

Portland Chapter No. 17

A hearty welcome to Portland Chapter No. 17, organized by State employees stationed in the Oregon Building, Portland.

Officers elected at the first meeting were: Allen A. French, president; R. W. Patterson, vice president, Miss C. A. Hill, secretary-treasurer.

The employees in this chapter represent several State Departments including Public Utilities, State Department and Department of Public Health.

We welcome this new chapter into our association.

A. J. Ford, President, and Forrest Stewart, Executive Secretary, assisted in getting the new chapter organized.

Meet Our Secretary-Treasurer



Irving (Buck) DeFrance was born near Dows, Iowa, in 1899. He attended grade school in Iowa, Arkansas, Minnesota and Washington, and then his parents settled in Philomath, Ore., where he attended high school.

He was a student at Oregon State college, 1917-1920, where he studied Civil Engineering. He is a member of Delta Chi Fraternity. He served in the S.A.T.C. during World War I.

After completing college, he was employed by the State Highway De-

partment in 1919 as computer, by Union County in 1920 as locating engineer, after which he returned to the Oregon State Highway Department in 1921 as transit-draftsman.

In 1924 he accepted a position with Washington County as locating engineer, but returned to the Oregon State Highway Department a year later in the capacity of assistant market roads engineer. In 1929 he served as county engineer and roadmaster for Washington county. In 1930 he returned to the State Highway Department as district maintenance superintendent and in 1940 was promoted to assistant maintenance engineer which position he now holds.

Buck is a hard worker and is always busy at work or at play. He likes hiking over mountain trails and fishing. He is very much interested in philately and has a fine collection of stamps.

He is a member of Toastmasters International, the American Legion and the Masonic order and devotes considerable time to this work.

He resides in his home at 1334 Court St., Salem, Oregon, with his wife and baby daughter, Mary Alice.

Buck is one of the founders of our association and has given unstintingly of his time and talent. The successful growth of the association is, in a large measure, due to his untiring effort.