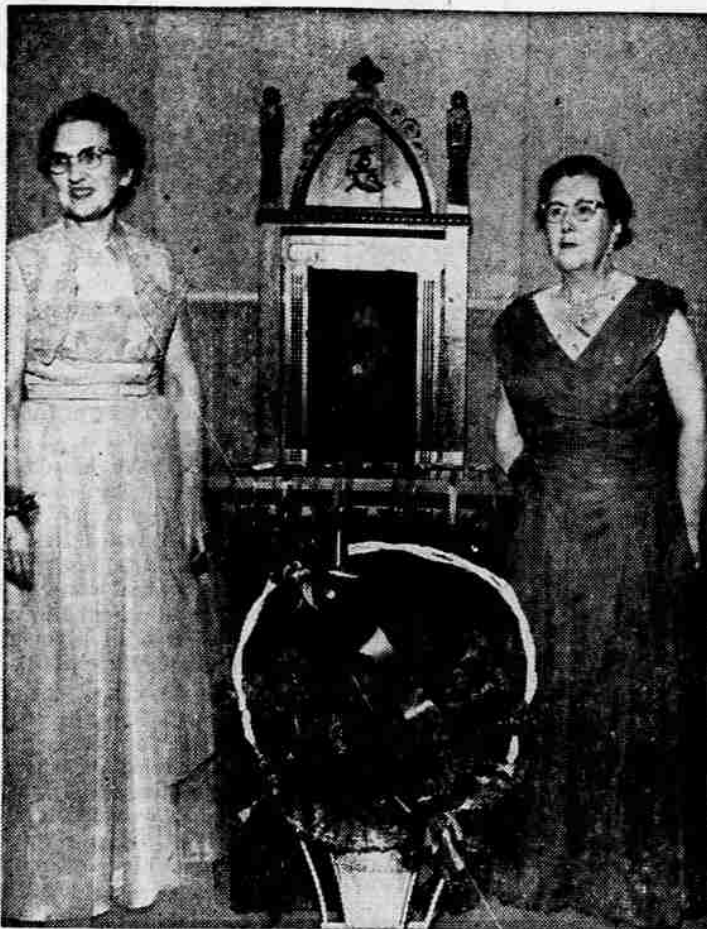




Pythian delegates and officials from several western states were in Medford for the conventions. Pictured here are (left to right) H. J. Fissel, Bend, delegate from the Bend Knights of Pythias lodge, and Quinter Harris, Sacramento, grand chancellor of the domain of California, as they relaxed in the lobby of the Medford hotel Sunday evening.



Mrs. Harry Bryant, Medford (at left) was installed grand chief of Oregon Pythian Sisters in ceremonies Tuesday night. The retiring grand chief, Mrs. Ruby Zacher, Redmond, presided during the grand lodge session.



Mrs. George Bryant (at left) was the grand representative from Talisman temple, Pythian Sisters, Medford, and alternate grand representative was Mrs. Polly Offutt. The two are pictured at the Pythian building Tuesday night before the installation ceremonies began.

By Olive Starcher

The colorful uniforms of Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sister lodges were a common sight in the lobbies of hotels and on the streets of Medford last week end during the annual Oregon grand lodge sessions of the two orders. The ceremonies opened Sunday noon and closed Tuesday, and were preceded by sessions of the Far Western Temple association Friday and Saturday.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1955

Pythian Convention

A downtown parade Saturday afternoon was followed by a banquet and ceremonials of Fuhat Burkan temple, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan and Idella Rogue santha, Nomads of Avrudaka, highest ranking of the Pythian orders.

The grand temple session of the Sisters closed Tuesday night with formal installation of officers and at that time Mrs. Harry Bryant of Medford became the new grand chief of the lodge.



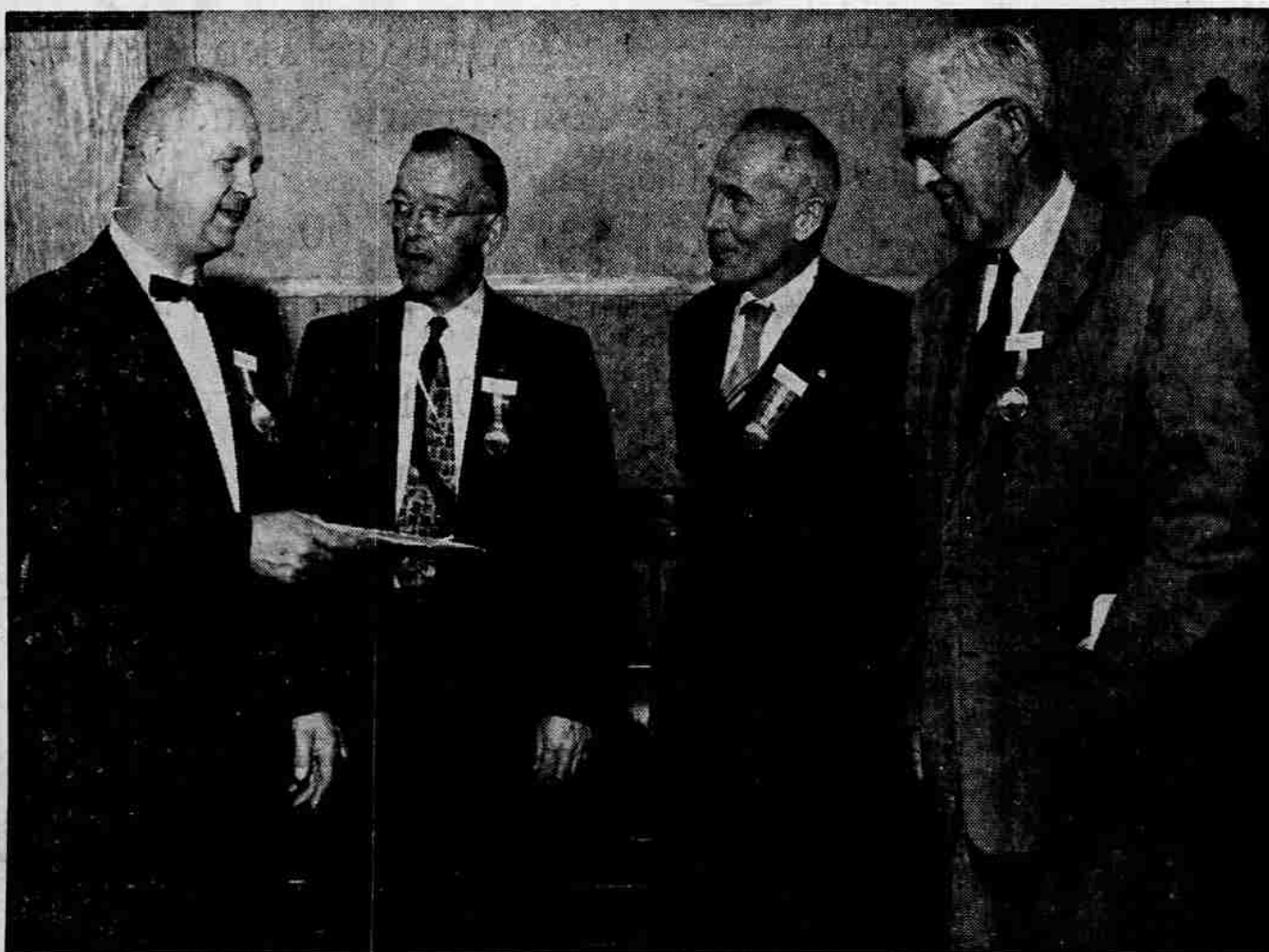
Mrs. George Thomas (seated), chief of Talisman temple, poured for a tea Sunday afternoon which honored the grand chief, Mrs. Ruby Zacher, Redmond, and Grand Chancellor Paul Myers, St. Helens. Pictured with Mrs. Thomas are (at left) Mrs. Paul Sharp, Gaston, Ore., supreme representative, and Mrs. LeRoy Cline, Medford, who served as general chairman for the convention arrangements.



Miss Darla Walker (at left) royal prelate, and Miss Banra Miller, royal princess of Talisman Rosebud council, Pythian Sunshine Girls, staged a costumed skit for the tea.



Mrs. Carl Fichtner (seated), who poured for the tea Sunday, is rani of Idella Rogue santha, Nomads of Avrudaka and a past chief of Talisman temple. Mrs. Ed Bostwick, Talisman temple member, was one of the lodge women who assisted with the Sunday afternoon event.



Scores of delegates, officers and visitors attended a tea Sunday afternoon at the Medford Pythian building which honored Mrs. Ruby Zacher, Redmond, grand chief of Pythian Sisters, and J. Paul Myers, Portland, grand chancellor. Four of the men who gathered to talk over the coming convention events were (left to right) Chancellor Myers, St. Helens; Harry A. Wood, Portland, vice-chancellor; LeRoy Cline, Medford, general chairman of arrangements, and Walter Gleeson, Portland, grand secretary, known as "Mr. Pythian" in Oregon.



Officers of the Tri-State DOKK and Nomad association were honored at a banquet of the DOKK and Nomads held Saturday night at the Jackson hotel. Pictured here are (left to right) H. S. Willenbrink, Yreka, secretary of the association; Hugh Welsh, Grants Pass, president; Mrs. Peter Schlueter, Yreka, president of the Nomads' association, and Mrs. Clara Henderson, Yreka, secretary. Ceremonials of the Fuhat Burkan temple, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, and Idella Rogue santha, Nomads of Avrudaka, followed the banquet.