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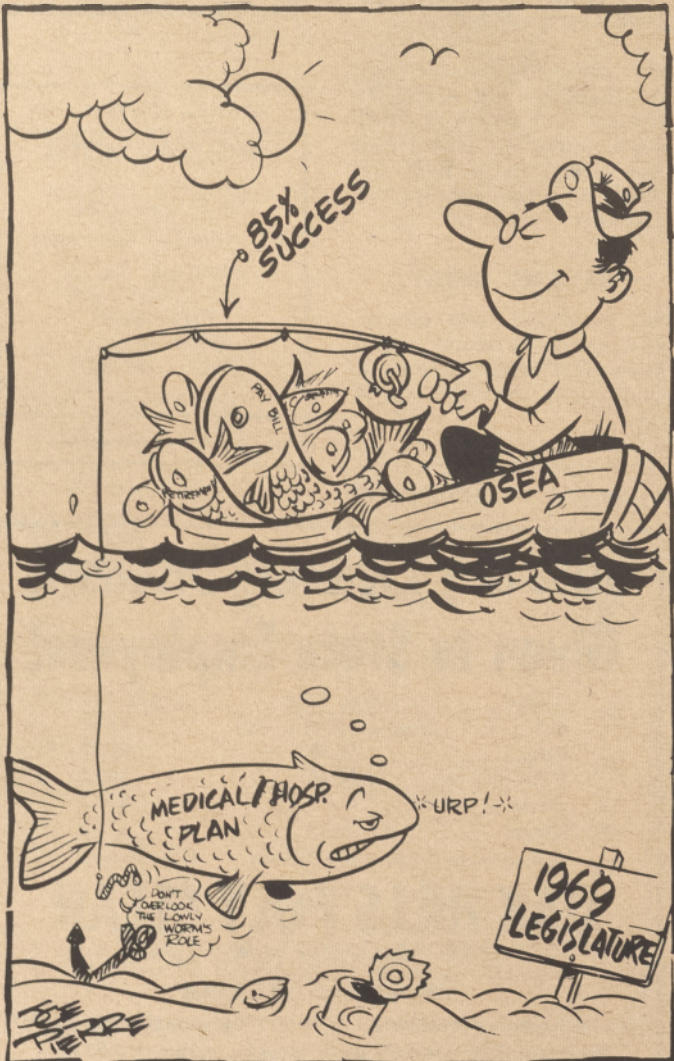
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From the ... Executive Secretary



A Good Session

During the past legislative session, OSEA representatives closely "followed" 50 non-budget bills. Twenty-three favored by OSEA were passed. Nine opposed by the association were unsuccessful. There were four on which no position for or against was taken, and another nine became moot or unnecessary for various reasons. This left only five bills which we favored unpassed.

Passage or defeat of some of the bills was predictable at the time of their introduction. Others, however, required a good deal of attention for the desired result to be obtained. In this effort your legislative representatives were greatly aided by solid member and chapter support, legislators unusually receptive to state employee views and an extraordinary amount of co-operation from the McCall administration.

This better than 85 per cent record will give chapters something to shoot at as they soon start preparing the next General Council resolutions, many of which will become bills in the legislative session two years from now.

Special Thanks

Looking back over the session, we must give thanks to the legislators as a whole, recognizing that some who are good friends were not in a position to give help of the kind that is readily noticeable because of their particular committee assignments. Some, however, deserve special recognition:

Rep. Stafford Hansell, who showed a real interest in obtaining better salaries and fringe benefits for all state employees and a desire to raise the standards of the lower academic employees.....Rep. L. B. Day, a stalwart on the Ways and Means Committee, who is to be thanked especially for passage of HB 1339 (introduced by Rep. Jack Anunsen) which did away with charges for payroll deduction of dues.....Sen. Betty Roberts and Rep. Connie McCready, who labored mightily and successfully for making discrimination in employment on account of sex an unlawful practice.....Sen. Berkeley Lent, a real helper on collective bargaining and retirement bills.....Sen. Cornelius Bateson, who "bird-dogged" HB 1390 to last day passage and carried a number of other state employee bills on the Senate floor.....veteran Sen. Dick Hoyt and freshman Rep. Robert Ingalls, that cooperative pair from the Benton County-OSU area.....Rep. Morris Crothers, whose SB 54 "started it all" on personnel system reform and who gave it a real try on the medical-hospital insurance contribution bill.....always helpful OSEA member Rep. Keith Skelton.....House State and Federal Affairs and Labor and Management Committee Chairmen Reps. Roger Martin and Joe Rogers.....to name only a few. Our thanks to them all!

One Disappointment

Unexpected reversals in state revenue amounting to some \$11 million sealed the fate of a state medical-hospital insurance premium contribution in the Joint Ways and Means Committee. The best that can be said is that members of the committee gave this possible fringe benefit for state employees much more consideration this session than they had ever done before.

At the urging of Rep. Day during the last meeting of the Salary Subcommittee, Chairman Hansell indicated that the contribution would be the subject of an interim study by the Legislative Fiscal Committee. Such a study will show that state employees are far behind private industry and other governmental units regarding this benefit, and it should assure favorable action in the next legislative session.

Correspondence

To the Editor:

Putnam-Stephens Chapter 23 wishes to express its deep appreciation to staff members Tom Enright and Ev Stiles for the many additional hours of service they have given state employees while working with the 1969 Legislature. Our thanks to them for a job well done.

Donna F. Bleiler
President
Chapter 23

To the Editor:

I am in receipt of a letter from you in which you have listed those students who have been selected for 1969-70 OSEA scholarships and grants-in-aid. My son, Samuel Hinds, was listed as one who had been selected for a \$300 scholarship.

His mother and I wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Oregon State Employees Association for this scholarship. I am confident that Samuel will not disappoint the association as a student at Oregon State University.

Success Chapter 30 will continue to support the scholarship program in the largest amount it is able to do so.

Raymond W. Hinds
President
Success Chapter 30

OSEA Growth Rate Slows

Membership in OSEA continued to climb last month but at a slower rate.

The membership report of June 2 shows OSEA members enrolled 367 state employees during May while 332 left the association. That left a net gain of only 35.

Five of OSEA's nine districts recorded net gains. They were led by District One for the second straight month with a net gain of 31.

District Two was next with a net increase of 22. It was followed by District Six with 11, District Seven with 4 and District Three with 2.

The three districts that recorded net losses were District Nine with 29 and Districts Four and Eight with 3 each.

District Five remained even. Rose City Chapter 5 in District One led all chapters with a net gain of 21. It was followed by Webfoot Chapter 49 in District Six with 16 and Compensation Chapter 20 in District Two with 12.

The report puts the total membership at 16,128.

Schwab Named Chief Judge

Oregon's Civil Service Commission, which will be renamed the Public Employee Relations Board July 1, will lose one of its present members.

He is Herbert M. Schwab, Portland attorney and former judge, who has been named chief judge of the newly created Court of Appeals.

In addition to his service on the commission, Schwab served seven years as a Multnomah County circuit judge, 10 months as a supreme court justice and nine years on the Portland school board.