

Lower Court Gets Food Service Lawsuit Back

OSEA's lawsuit seeking a permanent injunction to prevent the University of Oregon Medical School com-

Jackson Gets District Post

Ralph Jackson, Jr., former assistant director of District Two, moved up to the office of director this month upon the resignation of William J. La Clair.

Jackson was sworn into office by OSEA President Chalmers Jones at the Board of Directors meeting in Salem on Jan. 16.

An assistant to the State Engineer in the Hydrographics Division, Jackson is a member of Chemeketa Chapter 64. He has served three terms as its president, one term as vice-president and four terms as delegate to General Council.

The District Two Presidents' Council will elect a new assistant director to replace Jackson.

La Clair resigned his office due to "personal reasons."

plex from contracting its food service operation to a private firm has been sent back to Multnomah County circuit court to allow the contractor to be made a party to the suit.

OSEA brought the suit against the Medical School complex in December, 1969, protesting a proposed contract that would engage a private firm to manage the food service operations at the Medical School and Tuberculosis hospitals, and the Medical and Dental School cafeterias.

Shortly after OSEA brought its suit the contract was let to Prophet Foods Company. However, Prophet was never made a party to the suit.

The case was tried in Multnomah County circuit court in January, 1970. OSEA contended that the management of the food service operations was work that could be, and therefore should be, performed by state merit system personnel. It argued that the contract improperly

allowed a private firm to have control of state employes.

The court held, however, that the contract was proper and denied the injunction sought by OSEA.

The Association appealed the decision to Oregon's Court of Appeals. The case was argued by staff attorney John S. Irvin last November.

The Court of Appeals reversed the circuit court decision and remanded the case back to Multnomah County circuit court with directions to fix a time within which Prophet Foods could be made a party to the suit.

In its decision, the Court of Appeals said:

"Basic to the plaintiff's

PERS Account Balances Due

State employes will get annual statements listing the amount of money in their retirement accounts in about 60 days.

They are being prepared by the Public Employees' Retirement System in Portland. The agency said the statements will be mailed in late March or early April.

Each statement will list the total amount of interest credited to the account of the employe plus the contributions made from the time he began to participate in the system.

Also listed in the statements will be the account balance and earnings of those members who elected to participate in the PERS variable annuity program.

The rate of interest that has been accredited to each account during the 1970 calendar year will also be reflected in each statement.

The statements will be mailed to state agencies. A PERS spokesman said it is their responsibility to see that they are distributed to employes.

(OSEA's) contentions concerning this contract and to the legal rights and obligations of its members here involved, and to the respondents as well, is whether or not those members under this contract become employes of Prophet or remain employes of the State of Oregon. Basic to the rights and obligations of Prophet arising out of this contract is whether

or not the relationship of master and servant exists between it and the directly affected members of the plaintiff union."

"We are of the opinion that Prophet Foods Company, a Michigan corporation, is a necessary party to this case. Accordingly, we do not reach the questions herein sought to be raised."

Hike Due Automobile Insurance Premiums

OSEA members who have their automobiles insured with the Nationwide Insurance Company will probably have a change in their premium rate within the next year.

But they won't know whether they will have to pay more or less until they renew their policy.

The reason for the premium rate change is that the company is converting its automobile rate classification plan to the expanded type, which includes a variable rate feature.

That means the premiums will be more closely based on the kind of car an individual has, how he drives it and how he uses it.

"The variable rate feature will help reward those who maintain good driving records and provides surcharges for those who incur at-fault ac-

cidents or major driving violations," a spokesman said.

"The new classifications may cause premiums to increase or decrease, depending upon the specific circumstances."

The spokesman said the conversion to the rating plan will begin March 1. It will become effective immediately for new policyholders, but will affect existing policyholders only upon renewal. That means it will take a year for the company to switch completely to the new plan.

To help make the change over, Nationwide will mail a "policyholder survey" to its customers approximately two months before their insurance is due to be renewed. Customers are asked to complete the survey and return it to the company to make sure they are placed in a proper classification.

Central Drug Endorsed For Another Year To Provide Low-Cost Drugs

State of Oregon Employes Well-Pleased With Last Year's Low Prices, Courteous Services by Central Drug of Portland.



ROBERT HELFOND, Central Drug owner, is congratulated by OSEA for his pledge to provide low-cost drugs to state employes during 1971.

Portland, Ore. (SPECIAL) — Many thousands of dollars in drug savings were realized by State of Oregon employes, thanks to the specially-arranged Low-Cost Drug Plan.

Thousands took advantage of this opportunity to obtain all of their prescriptions, drugs, vitamins, and name-brand household health aids at wholesale cost plus a small fee. By

showing their OSEA cards, State of Oregon employes were amazed at the huge savings on every item in the store over any other sources.

Typical of the many personal endorsements being received every day from OSEA members is this from Virginia Parkinson, 1969-70 President of Consolidated Chapter 61, Chapter Employe of the Year in 1969. She writes:



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Employe Retirement Accounts Valued

Editor's Note: To keep OSEA members informed of the value of their retirement accounts in the Public Employees' Retirement System, the OSEA News will publish the following tables each month. Both the variable annuity portion of the account (which is invested in common stocks and short term notes) and the "fixed" portion of the account (which is invested in long term bonds and mortgages) are listed. The tables show the current value of each \$100 invested in either the variable annuity account or the "fixed" account.

	VARIABLE ACCOUNT	FIXED ACCOUNT
March 31, 1970	\$102.55	\$101.16
April 30, 1970	\$ 92.55	\$101.55
May 30, 1970	\$ 87.51	\$101.94
June 30, 1970	\$ 85.45	\$102.33
July 31, 1970	\$ 90.36	\$102.71
August 31, 1970	\$ 93.51	\$103.10
September 30, 1970	\$ 98.45	\$103.49
October 31, 1970	\$ 96.92	\$103.88
November 30, 1970	\$101.01	\$104.26
December 31, 1970	Not available	\$104.65

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