

# Mock Convention To Begin Today

(Continued from page one) have been made. The convention's choice for the presidential nomination will be announced after the balloting.

The closing prayer will be given by the Rev. Wesley Nicholson, pastor, Congregational church.

### Recorders

Recorders for the convention will be Sally Hayden and Maxine Hill. Bill Bailey will act as sergeant-at-arms.

The decorations committee plans to transform the court into a reasonable facsimile of the 1948 Republican presidential nominating convention. Pictures of the candidates and state flags will decorate the walls.

Numerous mikes will be located on the floor in addition to those on the speaker's platform.

### Reception for Peterson

Peterson will be honored with a reception following his arrival in Eugene, about 11 a.m. today.

Elected to office in the fall of 1946, Peterson is serving his third term as governor of Nebraska. He is present chairman of the National Government conference and president of the National Council of State Governments.

The 48-year-old governor has been active in politics since 1934 when he was campaign manager

General Dwight "Ike" Eisenhower was favored by 15 of 25 students asked Thursday to indicate their preference for the Republican nomination for the presidency of the United States.

Four students favored Robert Taft, two indicated a preference for Governor Earl Warren of California and four were undecided.

However, three-fourths of those favoring Taft stated that they were Democrats and hoped that Taft would gain the Republican nomination because he would be the easiest one for the Democrats to defeat.

Many of the Eisenhower supporters indicated that they favored him not because of his positive qualities but because the other candidates were so unsatisfactory.

None of the 25 even mentioned Governor Stassen of Minnesota or New York's Thomas Dewey.

for Republican congressman Kary Stefan.

## Castell to Discuss 'Phaedo' by Plato

Plato's "Phaedo" will be discussed by Alburey Castell, head of the philosophy department, at 7:45 today in the browsing room of the Student Union.

After the discussion free coffee will be served, according to James Albertson, chairman of the browsing room committee.

Phaedo was a Greek philosopher of the fourth century B.C., a friend and disciple of Socrates. The discussion is on a dialogue by Plato which is supposed to be a record of Socrates' last conversation, dealing with the immortality of the soul.

## Van Meter Plans Talk To NAACP Chapter

William S. Van Meter, deputy commissioner of the fair employment practices division of the State Bureau of Labor, will speak before the campus chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Tuesday evening at 7 p.m.

Van Meter will discuss fair employment practices after which a question and answer period will be held.

## Staples Shows Lantern Slides During 'Agate Fantasies' Lecture

Lantern slides made from agates were shown by L. W. Staples, professor of geology and discoverer of austinite, Wednesday night at the browsing room lecture "Agate Fantasies."

Following Staples' lecture, Don L. Adams, president of the Eugene Mineral society, described some notable agates found in Lane county and other areas of the United States.

"Geologists consider rocks books, and as we go down stratas we try to read the earth," Staples said. The lantern slides showed agates ground to three one-hundredths of a millimeter so that an image is shown on the screen, he pointed out.

"Nature put pictures in agates and the interpretation is up to you," he said. Staples defined agates as Calcedni with coloration and markings. Specimens of plume, saganite, banded and airplane agates were shown along with agates from South America. Highlights of the showing were agates which had formed within the hollow spaces of dinosaur bones found in Arizona.

Adams displayed some agate specimens and jewelry made from

agate. "Oregon is the best territory in the U.S. for agates," Adams said.

Adams said agates were used 15,000 to 20,000 years ago as weapons, by the Egyptians for jewelry and talisman, by Indians for medicine and by Lucretia Borgia as poison rings. Germany first developed the use of agates for jewelry on a large scale.

American Plains Indians used agates extensively for spear and arrow points. "Thunder eggs," large, round agates, were so named because they were thought to be missiles thrown by the Gods between Mt. Jefferson and Mt. Hood.

Following the lecture the audience, composed of townspeople, faculty and students, surveyed displays of agates, jewelry and literature on agates provided by local agate collectors and Staples.

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