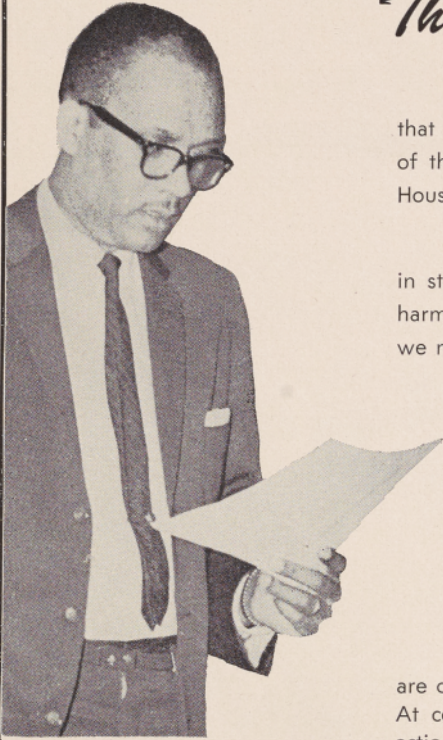


The President's Message . . .



Temper gets us into trouble and pride often keeps us there. It follows that the Association's representation in the 1963 Legislature must be aware of the various ramifications of each bill submitted to the Senate and the House of Representatives.

If a bill is enrolled that appears, on the surface, to be of benefit to those in state employ, we examine it closely to see if its provisions might not harm us in another area which may be more important. In other words, we must not make snap decisions.

The Law and Legislation Committee is doing its utmost to keep the membership informed of developments. It has reported on all bills having a possible effect on state employees, favoring some and not favoring others. Many bills are on a "watch" list, in the event that testimony may develop that affects the state employee's welfare one way or the other. In that case, the Law and Legislation Committee moves into the discussion and prepares testimony pro or con.

The Legislative News Bulletins, mailed to all Group Representatives, are designed to provide a running account of OSEA's and other legislation. At certain periods (such as now, at press time) there seems to be little action. The fact that OSEA was successful in having all of its primary bills placed in a special Salary subcommittee of Ways and Means, is evidence of the sincere effort on the part of the Association and the legislature to place such legislation in its proper perspective and to insure adequate consideration.

The salary bill, which is uppermost on everyone's mind, will probably receive its hearing and ultimate decision during the last week of the Legislative Session. This has been the case in the past, and it is probable that such will continue.

Others will receive the Ways and Means recommendation sooner and will be reported to you in the Bulletin as they appear.

So much for our own needs. I wish to congratulate those chapters contributing to the Scholarship Fund for the 1963-1964 college year. There is no greater service we can offer our state and our youth than that provided by this fund. The advantages are obvious to men of good will.

A story in this issue lists the contributing chapters and the details behind this year's awards. Chairman Dallas Norton of the Scholarship Committee and the members of his committee deserve the sincere thanks of all OSEA members for their deliberate and sincere effort to name those most deserving of the scholarships and the grants-in-aid. The winners have been notified, and their acceptances requested. Public recognition will come when all have made their decision.

I would hope that committee decisions in the areas of legislation and scholarship meet with the approval of the membership. While geographical and departmental situations might cause a difference of opinion, I wish to make it clear that the Association must do what it thinks best for the entire state service.