Staff members found Miss Eriksen very interesting and well-educated in governmental economics and employee organizations. During her visit some interesting facts concerning Norwegian employment and administrative customs were revealed: Government office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and Saturday to 2:00 p.m. Efforts are being made to get a 5-day, 40-hour week.

The union has no paid organizers and they conduct an intensive training and educational program for employee-members.

The government has just acquired IBM data processing equipment and has agreed to go along with payroll dues deduction.

One or more foreign languages are a must in governmental employment. They have five active political parties. Of the 150 parliamentary representatives, 78 are members of the Labor Party.

Cooperative buying is encouraged and government districts are purposely located near the outlets.

Many other customs, similar to those practiced in the United States, are rapidly being adopted.

During her stopover in Denver, Colorado, Miss Eriksen visited with

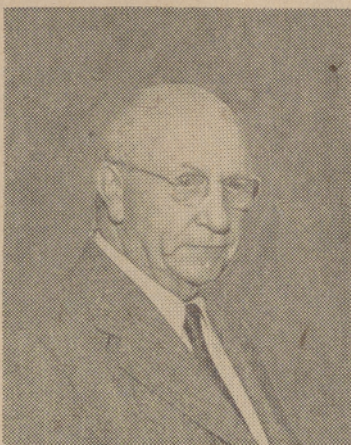
officials of the city and county of Denver during their budget preparation period. She said, "It was no different than what we do in Norway. You plan, estimate, propose and pray."

"I have found the people in the western part of your country most congenial and I can truthfully say the most friendly and helpful ones were encountered here in Oregon," she said, and added, "and your weather and scenery are most exhilarating."

The object of Miss Eriksen's visit to the United States is to study and observe workers education programs and the organization and function of the education and research departments of unions; also, the structure of local, state and federal government employee unions and organizations. She speaks excellent English, besides German, French, Swedish and Russian. Since her arrival August 21, Mrs. Eriksen has visited Washington, D.C., Cincinnati, Port Huron, Boston, Madison, Wisconsin; Chicago, Denver and Salem. She departs from New York on October 16.

Her host, while in Salem, was Norman O. Nilsen, Commissioner of Labor.

Life Ends for OSEA Man of the Year . . .



P. M. Brandt, head of the Dairy Department at Oregon State College for 40 years, died October 3 at the age of 70 after an extended illness.

The beloved educator was formerly vice-president of the OSEA and was long associated in the activities of the Association. "PM," as he was familiarly known by his associates, was one of the mainstays in the organization's Corvallis chapter and had been actively serving as a member of the Retirement Committee, having formerly been the Chairman.

At the 1957 General Council, Brandt was honored by the Association with the award of "Man of the Year" and early this year a testimonial dinner was held for him at which time he was presented with a plaque from the Corvallis chapter and a hand-designed parchment scroll with a eulogy written by his very close friend, J. Lloyd LeMaster, Jr., past president of OSEA.

In addition to heading the college department from 1917 until retirement in 1957, he was very active in community life. He was mayor of Corvallis in 1933 and 1934 after serving as a member of the City Council. He held many community posts with the American Dairy Science Association and was the author of more than 50 publications and papers.

His full name was Philip Martin Brandt, but he rarely used it, preferring the initials. Few names of the Oregon State Staff members were better-known because of his many activities in professional and civic affairs.

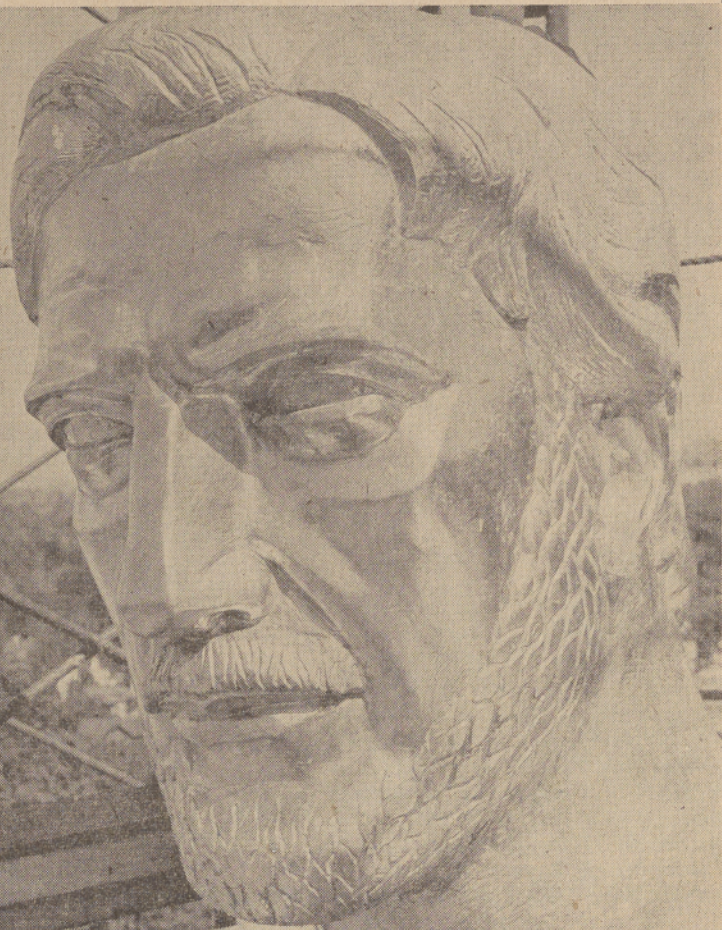
He was born at Nevada, Missouri and after graduation from the University, served on the staff there from 1911 until coming to OSC in 1917 to head the Dairy Department.

Survivors include the widow, Mattie May; a son, Philip M. Jr., of Salem; and a daughter Mrs. Harriet Ann Hutchinson of Los Angeles.

Funeral services were held in Corvallis and final rites were at the Mt. Crest Abbey in Salem.

Sign on police sergeant's desk: "Every Drunken Driver Needs a Cop For a Chaser".

Pioneer . . .



It's too bad that such a fine typification of the enduring qualities of strength and courage must be so high in the sky that we ordinary mortals have to wait for a new gold-leaf application in order to get a close-up. But, here is our friend the Pioneer, who, sentinel-like, stands atop the State Capitol Building in Salem . . . brought down to earth so that we may have one good look. This is an excellent photo-study made by McEwan Studios during the recent refurbishment made of this interesting statuary.

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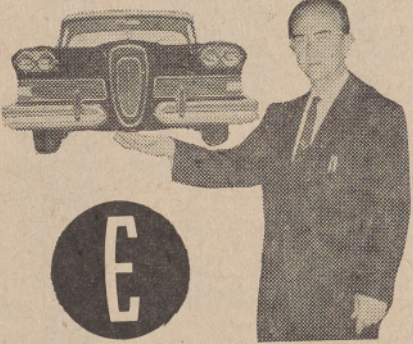
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