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to read...*

ABOUT THE INCREASE IN MEDICAL COVERAGE for state employees worked out by OSEA and the governor's office. The higher benefits will apply to room rate and major medical coverage. The agreement implements higher state contributions negotiated last year which become effective July 1, 1978. See page 6.

A COLUMN BY ELEANOR MEYERS, OSEA Classification Analyst, on reclassification procedures. She also explains the procedures used to determine if an employee is classified properly. See page 4.

WHAT THREE MEMBERS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT PARTICIPATION IN OSEA. They urge members to strengthen their union through involvement. See page 9.

ABOUT THE CONTINUING SAGA OF OSEA-AFFILIATED employees of Marion County. In this chapter the Deputy Sheriff's Unit reaches a second impasse and returns to mediation. See page 3.

ABOUT THE UPCOMING DUES INCREASE that will help build an organization that can represent its members most effectively. See page 3.

ABOUT AN UPCOMING CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN UNIONS, sponsored by the Labor Education and Research Center at the University of Oregon. See page 2.

A STORY ON NEW RULES ESTABLISHED FOR HANDLING THE CHEMICAL THIRAM, which is applied to tree seedlings. See page 5.

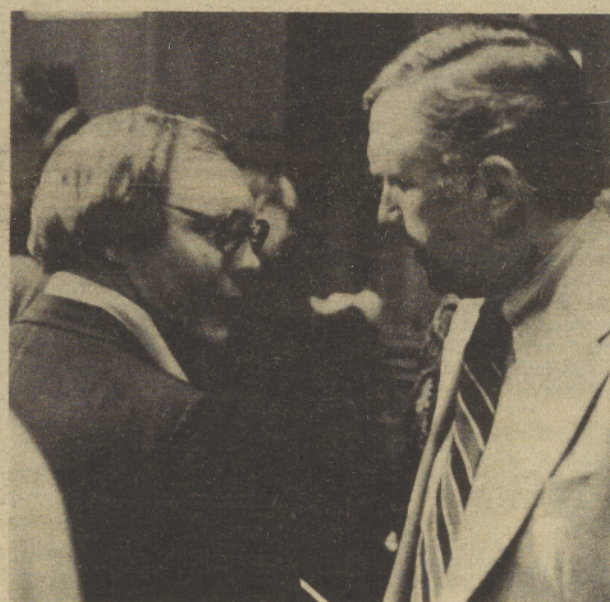
ABOUT RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO OSEA MEMBERS that are on file in the headquarters library. See page 10.

A STORY THAT TELLS HOW OREGON'S HIGHWAY DIVISION is similar to the notorious labor outlaw, the J.P. Stevens Company. See page 5.

HOW OSEA IS REPRESENTING ITS MEMBERS in grievances filed for various contract violations.



Gov. Bob Straub (above) wants to keep his job. Thirteen challengers are trying to take it away, including Sen. Vic Atiyeh (top right) and Rep. Roger Martin (bottom right). More photos on Filing Day are on Page 7.



Politics - 1978

They're off and running! Political candidates, campaign workers, and the curious appeared en masse March 14 in the Oregon House of Representatives Chamber in Salem for last minute filing and to observe the filing deadline.

The gathering is a tradition observed every two years and is considered the "official" start of the primary election campaign. Most candidates, of course, have been running for some time, including a flock of people who want to be governor.

Included in that group, seven on the Democratic side and seven on the Republican ticket,

are the incumbent, Bob Straub, former governor Tom McCall, State Sen. Vic Atiyeh, Straub's opponent four years ago, and House Minority Leader Roger Martin.

Other statewide offices to be contested in the primary on May 23, are superintendent of public instruction and labor commissioner. Three candidates, including incumbent Verne Duncan are seeking the education post. Ten persons filed for labor commissioner after incumbent Bill Stevenson announced he would not seek reelection, eight Democrats and two Republicans.

In addition, 15 of the 30 senate positions and all 60 house of representative seats and numerous local positions and issues will be voted on at the primary.

Eight candidates are challenging U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield in his bid for a third six-year term, five Democrats and three Republicans.

The OSEA Board of Directors will endorse candidates at its April 15 meeting. The Association's political arm, CASE, will contribute to the campaigns of candidates voted by the CASE Administrative Committee.