

Chapter News

District One

PORTLAND CHAPTER 17 President Fred T. Somerville has appointed the following members to head chapter committees: Bill DuVall and Cliff Nelson, public relations; Lee Graham, insurance; Harold Blankenship, retirement; Harlo Kodama, audit-finance; Bob Anderson and Everett Edwards, nomination; and Tom Harris, membership. Dora Schneberk, who has served several terms as chapter secretary, resigned from her office as the result of accepting a transfer from the Liquor Commission to the Public Welfare Division. Somerville has appointed Tom Harris to fill out the term of office.

CLACKAMAS CHAPTER 71, at its April meeting, voted to contribute \$50 to the Association's scholarship fund for the 1971-72 school year.

District Two

SALEM CHAPTER 1 President Dennis Hayden visited Sen. Lynn Newbry (R-Ashland) to speak at the chapter's March 24 meeting in the conference room of the Highway Department building. Newbry, vice-chairman of the 1971 Legislature's powerful Joint Ways and Means Committee, discussed pay and fringe benefits. Other speakers at the meeting included chapter members James Kinns and Phil Oakley.

COMPENSATION CHAPTER 20 invited Rep. Morris Crothers (R-Salem) to be guest speaker at its April 13 meeting in Salem. He discussed state pay and new building in the mall area. A question and answer period followed his talk, which was arranged by President Carroll Allison. Chapter members approved a motion to contribute \$100 to the Oregon State School for the Blind to be used to purchase an electronic piano.

WILLAMETTE CHAPTER 21 President Maurice Porter discussed plans for the chapter's annual family picnic at the April 22 meeting in Salem. He also gave chapter members a report on the District Two Presidents' Council meeting held earlier in April. Guest speaker at the meeting was Dean Coverstone, personnel officer for the Public Utilities Commission. He urged members to write their legislators about bills that affect them. A film, "Oregon and its natural resources," was shown following the business portion of the meeting.

OREGON CHAPTER 22 President Joe Doerfler turned the chapter's April 29 meeting over to James R. Dyer, OSEA's public relations director, who introduced Officer Gene Corey of the Salem Police Department as guest speaker. Corey discussed the different kinds and types of drugs, both legal and illegal. Drugs outlined in his talk included marijuana, hashish, amphetamines, barbiturates and hallucinatory drugs such as LSD, mescaline and heroin. A question and answer period followed his talk, which took most of the meeting time.

District Three

ROSEBURG CHAPTER 2 members devoted most of the April 15 meeting to a discussion of ways and means of creating interest in the chapter and drawing more members to its meetings. Members approved a motion that the chapter sponsor a potluck dinner and dance tentatively scheduled for June 19. Other suggestions were made that the chapter sponsor a bingo party, give door prizes and invite spouses to take part in OSEA activities, including the chapter's monthly meetings. The next meeting will be held May 20 at the Harris Cafe in Roseburg.

CURRY CHAPTER 93 President Charles Peake has appointed the following members to the chapter's Resolutions Committee: Ralph Liester, chairman; John Link and Al Smith.

District Four

KLAMATH FALLS CHAPTER 12 voted to contribute \$25 to OSEA's scholarship fund at its April 28 meeting. The chapter will sponsor a potluck dinner for its members on June 11. Long-time treasurer Ray Baker has resigned from his office.

President Roy Bradford has appointed Joyce Perkins to fill Baker's unexpired term.

District Five

ROUND-UP CHAPTER 24 has elected new officers for the coming year. They are Glen Shelton, president; Bob Shuman, vice-president; and Lloyd Yeck, secretary-treasurer. The chapter is holding its monthly meetings in Pendleton and Condon, on alternating months.

BAKER CHAPTER 37 recently completed a project of rewriting its constitution and by-laws.

PENDLETON CHAPTER 52 President Bart Murray led a discussion of state employee legislation now pending in the 1971 Legislature at the chapter's last meeting. Chapter members voted to contribute \$20 to the Association's 1971-72 scholarship fund. OSEA staff member Paul R. Ward was a guest at the meeting. The next meeting will be held May 18 at Eastern Oregon Hospital and Training Center.

BLUE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER 94 President Roger Thomson has appointed the following committee to begin processing Chapter Employee of the Year nomination forms: Jean Thomson, chairman; Bill Cogswell, Don Lovell and Cal Fouts, all former recipients of the award.

District Six

EUGENE CHAPTER 6 members, at the April meeting, approved a motion to purchase \$450 worth of working space certificates in OSEA's new headquarters building.

NEWPORT CHAPTER 11 President Max Ruff invited OSEA staff member C.D. Johansen to speak at the April 14 meeting held in OSU's Marine Science Center. He outlined the various state employee pay plans that have been recommended for the 1971-73 biennium. A question and answer period followed his talk. After the meeting the Newport Girl Scouts furnished cup cakes and coffee to members.

ALBANY CHAPTER 7 members approved a motion to contribute \$50 to the Association's 1971-72 scholarship fund at the last meeting.

CORVALLIS CHAPTER 29 heard a report from its Nominating Committee at the April 13 meeting on the Oregon State University campus. Chapter elections will be held in May and new officers installed in June.

District Seven

THE DALLES CHAPTER 9 members approved a motion to contribute \$45 to OSEA's 1971-72 scholarship fund at the April meeting of the chapter in The Dalles.

District Eight

ASTORIA CHAPTER 8 President Roy Swanson led a discussion of OSEA's 1971 legislative program at the April 15 meeting. Swanson also appointed a chapter Resolution Committee composed of the following members: Carey Huckaba, LeRoy Swartout, Dan Elliott and Ray Karpen. The committee held its first meeting April 29 and discussed resolutions dealing with the following subjects: vacation and sick leave, merit rating procedures, work schedules and retirement benefits.

District Nine

EVERGREEN CHAPTER 28, located at Oregon State Hospital, at its last meeting voted to contribute an additional \$50 to OSEA's 1971-72 scholarship fund. Earlier this year the chapter had contributed \$50 to the Association's financial aid program.

HILLCREST CHAPTER 70 members voted to approve a motion to contribute \$25 to the Association's 1971-72 scholarship fund at the April meeting in Salem.

Richard Leith Named Field Representative

Richard A. Leith has joined the OSEA staff as a field representative. He began his new job April 12.

Prior to joining the OSEA staff, Leith was a member of Gov. Keith Miller's staff in Alaska. He served six months as coordinator of federal programs for the State of Alaska. For a year before that he was its director of industrial development.

Leith was a teacher at Columbia Basin Junior College in Pasco, Washington, for four years, where he taught distributive education, mid-management programs.

Other employment includes three years as manager of the Pasco Chamber of Commerce and six years as manager of the St. Helens office of the Public Finance Corporation.

Leith was named Junior First Citizen of the Year by the Junior Chamber of Commerce in St. Helens in 1963. He was named recipient of the same award in Pasco two years later.

Born and raised in Woodburn, Leith attended schools in Woodburn and Gervais and Oregon State University.

He and his wife, Janice, have three children. They live in Salem.



RICHARD A. LEITH

From the Mailbag



Cost is Overwhelming

To the Editor:

I have worked in state government now for eight and one-half years. During that time I've seen many qualified and capable state employees resign from state service. The many I've spoken with about leaving have invariably indicated lack of adequate compensation and fringe benefits as the reason for leaving. This has been true whether the employee has been in the higher pay brackets or the lower pay classifications.

During my years of service the money expended by the state to train new employees because of the attrition in state government I would imagine is overwhelming. Just the other day a friend told me she would like to work for the state, but couldn't afford to. She is a widow with three children and the financial compensation and fringe benefits offered were not adequate to support her family.

These are only two of the many reasons why the State of Oregon should provide competitive salaries. State employees shouldn't have to subsidize the economic burden of state government.

Beth Brandes
Mercury Chapter 39
Portland

Word of Appreciation

To the Editor:

I feel a word of appreciation should be given to the OSEA staff members who are working to obtain a just pay raise for state employees.

As we know, a number of plans have been presented. It will be hard to please everyone, but I feel certain our staff is working in the best interest of all state employees, and should be assured of our support.

Jenes Moty
OTI Chapter 36
Klamath Falls

Consideration Asked

To the Editor:

I hope the Legislature will give deep consideration to OSEA's proposed pay plan for state employees. In my years of working for the State of Oregon, it has been my observation that the vast majority of state employees are capable, dedicated and sincere workers, and I think we are fortunate to attract the high caliber of employees we have working in state government.

I think that salaries should be high enough to enable the state to keep its experienced personnel and at the same time attract capable new employees to state service.

Jane L. Hanson
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Portland