

**PUBLIC WELFARE CHAPTER
No. 31**

Public Welfare Chapter No. 31, Portland, makes it bow. This announcement is a trifle late, however, as we have been meeting since January 23 of this year. Our officers are: Mary DeSantis, president; Mrs. Ethel Jones, vice-president; and William D. Clark, secretary-treasurer. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month, at 7:30 P. M. A permanent meeting place is being considered. June 18 will be the last meeting until September 17.

Our membership at this time is 101, and the attendance is good. A genuine interest is evinced, at all of our meetings, in the remarks of the various speakers provided by Walter Ihl, chairman of the program committee. Mr. Ihl has presented the following fine, sincere speakers: Bjarne Erickson, president of O.S.E.A.; Forrest Stewart, executive secretary of O.S.E.A.; L. H. Young, secretary of the Oregon tax and research organization; and Warrington Stokes, administrator of Multnomah County public welfare commission. Mr. Stokes gave an interesting and informative talk, in which he summarized the results of the conference of social workers held recently at San Francisco.

—Anna B. Smith.

**COST OF LIVING STATISTICS
SHOW STEADY ASCENT**

The will-of-the-wisp price index is still eluding control and proceeding to

rise steadily. Graphs recently published by the U. S. Department of Labor use August 1939 consumer prices as 100%.

These graphs show that the price index rose to 112% by December 1941. During the war years it climbed steadily to 131% in September, 1945, to 135% in June, 1946. Then came the end of price control. In March, 1947, the consumers price index rang the bell at 158%, having risen as much in one year as in the five years between 1941 and 1946.

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