

## PUBLIC WELFARE CHAPTER No. 31

We did not meet during July, August, and September. However, we made up for this by having an enjoyable get-together on Wednesday, October 15, at the Martha Washington hotel.

A joint meeting of the four Portland chapters was held on October 30 at the U. S. Coast Guard Legion Hall, at 8 p.m. Mr. Walter Ihl presided. Mr. Forrest Stewart spoke on various subjects, particularly a proposed cost-of-living increase for all employees. Mr. Ryan, of West Coast Life Insurance Company, talked briefly on the new group life insurance and answered questions in reference to it.

Anna B. Smith

## SUCCESS CHAPTER No. 30

William Bartholomew was elected president of the Oregon State Employees Association's Success Chapter No. 30, at a meeting held recently in the American Legion hall, S.W. 13th and Main Streets, Portland. Bartholomew won the election over a field of four other candidates. Jack Norton is the retiring president. Norton and Bartholomew are with the Unemployment Compensation commission. Other officers elected were Louise O'Dean, vice president; Jan Kirtley, secretary; Al Riden, treasurer; and James Bannister, sergeant-at-arms.

Bartholomew was also elected by the group to represent the chapter at the annual convention at the Oregon State Employees Association in Salem, November 20 and 21.

A novel idea to get more members to attend monthly meetings was instituted recently. A cash prize drawing is held at the end of each meeting. It is noted that several members did not turn out for meetings in the past are now among those who attend meetings regularly. Guess who won the last cash prize? None other than Ye Scribe! (You can imagine the howls that went

up from assembled members when I reached for the money!)

Members of Chapter No. 30 are enthusiastic about the group insurance plan in a big way. Most of them have indicated their willingness to accept it. Those who have not as yet turned in their applications to President Jack Norton, should do so as soon as possible.

William Bartholomew

## MID-VALLEY SOCIAL WORKERS Chapter 32

Mid-Valley Social Workers Chapter was organized in the summer of 1947. This name was chosen in order that employees of neighboring county welfare staffs might join if they wished, and so that social workers employed by the state in other than public welfare work might feel free to join. It was the feeling of the members that social workers and the staffs who assist them might want to discuss problems which would not be pertinent to other state employees. A name was therefore chosen which would indicate this limitation of membership. Meetings are held once each month.

At the October meeting the members were privileged to hear Miss Lola Ballinger and Miss Gene Beach, recently returned from two years work in Europe, primarily in Germany. For the first year they worked for UNRRA and for the second year were employed by the American Committee for the Protection of European Children. Most of the questions and discussions were on this latter work, of particular interest to the chapter members.

Alice C. Miles

## COLUMBIA CHAPTER No. 34

On November 1, 1947 a charter was granted for a new chapter (No. 34), in Portland, comprising primarily, employees of the various departments of the Secretary of State's office and of the Public Utilities Commissioner, all of which have quarters in the new of-