

# Chapter News

## District No. 1

PORTLAND CHAPTER 17 discussed its 1968 budget at the Dec. 17 meeting. Chapter members voted to increase the contribution to OSEA's scholarship fund from \$25 to \$50. President George Israel urged all chapter officers to attend the District No. 1 workshop which will be held at the State Office Building in Portland, Feb. 3, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

VIKING CHAPTER 81 President Joe Boyarsky presented Marilyn Price with OSEA's Order of Pin award for enrolling ten members during 1967 at the Nov. 30 meeting in Portland. Adrian Akre, who could not attend the meeting, will also receive an award for his work in membership during the past year.

## District No. 2

CAPITOL CHAPTER 19 held its annual Christmas party Dec. 20 in the Capitol. The chapter furnished refreshments and members exchanged gifts. David Louthan, an organ player, provided entertainment. About 25 members attended.

OREGON CHAPTER 22 held its annual Christmas party Dec. 16 at the American Legion Hall in Salem. Helen Nelson, chapter social chairman, was in charge of arrangements.

AGRICULTURE CHAPTER 26 donated a color television set to the Oregon State School for the Deaf with proceeds from its Christmas bazaar held in Salem Dec. 6-7-8. It was the second Christmas in a row that the chapter has given the school a color television set. The bazaar raised \$469.20. The chapter donated \$25 of the proceeds to Fairview Hospital and Training Center for its Christmas party for patients.

VAFA CHAPTER 69 members collected a box of canned goods from employees working in the Department of Veterans' Affairs and delivered it to the Salem Salvation Army on Dec. 22. The chapter's next meeting will be held Jan. 18.

## District No. 3

CRATER LAKE CHAPTER 16 will honor four members who are retiring soon at a potluck dinner in the Central Point

Forestry Building, Friday, March 29, beginning at 7:30 p.m. All chapter members are urged to attend.

## District No. 4

KLAMATH FALLS CHAPTER 12, OTI CHAPTER 36 and OTI FACULTY CHAPTER 75 held a joint Christmas party for OSEA members in the Klamath Basin Dec. 9. About 190 members and their families attended. The chapters furnished turkey, ham, milk and rolls. Members brought vegetable and salad dishes. Entertainment was provided by the Klamath Falls Barbershop Chorus under the direction of Everett Ball.

## District No. 5

BLUE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER 94 held its annual Christmas party Dec. 21 in the Pendleton VFW Hall. Jay Brandhagen, Department of Employment, was general chairman. Refreshments, games and door prizes were furnished by the chapter. Members exchanged white elephant gifts. Dan Martindale, who is blind and manages the cafeteria in the Pendleton State Office Building, was made an honorary chapter member at the party.

## District No. 6

EULANE CHAPTER 40 voted to contribute \$150 to sponsor a basketball team in the Eugene Parks and Recreational Area League. Although OSEA members will have priority to join the team at the beginning of the season, non-members have been invited to play. Lowell Johnson is the team's manager.

## District No. 7

OREGON TRAIL CHAPTER 35 held its annual Christmas party in The Dalles Elks Lodge Dec. 1. Among the guests were Rep. Kenneth Jernstedt and OSEA President Smith French, Jernstedt, first-term legislator from Hood River and Wasco Counties, said it was important for all citizens to take an active interest in affairs of government. He noted he was often "surprised" at the lack of knowledge of many citizens regarding legislative processes. French stressed the importance of OSEA members in taking an active interest in association affairs, and exhibiting leadership when the occasion

demand. Master of ceremonies at the after-dinner program was William Todd, former assistant director of District No. 7.

## District No. 8

ASTORIA CHAPTER 8 selected R. M. Smith, former OSEA president, as its "Chapter Employee of the Year." He will compete with Willard R. Berry, Tillamook Chapter 15, for the "District Employee of the Year" award in District No. 8.

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WOODBURN CHAPTER 45 held its annual Christmas party for chapter members and their families at MacLaren School for Boys Dec. 14. About 250 attended. Carl Smith and Ward Strauser were presented \$50 awards by Superintendent Robert L. Harris. Smith was selected as the employee making the "greatest overall contribution" to the institution during 1967, and Strauser was chosen as the employee who made the "most personal improvement" during the past year. The chapter provided food and entertainment. C. W. Nelson was chairman of the event.

DAMMASCH CHAPTER 95 held its annual Christmas party Dec. 16 at Dammasch State Hospital in Wilsonville. Food and entertainment were provided by the chapter.



(Editor's Note: This column is designed to answer questions you may have regarding the OSEA insurance programs. Your questions are invited. Please address them to: Donald G. Olds, Insurance Manager, OSEA Services, Inc., Post Office Box 2307, Salem, Oregon, 97308.)

Q. What is meant by "reinstatement of maximum benefits" as outlined in the OSEA-NHA major-medical insurance brochure? (N.A.)

A. We have had several questions concerning this benefit. It is probably confusing in the manner in which it is explained in the brochure. It simply means that although there is a \$10,000 maximum lifetime benefit for each insured member, a reinstatement of this maximum benefit may be requested by providing NHA with evidence from your doctor that you are completely recovered from previous illnesses or injuries and it is not likely you would ever have any further recurrence. The insured member must have received at least \$1,000 in expenses paid by National Hospital before the request for the reinstatement can be made. If the request is acceptable, the insured would then have the \$10,000 maximum lifetime benefit reinstated even though \$1,000 or more dollars had already been paid in his behalf. If the reinstatement request is denied by NHA, the insured would have the amount of the \$10,000 benefit remaining which had not been paid.

Q. I enrolled myself and family members in the OSEA-Blue Cross medical-hospital and the OSEA-NHA major-medical insurance plans during the last open-enrollment period. Is there any waiting period for pre-existing conditions? (P.W.)

A. The OSEA-Blue Cross medical-hospital group plan does not have a waiting period for any pre-existing condition EXCEPT maternity benefits, for which there is a nine-month waiting period. Credit is given toward the maternity waiting period if you transferred from another group plan on state payroll deduction. This is only true, of course, if there was no lapse in coverage and you were enrolled under a two-person or family rate.



CHRISTMAS PRESENT This color television set was a Christmas present to students at the School for the Deaf from Agriculture Chapter 26. Ruth Wallace, left, and students Ronnie Lynn and Jill Devine accepted the TV on behalf of the school. It was presented by chapter members Claudette Reynolds, standing, and Margaret Merrick.

# Chapter 26 Donates Color TV

Students at the Oregon State School for the Deaf got an early Christmas present Dec. 21 when OSEA's Agriculture Chapter 26 gave the institution a color television set.

It was the second year in a row the chapter has given the school a color TV.

The set was presented on behalf of the chapter by Clau-

dette Reynolds, president, and Margaret Merrick, chairman of the chapter's Christmas bazaar which raised funds for the gift.

The bazaar, held in the Agriculture Building on Dec. 6-7-8 during lunch hours, raised \$469.20.

After buying the TV, the chapter found it had \$25 left over. The money was given to

Fairview Hospital and Training Center for its Christmas party for patients.

Many state employees working near the Capitol Mall purchased items at the bazaar.

Articles for sale included baked goods, candy, plants, pottery, china, pictures and other items handcrafted by chapter members.

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