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From the... Executive Secretary



The Editor
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Dear Sir:

I appreciate very much your favorable appraisal of my voting record during the 1965 legislative session which was published in part in the September, 1965 Employee News.

However, you mistakenly reported that I had voted against the bill to provide increased parking near the State Office Building in Portland and Portland State College.

Additional parking space is needed in my opinion and I voted in favor of this bill.

Sincerely,
Wally Priestley
State Representative
Multnomah County

(Editor's Note: A check of the final calendar for the 1965 legislative session indicates Representative Priestley did indeed vote in favor of H.B. 1048, a bill which authorized the Department of Finance and Administration to construct a parking facility near the Portland State Office Building. We apologize to Representative Priestley for incorrectly listing his vote.)

Mr. Edward L. Wilson
Assistant Executive Secretary
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

I want to thank you for your efforts and success in obtaining the back holiday pay for myself and other part-time employees at the Department of Motor Vehicles. We have been informed that the money will be paid to us soon.

It is very doubtful that we would have received this back pay if it had not been for your efforts. Your successful handling of our grievance has made all of us thankful we belong to OSEA.

Sincerely,
Catherine Wahner
Chapter 24

Chapter 38 Bills Retirement Talk

OSEA Director of Retirement Jerry Liebertz will explain the association's proposed improvements in the Public Employees Retirement System which will be presented to the 1967 Legislature at a meeting in Salem on April 1, according to Shop and Field Chapter 38 President Sherman Beall.

Beall, whose chapter is sponsoring the meeting, said the event will be held at 8:00 p.m. in the Salem Women's Club at 460 N.E. Cottage Street.

He said refreshments will be served after the meeting. All interested state employees are invited to attend. For more information, call Beall at 363-0019.

Three Appointed To Subcommittee

The three member Advisory Legal Subcommittee of the Law and Legislation Committee has been appointed by Chairman Harold W. Adams.

Those appointed were Walter J. Apley, Tax Commission; Joseph N. Herschberger, State Highway Department and Chalmers L. Jones, Department of Employment.

Adams announced the appointments at the OSEA Board of Directors meeting on February 22.

Most of the stories printed in the NEWS the past few months have been regarding collective bargaining. This is an important topic, especially now that we are in the midst of representative elections which will prove during the next few weeks how strongly state employees are willing to back OSEA in this new type of employee representation. However, the filing period for state elective offices which has just been completed reminds us that the primary function of an employee organization in state employment is the representation of the needs of its members before the legislature.

As soon as a complete list of the names and addresses of legislative candidates is available, a letter will be sent to each of them, letting them know that there are OSEA chapters in every legislative district and offering to supply them with the names of chapter officers in their districts so that they may contact the chapters and arrange to speak to state employees before the primary and general elections.

Some of the chapters, recognizing the value of cementing personal relationships with legislators and candidates, have already had members of the legislature as speakers or guests at chapter meetings. Capitol Chapter 19 recently heard Representative Cornelius C. Bateson, this year a candidate for the state senate, discuss state employee legislation. Last week in Pendleton, Eastern Oregon State Hospital Chapter 52 had as its guests at a meeting where Director of Retirement Jerry Liebertz discussed the proposed new retirement law, Representative Stafford Hansell, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and Representative Irving Mann.

As soon as the primary elections have been held and the candidates for governor from the two parties determined, both gubernatorial candidates will be asked to reserve time to speak at candidate forums in September in Portland, Salem, Eugene and possibly other places. Legislative candidates will be invited to these forums, and it is expected that these meetings will meet with even greater success than the memorable forums of 1964.

During the summer months, members of the staff will visit legislative candidates to discuss with them the lag in state employee salaries, the need for an improved retirement system, and legislation to provide a state contribution towards payment of premiums of hospital-medical plans. But let us remind you again that the best "lobbyist" an organization has is the individual member in a legislator's home district who speaks to him on a personal basis or invites him to the meetings of the local group.

OSEA does not endorse candidates. Its approach is non-partisan, and chapters should make it a point to give the candidates of both parties a chance to be heard. Needless to say, candidates should be treated with tact and courtesy, not exposed to grillings or argument by those with whom they do not agree. The kind of relationships that are established with candidates during the months between now and November will bear results when the legislature next convenes.

RETIREMENTS

NAME	YEARS OF SERVICE	LAST EMPLOYER
Herman P. Boles (Vale)	20	Agriculture
Hubert S. Bridge (Klamath Falls)	13	Agriculture
Avis M. Cannon (Salem)	6	Tax Commission
James H. Carlin (Salem)	32	Veterans' Affairs
Silas W. Doane (La Grande)	37	Highway
Edgar L. Durbin (Salem)	10	SCI
Leonard G. Edgar (Salem)	14	Tax Commission
Mary A. Fitzhugh (Monmouth)	18	Higher Education
Glenn W. Holcomb (Corvallis)	46	Higher Education
Noel R. Holcomb (Eugene)	14	Higher Education
Marion Longworth (Springfield)	11	Highway
John Moe (Grants Pass)	11	Forestry
George A. Monroe (Arizona)	23	Highway
Mabel E. Pernot (Corvallis)	13	Higher Education
Anna Mae Ritchie (Salem)	14	Higher Education
Chester A. Sowell (Portland)	19	Higher Education
Edward L. Stagg (Corvallis)	23	Higher Education
Clark J. Stewart (Corvallis)	14	Higher Education

