

Tacoma is happy to report too that Mrs. Jennie M. French, founder and first president of Tacoma RTA and one of the founders of WSRTA, has deeded to the Tacoma Teachers' Home Corporation several acres of ground which will be the site of the planned Tacoma Teachers' Home. In addition to the site, there is now \$12,250 on hand. This has come from dues, gifts, bequests, and memorials as well as from dinners and rummage sales, the latter yielding an even \$1100 in the past two years. This report was given by C. A. Arpke, President of Tacoma RTA.

We have from Miss Margaret Richardson, president of Spokane Education Auxiliary, Inc., word that the site of Spokane's future home for retired teachers is located ideally from the standpoint of view, transportation and city conveniences. The area consists of one city block and is clear of indebtedness.

Gains have been made in Yakima Home Project, as reported by Mrs. Lola Reynolds. The total fund on hand is now \$1507.97. Rummage sales and gifts help to increase the fund. Plans are under way for a big membership drive. In-service teachers are showing a growing interest in the project. The daily press is very helpful in giving favorable publicity.

WSRTA, at its June Convention, adopted the goal of all-inclusive membership in local, state and national RTA. This means that Washington State retirees paid to their local unit treasurer the dues for all three organizations at one time. It resulted in such a flood of memberships that the regional director was forced to send out a call for help. The membership year extends from July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956.

A stamped, addressed envelope is much appreciated when you wish an answer to a letter; it not only spares expense but saves time and reduces the risk of error under the pressures of a busy office. Likewise, when you go south for the winter or north for the summer, why not leave 6c in stamps with a neighbor or friend who will re-address those two issues of the NRTA Journal to you? It not only puts a great burden on the headquarters staff at Ojai to keep track of seasonal addresses and accounts for deletion of names from the mailing list when a postal return indicates you did not go to the address you planned to reach, but delays receipt of your Journal six weeks until seasonal address mailing goes out with the mid-quarter mailing to new members whose names were not on the list at the beginning of the quarter.

Finally, this is the type of letter that is heartening to receive: "I happened to glance at my Journal today and found my renewal had been overlooked by me. I want to remain in good standing as I

realize that "together we stand" and that all of us are needed to accomplish things for the good of all. The tax exemption has certainly been a wonderful step and all the teachers I know are really happy about it. So, please if I am not too late—here are my dues." A great many feel so too, I am sure.

Clara H. Young

Idaho

Mabel Sturgis, 1505 North 15th, Boise, has consented to serve as Assistant Director, Region I, in charge of her state.

From Miss Douglas Hilts, President of Southwestern Idaho RTA, came news of a September 13 meeting at which 32 interested retirees were present. Several from Emmett at this third meeting were attending for the first time. By-laws were adopted and they now feel that they are a working unit. The Regional Director has received a list of 50 charter members of this enterprising unit in the Boise area.

News of formation of three units in Idaho is to appear in a fall issue of the Idaho Education Journal.

Mrs. Lu Etta Wright, a new retiree and President of Southern Idaho RTA, wrote that by-laws would be voted upon at the business meeting on October 6. This was the first day of IEA Institute at Twin Falls, Idaho, and the RTA group was invited to attend in a body as guests of the Convention. Mrs. Wright lives at 405 Nevada Street, Gooding, Idaho.

Southwestern Idaho RTA, President, Miss Douglas Hilts, 216 North 23rd, Boise, organized at Boise on April 29, 1955 and has already held three meetings. Meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of September, December, March, and June in the School Administration Building.

Northern Idaho RTA was organized July 11, 1955, at Coeur d'Alene and held its second meeting October 13 at Templin's Cafe. There will be two a year.

Montana

Organized in May, 1955, Montana's first local unit is called Silver Bow County RTA, holds three meetings a year, and has officers as follows: President, Nellie M. Baker, 2400 Yale Avenue, Butte; Vice-president, Dora Drowatsky, Trip and Dragstadt Apts., Butte; Secretary, Marguerite McDonald, 536 West Broadway; Treasurer, Teresa O'Donnell, 803 West Copper, Butte. This new group has 15 local members, all of them members of NRTA.

Oregon

Assistant Director of Region I, NRTA, is Angenette Crissey, 3172 NE 35th Place, Portland 13.

A letter from Mrs. Edith S. Ackert, secretary of Douglas County RTA,

writes: Miss Virlie Tracy, president of Oregon RTA, Unit 4 quoted the following from the Roseburg News Review: We are growing steadily, if slowly. Our largest social event of the year was enjoyed Sunday evening, September 18, at Parrott Place, home of Miss Rosa B. Parrott when she celebrated her 80th birthday anniversary.

"Miss Parrott is the youngest of the children born to Moses and Tennessee Parrott who settled here in the early 1850's, the only member of the immediate family now living. The Parrott land claim included 640 acres starting where the home is and on south of Roseburg. Miss Parrott attended the University of Oregon and was graduated from the University of Arizona. She received her Master's degree from Columbia University and her doctorate was done at Peabody University, Georgia. She was 16 when she began to teach and became a principal at 19. She was the first president of the Roseburg Business and Professional Women's Club, has traveled in Europe extensively and written articles for various magazines as well as an English text.

"Her extensive garden is one of her most absorbing hobbies, though she also devotes considerable time to her writings and is vice president of the Douglas County Historical Society and an active member of the Douglas County RTA, ORTA Unit 4.

"Hundreds of relatives and friends wished her continued good health and many more happy years."

Mrs. Mae Richardson is president of the Jackson County RTA in Oregon. Organized in 1953, this unit holds meetings alternately in Medford and Ashland. There are 30 members of whom 15 are members of the National RTA also. A meeting at the home of Mrs. Anna Carter in Medford on September 13 was to be followed by one at which Dr. Elma Stevenson, president of the Southern Oregon College, would be the speaker.

From Salem Area RTA, Oregon Unit 2, Mrs. Mary Champ, president, wrote of their July-August activities, visiting the peony garden of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Broadbent and the home of Miss Georgia C. Shane. Unit 2 has 17 members, half of whom belong to NRTA. By-laws have been adopted and two executive board meetings held. Meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Fireplace Room of the City library with a guest speaker, as a rule. One of Salem's objectives is to assist in organizing an Oregon State RTA.

As regional director it was a pleasure to receive a cordial invitation to attend the Roseburg Conference in October which was attended by the Oregon units, but a regret to be unable to attend.

We hope to hear from Portland in the next issue. Portland is doing itself proud in NRTA memberships.

A preliminary meeting, for the discussion of forming a State organization, was held at Roseburg, Oregon, on October 12th and 13th. It was attended by delegates from each of the four units and interested National members from Klamath Falls, as well as by some who are still in active service in the schools. As a result, a set of By-Laws was taken back to the Units for consideration; they will be brought on the floor at our Oregon Education Association departmental meeting next March. The Roseburg Unit, our newest, did a wonderful job of arranging for our pleasure and our work. Meetings, as well as dinner, took place at the Women's Club building.

A tea was held at the home of the local president, Mrs. Barbara Inger, on Sunday, October 16th. Its main purpose was to have present local and national members meet recent retirees and other prospective members.

ORTA Unit 1 meets the 2nd Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at Educational Bldg., 16th and Taylor. Council Crest Bus leaves Brdwy and Morrison 10:59 and 12:49 and every 22 minutes thereafter. Comes within two blocks. ORTA officers for 1955-56 and chairmen of committees:

President, Mrs. Barbara Inger, 3920 SE Belmont—BE 2-0976; *Vice-president*, Mr. John Kilpak, 1724 SE 40th—BE 6-6177; *Recording Sec'y*, Mrs. Hope Davey, 5915 NE 33rd—AT 7-7463; *Cor. Secretary*, Mrs. Goldie Kerr, 2175 NW Davis—CA 8-2521; *Membership Sec'y*, Miss Georgia Ewing, 6602 NE Tillamook—AL 4-0264; *Asst. Secretary*, Miss Angenette Crissey, 3172 NE 35th Place—AT 7-1595; *Treasurer*, Miss Ethel Ewing, 950 NE 78th—AL 4-2690; *Auditor*, Miss Florence Smith, 4305 SE Belmont—BE 6-2225; *Ways and Means*, Miss Ada Osfield, 2324 SE 35th Place—BE 2-7842; *Welfare*, Miss Edna Callahan, 3303 NE 26th—AT 7-9033; *Civic*, Mrs. Dorothy Sutherland, 9745 NE Clison—AL 4-2909; *Legislative*, Miss Eliza Stevens, 3934 SE Boise St.—PR 4-0439; *Public Relations*, Miss Emily Young, 1702 NE 9th Ave.—AT 7-8803; *Publicity*, Miss Florence Smith, 4305 SE Belmont—BE 6-2225; *Visiting*, Mrs. Tressa Blackburn, 3319 NE Tillamook—AT 7-4601; *Hospitality*, Miss Helen Petsch, Rt. 3 Box 702, Tigard, Ore.—ME 9-1075; *Program*, Mrs. Allene Baker, 203 SE 45th Ave.—BE 2-6470; *Telephone*, Erma and Edith Snere, 3143 NE Duncley Ave.—AT 1-6034; *Insurance*, Mr. Horton Webb, 3740 SE 10th—BE 2-5595; *Editorial Staff*, Mrs. Lillian Renn, 17004 SE Oatfield Rd.—OL 4-3932; Mrs. Minnie Searle, 7004 NE Everett—AL 3-5465; Miss Barbara Hoch, 1431 NE 16th Ave.—AT 2-8638.

Helen Petch would like on her committee, Helen Lightner, Florence Heffley, Dolly Lee, Maude Cooke, and Kate Hickling.

Life Memberships in NRTA are now only \$20. We have three: Eliza Stevens, Bertha Hunter, Emily C. M. Young. Before the annual meeting of the NRTA in Portland next July, here's hoping we may have many more and how we would enjoy a 100% gain in our present listed NRTA membership. That is about the only way we can gain real recognition at the National Convention as we have a rather small state membership, so far as ORTA units and membership are concerned. Let's work for a percentage gain! The National is always working for US!

We now have 213 paid up members, 10 Life members, on the list for July '54 to July '55. Of this number 83 have paid for '55 to '56. Dues are now payable—please contact Miss Georgia Ewing if you have not paid.

A plan for Group Hospital Insurance for Retired Teachers, who are members of the NRTA is being developed by the National Association—If interested, send your dollar for membership in NRTA and say, "I am interested in the plan for insurance as mentioned in the last Journal." Give name and address and send to NRTA, Grey Gables, Ojai, Calif. Those who are in on the "ground floor" will have certain advantages.

Vida Hammond from Sunland, Calif. was here this summer, attended the picnic at the home of Mrs. Hoyez at Troutdale. She is Superintendent of Volunteers of America Old People's Home.

Mrs. Renn, after a wonderful tour of Canadian Rockies, attended the USWV Convention in Long Beach, Calif. A trip through the Red Woods, and on down the coast with perfect weather was enjoyed by 56 passengers in two chartered buses; on the return, Catalina Island, San Diego, Tijuana, Yosemite, Sacramento, Lake Tahoe, Virginia City, and Reno were on the itinerary. For next year, Lexington, Kentucky, is the goal.

REGION II

Arizona, California, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah
Mabelle Wilson, Director
620 Vincent Ave., Berkeley 7, Calif.

California

California Retired Teachers' Association is now on its way for a new year and for a new term of officers elected in June. The August meeting of our Board of Directors had almost a dozen new presidents of divisions in attendance. Many of them had their expenses paid by their divisions. They are a fine looking group who made valuable contributions.

We have set a quota of at least five new divisions and a membership of 7500 for 1955-1956. Kings County has

met every requirement to be our thirty-first division except submitting By-Laws that are in accordance with those of C.R.T.A. Whittier should be ready for organization soon. The more divisions there are, the nearer one of them is to some retired teacher's home. This will provide more interest, more social life and naturally more members. Why not look over your area to see if there isn't a center where there are a score or more of retired teachers who would appreciate having a division of their own? We are ready and willing to help.

Now is the time to plan your year's program for your division. I recommend that you meet at least six times a year.

A directory every year with names and addresses of all paid up members is a help in keeping in touch with each other and in getting dues in early so as to be sure that their names appear. Many of the smaller divisions mimeograph them, and most of them who have printed ones charge a small fee to cover cost. Why not include the list of officers and a schedule of meetings? I would appreciate a copy of your directory and will be glad to pay.

The revised By-Laws were adopted at the August meeting. Printed copies will be distributed at the October 10 and 11 meeting in Fresno to all officers of divisions. Mr. Arthur Brown, Chairman of the Revision Committee, has two able helpers, Miss Cecelia O'Neil and Hardy T. Stewart, and deserve our hearty thanks for a difficult job well done.

It might be a good time for the older divisions to check and make a few revisions of their By-Laws. Be sure to send C.R.T.A. a copy when you do make any revisions.

The Governor signed S.B. 1445 in June. It goes into effect July 1, 1956. You have a request to send the State Retirement System your earnable salaries of three consecutive years. If the average of those three years is over \$3000. If you taught until you were 65, and if you have 45 years or more of service to your credit, you should send in as requested. If you have 40 years of service, taught until you were 65, your salary average would have to be \$3200 or better to benefit by salary computation. I am no accountant, so this is only a hint, not an authoritative computation.

Thank you for sending me to the N.R.T.A. convention in Chicago. It was a great convention, but the weather was uncomfortably hot. In the nineties every day—99.7 was the worst. I melted ten pounds off which wasn't bad, but I didn't like it.

The National is growing rapidly. Hawaii, Montana and Idaho were organized this spring. Illinois became a state group during the convention. When we

THE MAIL BAG



REGION I

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Idaho

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Gertrude S. Dittmore, secretary of North Idaho RTA (Howard McGinley, President), wrote that her unit now has 22 paid-up members, 17 of whom were present at the luncheon meeting held during teachers' institute.

Douglas Hiltz, president of Southwest Idaho RTA, reported that 31 attended the December meeting. All were eager to learn the details of the NRTA's proposed hospital insurance plan, and in the idea of publishing a small news letter.

Dana W. Cowell of Rupert, Idaho, is now a Life member of NRTA. She is secretary of the Southern Idaho RTA; the president is Lu Etta Wright.

Through the courtesy of the Director of the Idaho Retirement System, Mr. H. F. Willmorth, and of the Executive Secretary of the Montana Retirement System, Mr. J. Hugh McKinney, slips were placed in the pension envelopes of Idaho and Montana retirees again this year to apprise them of the NRTA plan in the interests of the retired group.

Montana

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of Montana
803 West Copper, Butte, Montana

As soon as the ice leaves the mountain roads, NRTA's assistant director plans to visit Billings to explain the program of the NRTA in the interests of better retirement conditions. Edna A. Mann, Life member in Missoula, is urging active interest in the program and membership in NRTA among retirees in her area.

Silver Bow County RTA, Nellie Baker, president, met at the Finlen Hotel in Butte for an October luncheon, at which the proposed NRTA hospital insurance plan was discussed. "Increased payments to those with inadequate pensions" was another topic discussed. Marguerite McDonald is secretary of the group, 19 of whom are also members of the National RTA.

A letter from Montana's Teacher Retirement System disclosed that the system now services the accounts of 7000 active teachers and 1000 not in active service. There are 750 Montana teacher retirees.

Oregon

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of Oregon
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Greetings from Portland Oregon: Your NRTA convention chairman with an able committee of RT's is making plans for entertaining our RT guests whom we expect to welcome at the national convention in Portland next July. We have reserved the Pompeian room, a beautiful dining room on the first floor of the Congress hotel for our banquet Wednesday evening, July 4. The room will accommodate up to 200 and the Congress is in walking distance of both the city auditorium and Multnomah hotel.

While Portland, at this date, is short on accommodations, we are fortunate in our compact downtown district which makes transportation no great problem.

A trip up the beautiful Columbia Highway looms large in our plans for one of the afternoons. Our increasing NRTA membership looks forward to entertaining our guests and will itself make a creditable showing at the Convention in July.

The first steps toward forming an Oregon State RTA were taken in October in adoption of a constitution; election of officers will take place in March at the time of the Oregon Education Association meeting, when the state RTA will be meeting as an affiliate of the OEA.

For reservations at NRTA luncheons, or other occasions on which reservations are necessary, the banquet, particularly, please let us hear from you not later than June 25. My address is 566 NE 43rd Avenue, Portland 13, Oregon. And now, in closing, we will hope that we'll be seeing you in Portland next July.

Roberta Rippey,
Convention Chairman

As the ORTA units at Salem and in Jackson County were organized in November, their new officers are well on their way to another successful year with added local and national members in prospect. We are happy to have a new unit at Klamath Falls, and hope to report at least one more in the next *Journal*.

The president of our OEA department of retired teachers, Mrs. Ivah Murray of Medford, met with as many delegates to the coming March meeting as were in Portland in late December. Both the business and the program meeting plans were discussed; we expect to become a State RTA in March, even if we have no more than our present five units.

The Oregon Director of NRTA met with the Salem unit in November. She has been asked to speak to the Portland Grade Teachers' Association in January on the subjects so dear to our ORTA and NRTA hearts. She was one of the delegates to the preliminary Delegate Assembly at Roseburg last October.

We were entertained at dinner by the unit that was then our newest, and the purpose of the next morning's business session was explained before we adjourned. Copies of a preliminary set of by-laws were given to the presidents of the units represented and also to the visitors from Klamath Falls, so that each delegation could discuss them before the business meeting. The by-laws, with suggested changes, were accepted next morning to be taken back to our units where they received favorable votes in each. We look forward to our annual meeting of the OEA department in March. Future meetings of the Oregon Delegate Assembly and the OEA department of RT's will be held in March. We will continue our OEA luncheons, also.

The Building Fund of Unit 1 is growing in several ways. A Birthday Lunch is held every third meeting. Any so inclined, whose birthdays have occurred since the preceding such occasion, add a dollar to the Fund. A bequest from Ruth Fagen, an active Portland teacher, added almost \$500. Friends of Mary Donohoe, Lulu George, and a principal, W. A. Dickson, have sent checks in their honor to add to the Fund this year. Similar additions have been made in previous years to add to the original \$1000 check from our own Emily Young.

The combined lunch and Christmas party at the Damascus-Carnation Creamery in December, with its 50 cents admission, added to our Convention Fund. We're trusting that our April "Luncheon is Served" will add even more. To both these annual affairs, friends are as welcome as members.

In order to acquaint more retired teachers in the State with the National RTA and its proposed insurance for members, Unit I sent out 725 cards last October to all those whose names we could obtain. Later an additional 80 were sent by Mrs. North, our very helpful friend who lives with Eliza Stevens. Those cards were largely responsible for the increase in our local file of NRTA memberships and in the Oregon file of Clara Young, Director for Area 1.

The Portland Federation of Women's Clubs had "Teachers Day" at their No-

member meeting. All ORTA members were especially invited and a certain section of the Multnomah College auditorium was set aside for us. We were also honored at the Tea, which is held at the close of a meeting.

Although Portland can not expect to equal Chicago in hospitable arrangements the coming July Convention, all Oregon will heartily welcome those who attend and do our best. That much we can promise.

Angenette Crissey

Washington

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We deeply regret omission of the Whatcom County Unit in our write-up of the 23 Washington State Units for the December, 1955, *NRTA Journal*.

Whatcom County RTA was formerly called Northwest Washington but changed its name when Skagit County retirees, who previously met with them, formed their own separate unit.

Organized in 1947, Whatcom County RTA now has 102 local members and meets in Bellingham at the Roeder school, 2:00 p.m., on the second Tuesday of the month except July and August. Business, a program, refreshments and good fellowship are enjoyed. Spring and fall dinner meetings are held and a picnic in June. Maria Richard, 95, and Harriet Griffin, 98, attend Whatcom meetings in all but the most inclement weather. What other unit can boast two deans in their group?

Whatcom County RTA was host to the WSRTA Convention in 1952 and felt privileged to have as guests NRTA's president, Dr. Ethyl Percy Andrus, and secretary, Miss Alice Reiterman. Officers of the unit are: Elizabeth Whitfield, president; vice presidents, Miss B. Brennan and Mrs. Grace Hunt; Madge Ware, recording secretary, Kathleen Casey, corresponding secretary; H. Enzo Loop, treasurer; and Director, A. D. Foster.

Seattle RTA has published a book by its historian, Joseph T. Hazard. Titled "Pioneer Teachers of Washington," it is dedicated to Frank B. Cooper, early superintendent of the Seattle schools. It traces the history of teaching from old Oregon days and records accomplishments of pioneer teachers, the beginnings of the public school system and the development of teaching as a profession. It credits *Washington Education Association* with unifying the teachers and the *Parent Teacher Association* with stirring public support for education.

The rest of the book is given to the retirement era and its associations, local, state, and national, emphasizing that retirement is not the end. The book's whole message is a demand for teaching that

invites the best minds and personalities to make teaching a profession.

Retail price is \$3 plus sales tax, but the Seattle RTA is making a special price of \$2 plus tax to RTA units in lots of 12 copies or more, which yields to the unit \$1 per copy sold by the unit. Mrs. Lydia E. Forsyth, chairman of the sales committee, announces:

"No money need accompany the order, for it is purchased on consignment with a monthly accounting on sold and paid for copies only. Books not sold may be retained as long as necessary if monthly accounting is made to the publishers, *Lowman and Handford*, Seattle; books may also be ordered C.O.D., or by enclosing \$3 plus 10 cents and 15 cents postage to Seattle RTA, 815 Fourth Avenue North, Seattle 9."

Seattle Post Intelligencer, in an editorial in its December 26 issue, stated: "It is not often that we talk of a book in this space . . . We invite attention to the autographed edition of 'Pioneer Teachers of Washington' by Joseph T. Hazard. We do so because, first of all, it is worthy of the most honored shelf in your library; and because, and you may bank on it, this special edition is going to become a collector's item."

Another interesting contribution to the Mail Bag came from W. W. Durham, an architect who retired from the business department of the Tacoma public school system, who writes:

"Last winter Mrs. Durham and I visited Grey Gables at Ojai, California. Unfortunately it was on a week-end, most of the residents were away and I saw none of the activities. However, I was very much impressed by Dr. Andrus and the grasp she has of the problems involved in developing and operating a home for retired people.

"Shelters for the aged have existed for some time but homes for retired people as we think of them are quite new and they present many questions which call for a great deal of study before a building program is set up for one. The matters of foundations, walls, floors, roof, windows and doors, heating and lighting are architectural and engineering problems which can be solved in the regular way after the basic and special needs and the desires of a particular group are carefully determined.

"The number one consideration is to make it a home in every sense of the word and to avoid by all means the characteristics of an institution. This is a real problem for economy pushes toward the institution. 'It takes a heap of living to make a house a home' and it will take a heap of thinking to make the residence of a considerable number of people the kind of a place where there can be the nice admixture of individual and group activities that will make it a delightful 'heap of living.'"

"The most expensive accommodation is the cottage, next the complete apartment and then the suite or room with a bath, then on to a pair of rooms with a bath between.

"Common food facilities are basic; additional means for private use will cost more but may be worth the extra. There is the question of where the social life shall be: in the members' rooms, in group parlors or in a large living room. Will the sleeping accommodations be in bedrooms or in combination living rooms? Other considerations are: infirmary, hobby shops, gardens, greenhouses, etc. The best will be the plan that permits the freest and most varied activities. It must not be so nice you cannot afford it nor so cheap that you do not desire it. There are many ways of working it out and the biggest possible mistake is to rush the planning. You can live with an idea and discover the errors in it if you just consider it long enough.

"One of the reasons the New England Colonials did so well with their houses was that they had no facilities for rushing such as we have today. While they were making a meagre living on their stony ground, they cut their logs one winter, whip-sawed them into lumber the next, and in the third winter hand-dressed the lumber; all before they started actual construction. They had, by force of circumstances, at least three years to think."

W. W. Durham

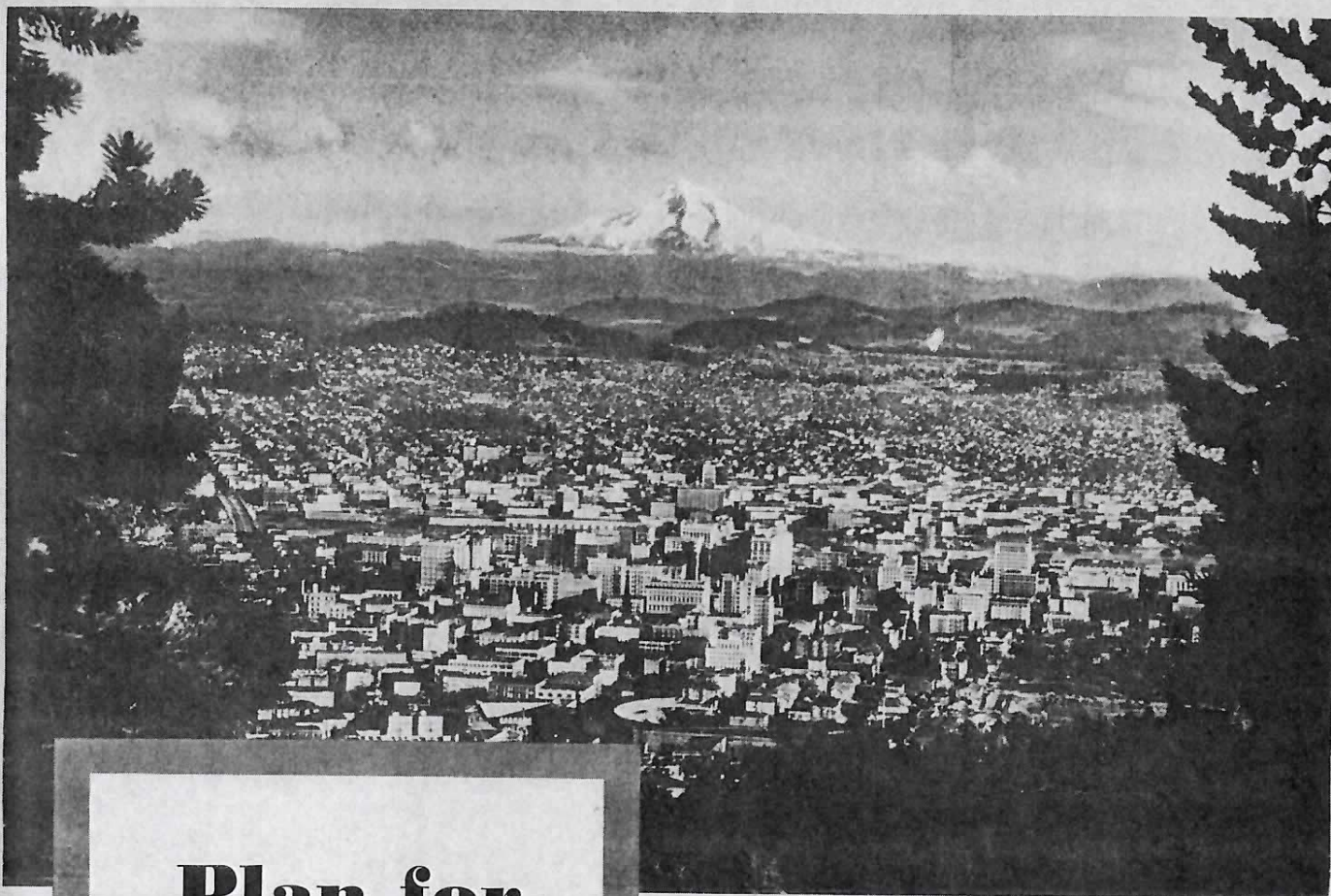
From other Washington State correspondents, the following:

C. M. Burnham, president of Okanogan County RTA, wrote that the next meeting of the group will be in April, the date dependent on road conditions. Present membership of this new unit is 22, scattered over a very large area.

Skagit County RTA has in membership practically all the retirees in the county, its president, Mrs. J. C. Ingman, reported. Meetings are held every quarter with a large number of the 34 members in attendance. A dinner meeting was scheduled for January.

Spokane RTA held a birthday celebration honoring the 10th anniversary of the United Nations and its own 10th birthday. Six of the charter members were present. Miss Beatrice Jones was made a life member of the unit. In its membership there are 180 who are members of the NRTA also.

Tri County RTA, which includes three large counties—Chelan, Grant and Douglas—was reported by Mrs. E. Lena Duncan, president, to have had a pot luck dinner in September at Plain, a picnic lunch in October at Cashmere, attended by State President Theo Evanson and wife of Ellensburg, Washington. In December an appropriate Christmas program was enjoyed. The social atmosphere of these meetings has proved very successful in bringing out the members.



Plan for Portland

The ninth annual convention of NRTA will be held in Portland, Oregon this year and is scheduled for July 1-4.

At this annual gathering we work together to improve the handling of our problems, to seek new information, points of view and techniques; to exchange knowledge and attitudes, and to take back to our associations new perspectives and higher goals. We enjoy too meeting our fellow workers in friendly chats and serious conferences.

GENERAL SESSION—*A Chance for Intensive Discussion in Each Section*

Administrative Matters and Reports
Legislative Program
Problems of Social Planning

SOCIAL HOURS—*When Portland Is Hostess*

Sunday evening, July 1, at 7:30 p.m.; conferring of Awards.

MARCH, 1956

SECTION MEETINGS—*Kindred Groups at Work*

Get-togethers on Budget-making, Legislative Problems, Insurance, Housing Possibilities, Decennary Celebration in 1957, etc.

ASSOCIATE GROUP MEETINGS—*A "Get-Together" Away from Home*

Each year many state-wide groups hold breakfasts or dinners, using this opportunity to confer on their common interests at home.

CONVENTION DINNER—*Social Highlight of the Convention*

Congress Hotel, Main Dining Room, will be the setting; Wednesday, July 4, 1956, the time.

SIGHT SEEING—*The Memory-Building Afternoon*

Wednesday afternoon, July 4—Men and nature have made the Pacific Northwest a wonderland of beauty. A drive through the Gorge of the Columbia will be a never-to-be-forgotten trip.

HOTEL AND MOTEL RATES

9TH NRTA ANNUAL MEETING, PORTLAND, OREGON

JULY 1-6, 1956

The NEA Housing Bureau will open February 1, 1956. All housing requests will be filed and assignments will be made in chronological order. Reservation for housing in the Multnomah, the headquarters hotel, will be limited to officers already notified. If, after making reservations, you find it impossible to attend, please cancel your reservation by notifying the Housing Bureau promptly.

Hotels	Single	Double	Twin	Room for 3 or more	2-Room Suite
Benson	\$6.00-8.50	\$8.00-10.50	\$11.50-15.00	.....	\$24.00-34.00
Campbell Court	3.50-4.00	4.50- 5.00	6.00	\$ 6.00	.....
Campbell	2.25-3.00*	3.50- 6.00*	3.75- 6.00*	4.75-10.00*	10.00
Carlton	3.00-3.50*	3.50- 6.00*	5.00- 6.00*	4.50- 6.00*	.....
Clyde	.....	3.00- 7.00*	7.00	.....	.....
Columbia Athletic Club	.....	4.00- 4.50	.....	10.00	7.00-10.00
Commodore	2.50-3.50*	4.50- 5.50	5.00- 6.00	4.50- 8.00*	10.00
Congress	5.50-7.50	7.00- 9.00	9.50	9.00-15.00	14.00-15.00
Cornelius	.....	2.50- 5.50*	4.00- 6.00*	5.50- 8.00*	.....
Danmoore	5.00	5.50- 6.00	6.50- 7.50	6.50- 7.00	.....
Governor	2.00-3.50*	2.50- 4.00*	5.00- 6.00	4.00- 6.00*	.....
Heathman	4.00-7.00*	5.50- 9.00*	6.50-10.50*	7.50-12.00*	18.00-25.00
Imperial	.....	7.00-10.00	8.00-12.00	.....	.....
King Tower Apts. (bdm., kitchen, & parlor)	.....	7.75-12.00	8.75-11.75	11.00-14.00	.....
Mallory	.....	6.50-10.00	7.50-10.00	9.00-12.00	12.00
Multnomah	(Headquarters Hotel; housing limited to officers already notified)				
Park Avenue	.....	3.50- 5.50*	6.00	7.50- 9.00	.....
Perkins	1.50*	2.75- 3.50*	3.50	6.00	.....
Plaza	2.50-4.50*	3.50- 7.00*	5.00- 9.00*	8.00-14.00	9.00
Roosevelt	4.00-5.00	6.00- 7.00	8.00-10.00	.....	.....
Roseland	3.00*	4.00	5.00	.....	.....
St. Francis	3.00-3.50*	3.50- 5.00*	6.00	4.50-12.50*	.....
Washington	2.75-4.50*	3.50- 7.50*	4.50- 8.50*	4.50-14.00*	.....

*Lower-priced rooms do not have private bath.

Motels	No. of Units	Rate per Unit for 2 persons	Motels	No. of Units	Rate per Unit for 2 persons
All States Motor Court, 11814 N. E. Sandy Blvd.	49	\$3.00- 7.00	Mel-Wana Motel, 7057 N. E. Union Avenue	11	\$6.00- 7.00
Allen's Auto Court, 8715 S. W. Barbur Blvd.	27	4.00- 7.00	Midget's Deluxe Motel, 8233 N. E. Sandy Blvd.	52	3.50- 8.00
Barbur Blvd. Motel, 11499 S. W. Pacific	8	3.50- 7.00	Monticello Motel, 4805 N. Interstate Avenue	10	5.50- 8.50
Beauty Rest Motel, 11225 N. E. Sandy Blvd.	6	5.00	Nelson's Motel, 13207 S. E. McLoughlin Blvd.	14	4.00- 7.00
Bel-Air Motel, 9560 S. W. Barbur Blvd.	12	3.50- 6.00	Oak Grove Auto & Trailer Ct., 15215 S. E. McLoughlin Blvd.	13	4.50- 6.00
Ben Carol Motel, 13210 S. E. McLoughlin Blvd.	4	5.00- 7.00	Oregon Motel, 7920 N. Interstate Avenue	9	5.00- 6.50
Capitol Hill Motel, 9110 S. W. Barbur Blvd.	14	6.00-12.00	Park Rose Motel, 10737 N. E. Sandy Blvd.	16	5.00-12.00
Cascade Motel, 10308 S. E. 82nd Avenue	3	5.00- 6.50	Portland Meadows Motel & Apartments, 1815 N. Schmeer Road	36	3.50 up
Cherry Knoll Motel, 9384 S. W. Barbur Blvd.	7	4.50- 5.50	Portland Motel, 13150 S. E. McLoughlin Blvd.	9	5.00
Child's Horseshoe Motel, 9930 N. E. Sandy Blvd.	9	5.00	Portland Rose Motel, 8920 S.W. Barbur Blvd.	24	5.00- 7.00
City Center Motor Hotel, 3800 N. E. Sandy Blvd.	60	6.50- 8.50	Rainbow Motel, 9660 S. W. Barbur Blvd.	24	3.50- 8.00
City of Roses Motel, 8310 N. Interstate Avenue	10	6.00- 8.00	Riviera Motel & Apartments, 4810 N. E. Sandy Blvd.	36	5.00- 7.50
Clifton Motel, 14617 S. E. McLoughlin Blvd.	11	4.00- 7.00	Rose Manor Apartments Motel, 4546 S. E. McLoughlin Blvd.	49	4.00-16.00
Columbia Way Motel, 9400 N. E. Union Avenue	14	6.00- 9.00	Royal Rose Motel, 11724 N. E. Sandy Blvd.	10	4.00- 6.00
Cummings Motel, 3620 N. Interstate Avenue	52	5.00- 8.00	Sandy Villa Motel, 4640 N. E. 116th	10	4.00- 6.00
El Rancho Motel, 14110 S. E. McLoughlin Blvd.	14	6.00- 8.00	Shangri-La Motel, 6828 N. E. Union Avenue	50	.....
Englewood Motel, 10727 S. W. Pacific Highway	9	5.00- 9.00	Sielicky's Motel, 8545 S. E. McLoughlin Blvd.	15	4.00- 7.00
English Manor Motel, 3620 N. E. 82nd Avenue	24	4.00- 7.00	Sunset Motel, 9640 S. W. Barbur Blvd.	18	6.00- 7.00
Glenwood Auto Ct. & Trailer Park, 7041 N. E. Killingsworth	14	.....	The Guest Motor Court, 3844 N. E. 82nd Avenue	15	4.50- 6.00
Holiday Motel, 8050 N. E. Union Avenue	23	6.00- 8.00	Twin Cedars Motel, 8911 S. W. Barbur Blvd.	18	4.50- 8.00
Hollywood Motel, 3327 N. E. Sandy Blvd.	16	6.00	Union Avenue Motel, 59 N. E. Gertz Road	16	5.00- 7.00
Interstate Motel, 8084 N. E. Grand Avenue	29	4.00- 6.00	Village Motel, 1008 N. McArthur	9	5.00- 7.00
Irwin Manor Motel, 14411 S. E. McLoughlin Blvd.	14	5.00- 7.00	White City Motel, 3408 S. E. 82nd Avenue	18	4.00
Knickerbocker Motel, 4739 N. Interstate	23	6.00- 8.00	Whittier's Auto Court, 15018 S. E. McLoughlin Blvd.	9	4.00- 5.00
Lakewood Motel, 2700 S. E. McLoughlin Blvd.	11	5.00- 7.00	Willner's Tourist Court, 11144 N. E. Sandy Blvd.	7	5.00- 6.00
Mac's Lodge, 11324 N. E. Sandy Blvd.	12	3.50- 8.00	Wo-Kan-Da Motel, 6905 N. Interstate Avenue	20	4.00- 6.00
Maynard's Motel, 14015 S. E. McLoughlin Blvd.	15	5.00- 8.00			
Maywood Motel, 9300 N. E. Sandy Blvd.	19	6.50- 8.00			
Melgard's Motel, 8255 S. W. Barbur Blvd.	25	4.00- 8.00			

Come One, Come All

to the NRTA Convention in Portland

Under the able management of Roberta Rippey, Convention Program Chairman, plans are under way to make the 7th annual NRTA Convention the most significant in NRTA history. Only an abbreviated calendar of its activities can be mentioned on this page. The program draws heavily upon the exceptionally able leadership and the cultural opportunities of Portland. The Convention program—together with the scenic trips available—combine to make this meeting a vital experience in the lives of those NRTA members who will be in attendance.

Here, in summary, are a few of the Highlights for the Membership:

Sunday, July 1

A.M. Registration begins

P.M. Vespers

Eve Social Hour—Honor Awards

Monday, July 2

A.M. Assembly

P.M. Assembly

Eve. NEA General Session

Tuesday, July 3

A.M. Assembly

P.M. Assembly

Eve. Classroom Teachers' Pageant

Wednesday, July 4

A.M. Assembly

P.M. Sight-seeing

Eve. Convention Dinner

Reception to NEA Department Heads

Thursday, July 5

A.M. Post-session Meeting of Executive Council

P.M. Complimentary Tea to Members

Meal Functions

To permit a voluntary attendance at active discussions of vital topics before their presentation at the Assembly, there has been planned a series of no-host meals. To arrange for these in the crowded Portland area adjacent to the

Assembly hall, it is necessary for those wishing to attend to contact at once the Chairman, Roberta Rippey, and make reservation giving exact time of meal desired, the day and whether the meal reserved is for noon or evening. Miss Rippey's address is 566 N.E. 43rd, Portland 13, Oregon.

The no-host meal functions are as follows:

Sunday Noon Executive Council

Eve Executive Council

Monday Noon Legislative Problems

Eve Insurance Plan

Tuesday Noon Philadelphia Convention Plans

Eve Finance and Budget

Price \$1.25 per meal. Limited to 35 persons.

Convention Dinner

On Wednesday evening at 6 P.M. the Convention Dinner will be held at the Pompeian Room, Congress Hotel. Reservations are limited to 200 persons. Order your reservations at once, addressing Miss Rippey as requested for reservations at the No-host functions described above. The cost of the dinner including the gratuity \$3.30. A splendid program is arranged.

Suggested Points of Interest In and Around Portland

5 Min. from City Center: The Public Library, S.W. 10th and Yamhill; Art Museum, S.W. Park and Madison; Municipal Auditorium at 1520 S.W. 3rd (Collection of the Oregon Historical Society); the Public Market on



First Congregational Church, Portland, Or

S.W. 4th Avenue and Yamhill Street—one of the most interesting spots in the city; Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, 908 N.E. Hassalo Street—a cross section of Oregon, Indian Art-craft, minerals, wild life, etc. Junior Museum, S.W. 2nd and Wood (Barbur Blvd. bus), small animal zoo, famous natural history specimens, hobby collections, crafts; Forestry Building, N.W. 28th & Upshur (23rd OR Willamette Hts. bus), "World's Largest Log House," museum for lumber industry, pioneer day relics.

10 Min. from City Center: Terwilliger Blvd. to heights for a wonderful view of the city, day or nite, Portland's Waterfront, an interesting array of ocean-going vessels going to all parts of the world with Oregon products.

15 Min. from City Center: Lambert Gardens, the world's most beautiful formal and informal garden.

One Half Day: Columbia River Highway to Crown Point, Multnomah Falls and Horseshoe Falls by car. OR Estacada and Bull Run Park, Oswego Lake and Willamette Falls.

One Day: Is sufficient time for a trip up Columbia River Highway to Hood River and Bonneville Dam, OR down the Columbia river to Astoria to the largest Salmon Canneries in the world. One-day trips to Mt. Hood or any of the closer Oregon beaches can be made very easily.

Hope to see you in Portland!