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From the . . .

Executive Secretary



Be It Resolved

Less than a year ago, Virginia Parkinson submitted to Consolidated Chapter 61 in Portland a resolution calling for OSEA to introduce a bill in the Legislature to make discrimination in employment on account of sex an unlawful employment practice in Oregon. On the 23rd of this month, Mrs. Parkinson's idea becomes the law of the state.

It took a lot of work, and it would not have been accomplished without the interest shown by such people as Representatives Connie McCreedy and Keith Skelton, and Senators Betty Roberts and Berkeley Lent. But the point is that one individual state employee was able to secure passage of an important piece of social legislation by taking her idea to her fellow state employees and asking their support.

This is what it is all about when you read in the NEWS and other publications sent to chapters that September 4th is the deadline for submitting resolutions for the association's 1969 General Council.

Not all resolutions are acted upon favorably by the chapters or the council. Many do not involve legislation. Only part of those which become bills ever are enacted into law. But this is the means for the rank and file member of OSEA to influence the course of his organization, to get his ideas to a larger forum and perhaps effect the course of the state.

Chapter officers this week are being sent copies of a digest of OSEA Existing Policy Resolutions. Its readers will find there are many significant areas regarding which association policy is still to be established. Why not talk to your chapter officers right away, and, like Virginia Parkinson, put your idea into action?

Welcome, Commissioner Bateson

During the past year, two Democratic State Senators have been appointed by Republican Governor Tom McCall to important administrative positions in state government. They are Department of Employment Commissioner Ross Morgan and the new Insurance Commissioner, Cornelius Bateson.

Both Bateson and Morgan as legislators displayed real interest in state employee problems. It is a coincidence that each made significant contributions toward improvements in the Public Employees Retirement System laws.

Cornelius Bateson's active support of OSEA's programs in the Legislature will be missed, but we welcome him to the ranks of state employees and congratulate Governor McCall on his appointment.

Summer Season

This is the season for picnics, and every other day headquarters receives an announcement of an OSEA chapter picnic somewhere in the state. Association officers and staff members try to attend as many of these events as possible, to meet members and their families informally and get to know them better.

Last Sunday we attended a particularly good one at Oaks Park in Portland, sponsored by Portland Chapter 17. The kids loved the rides and games, and all of us enjoyed the hostmanship of President George Israel and his wonderful wife, Mildred. Some of the officers attended both this picnic and Rose City Chapter 5's picnic at Benson Park. We hope to see you at your chapter's next event.

Correspondence

To the Editor:

This is to publicly thank staff member Don Beninger for his fruitful efforts in securing reimbursement for several of the dietary employees at MacLaren School for Boys for time they spent in a training program after working hours.

This thanks comes not only from myself, but from the employees involved, and indeed, all of Woodburn Chapter 45.

Philip Sober
President

Woodburn Chapter 45

To the Editor:

I appreciate Tom Enright's thoughtfulness in his note to me regarding state employees who have been somewhat vocal in their opposition to parking fees. OSEA has been extremely responsible in discussing this question and I certainly would not attribute the occasional in-temperate statement to Tom Enright or any of the OSEA members.

Tom Enright's action in this matter is another reflection of the highly constructive role he and the Oregon State Employees Association have played in many of the changes facing state government. Be assured of my appreciation for these tangible evidences of your concern for the future of our state.

Tom McCall
Governor

To the Editor:

Dammasch Chapter 95 would like to say "thank you!" to all of the chapters who contributed to OSEA's 1969-70 scholarship and grant-in-aid fund.

We would like to congratulate Miss Christine Belleque, daughter of Chapter 95 member Carl Nibler, on receiving a \$400 scholarship.

Myrtle Crisp
President

Dammasch Chapter 95

To the Editor:

To those who expressed their sympathy in so many beautiful and practical ways during our recent bereavement, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

The family of
Edna Maxwell
Fairview Chapter 57

To the Editor:

I wish to compliment you on securing the special discount privileges for members of the association in the purchase of drugs and other items from Central Drug Company in Portland.

I have made use of the Central Drug Company's offer as per their advertisement in the OSEA NEWS on several occasions and have found their extra special prices amount to substantial savings. Also, I have been pleased with their courtesy and desire to please.

Harry E. Palmer
Mercury Chapter 39

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