

State Employees Week



STATE EMPLOYEES WEEK Governor Tom McCall, in cooperation with the Oregon State Employees Association, has designated the week of November 12-18, 1967, as "State Employees Week" in Oregon. OSEA Vice-President James G. Fisher (left) and District No. 2 Director George H. Dow were present when the governor issued his statement. It reads as follows:

Governor's Statement

The citizen-taxpayer of Oregon today receives more service from his state government than ever before. Our ever-increasing population, the advances made by our economy, the growth in commercial and industrial development and the fast-changing technological world are some of the major factors which result each year in continuing requests for state government to provide more and better services to its citizens.

I believe that our state, through its personnel, is meeting the challenge of the changing times. Modern and efficient government is possible only to the extent its personnel have the skill, education and dedication to make it so. We in Oregon are fortunate to have the highly qualified employees needed to conduct the day-to-day business at a high level of efficiency and harmony.

It is appropriate that we recognize our fellow citizens whose duties and responsibilities are to operate our government at the lowest possible cost to the citizen-taxpayer. I therefore designate the week of November 12-18, 1967, as STATE EMPLOYEES WEEK in recognition of the 29,000 dedicated men and women in state service.

Tom McCall
Governor of Oregon

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Judge Says Lawyers Needed at Hearings

A decision by Judge Val Sloper of the Marion County Circuit Court may have serious implications regarding representation of employees by organizations at civil service hearings.

In a case involving representation of workmen at Department of Employment hearings, Judge Sloper rendered a declaratory judgment that representation of persons at any administrative hearing of a quasi-judicial nature conducted by governmental agencies constitutes the practice of law.

Representation must be by attorneys, he said.

A civil service hearing

scheduled for October 20 was postponed as a result of the ruling. OSEA has customarily furnished representation for employees by a non-lawyer staff member.

It is understood that the court decision will now require representation before civil hearings by an attorney.

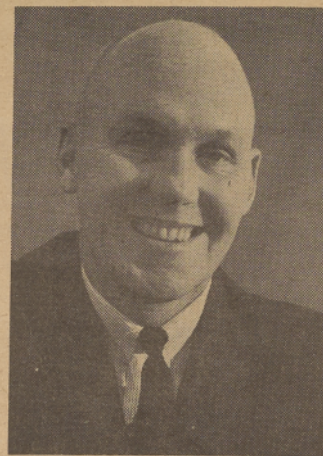
The lawyer member of the OSEA staff was representing the association in Multnomah County Circuit Court at the time of the scheduled hearing.

Tie Vote Forces Run-Off Election

Richard E. Young, Klamath Falls Chapter 12, won a run-off election earlier this month to be elected director of District No. 4.

The election was held after Young and Roy L. Simpson, Central Oregon Chapter 3, finished the first election in a dead heat.

It was the first time in anyone's memory around headquarters that a district director election ended in a tie vote.



THOMAS C. ENRIGHT
New AGE President

Enright Elected AGE President

OSEA Executive Secretary Thomas C. Enright was elected president of the Assembly of Governmental Employees at its recent meeting in Seattle, Washington.

He is a former vice-president and secretary of the AGE.

Other AGE officers elected include John R. Doyle, Michigan State Employees Association, vice-president; Peter M. Damborg, Maine State Employees Association, secretary; and James F. Marshall, Utah State Employees Association, treasurer.

The AGE is a national federation of 26 independent public employee organizations. OSEA is a charter member.

OSEA Nears 16,000 Mark

A net gain of 344 members during the past month has brought OSEA's membership to 15,738.

That is 262 short of the 1967 goal of 16,000.

Membership Secretary Mrs. Eleanor Shryock said Corvallis Chapter 29 in District 6 led all Chapters with a net gain of 75.

It was followed by Emerald Chapter 88 in the same district with a net increase of 33.

Prison Chapter 56 in District No. 9 was in third place with a net gain of 21. EOSH Chapter 52 in District No. 5 was next with 18.

In fifth place were Fairview Chapter 57 in District No. 9 with 17, and OTI Chapter 36 in District No. 4 with 16.

District No. 6 led all districts with a net gain of 153 members.

District No. 9 was next with 48, followed by District No. 1 with 37 and District No. 2 with 36.

The association enrolled 670 members during the past month; however, 326 members left state service leaving a net increase of 344.

Presently 71 per cent of the state's employees are members of OSEA.



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