

A Message from the President . . .



In my message which appeared in the November-December, 1960 edition of the OSEA NEWS, it was stated that substantial gains had been made in membership. Now, with a complete tally having been made, it is most pleasing to report we have recorded the largest enrollment in the history of OSEA . . . nearly 11,000 members. Almost 2,500 new members were added since the beginning of 1960. This is quite an achievement in the Association's long career of serving the interests of its members, other State employees and the people of Oregon. I commend every member, group representative, chapter officer, Director and Headquarter's employee who played a part in this fine effort.

The increased strength of membership in OSEA is making its mark in all areas of our endeavors. The Association's legislative "package" is already receiving strong recognition by our Legislators. Many departments and agencies of the State government are accepting our recommendations and suggestions for improvements in personnel and employment practices. But, we must continue to add to our strength in order to assure more stability and offset the losses in membership due to retirements, terminations and other causes.

One of the principal means of increasing our strength is through Operation Round-Up, the long-range membership and communications plan adopted by the 1959 General Council. Phase III of the plan has just been approved by your Board of Directors. Known as "Program for Progress," it was developed with the assistance of the Membership Committee—your District Directors. During the months of February and March they will present this 3-hour workshop to all chapter officers, delegates and group representatives. It is the most comprehensive and orderly presentation of our operations ever devised to keep our chapter leaders better informed. With the full cooperation and attendance of these chapter leaders to the conveniently arranged meetings, we feel they will be prepared to provide our members, other State employees and the public a better conception of the Association's purpose, achievements and objectives.

I personally urge that you give your chapter and district leaders full support in this program, especially designed to help make State service more worthwhile and your Association substantially sound. It is another step in our efforts to achieve and maintain a strong organization, exhibit publicly our unity and demonstrate our desire for progress.

Incidentally, appearing in the pages of this edition there is a report on the last meeting of your Board of Directors. Also, the progress being made on our legislative program and a flow-chart showing the progress of an OSEA member's idea and how it can become a law of the land. It is all quite informative and interesting. I recommend that you show this copy of OSEA NEWS to your friends and associates . . . let them see how a progressive organization really gets constructive things done.

Together . . . Let's Build OSEA!

Darryl Storm

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