



Alpha Rho, Oregon chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, conferred honorary membership on Mrs. Henry Roe-Cloud of Portland during the annual convention in Medford last week end. Mrs. Roe-Cloud (at right) shown here with Mrs. Dorothy Elliott, Portland, the sorority's state president, was Oregon Mother and American Mother of the Year in 1950, Indian of the Year in 1951 and winner of the Indian Achievement Award in 1953, is project director of the American Indian Community Development of the Field Foundation.



Serving as registrars for the recent convention here of the Oregon chapter, Blue Star Mothers, were Mrs. Helen Watson (at left), Medford, and Mrs. Charles B. Shirley, Grants Pass. Since Oregon has but eight chapters, the convention was small and the registrar's task was not difficult.

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## Convention Time

By Olive Starcher

Spring and summer are favorite convention times, and two Oregon women's organizations recently held state conventions in Medford. Blue Star Mothers, an organization for mothers of men and women in the armed services, met here in the county courthouse auditorium, and Delta Kappa Gamma, national honorary sorority for women in education, held the state convention last week end at First Methodist church.

Blue Star Mothers, organized to carry on a charitable and service program for those in the armed forces and for veterans, as yet has only a few chapters in Oregon but has many members in mid-western and eastern states. Delta Kappa Gamma seeks to unite women of the education world, to honor outstanding women educators, to protect their professional interests, to sponsor and support desirable education legislation and to endow scholarships.

(Brainerd photos)



Mrs. Rex Note, Medford, (at left) served as president of Oregon Blue Star Mothers the past year, and presided over the convention sessions. Mrs. Oliver Corey, Grants Pass, (center) was installing officer when the new officers were inducted in the closing hours of the convention and Mrs. Oliver Simons, Grants Pass, (at right) is the new state president. Blue Star Mothers wear white uniforms and small caps for convention attire.



Mrs. Melissa Martin Dawes, Corvallis, a past state president of Alpha Rho state chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, presided for the candle-lighting ceremony during the annual birthday luncheon of the sorority held Saturday noon. Mrs. Dawes is head of the modern language department of Oregon State college. A bowl of the sorority's flower, the red rose, was framed in a setting of gold foil as part of the luncheon decorations.



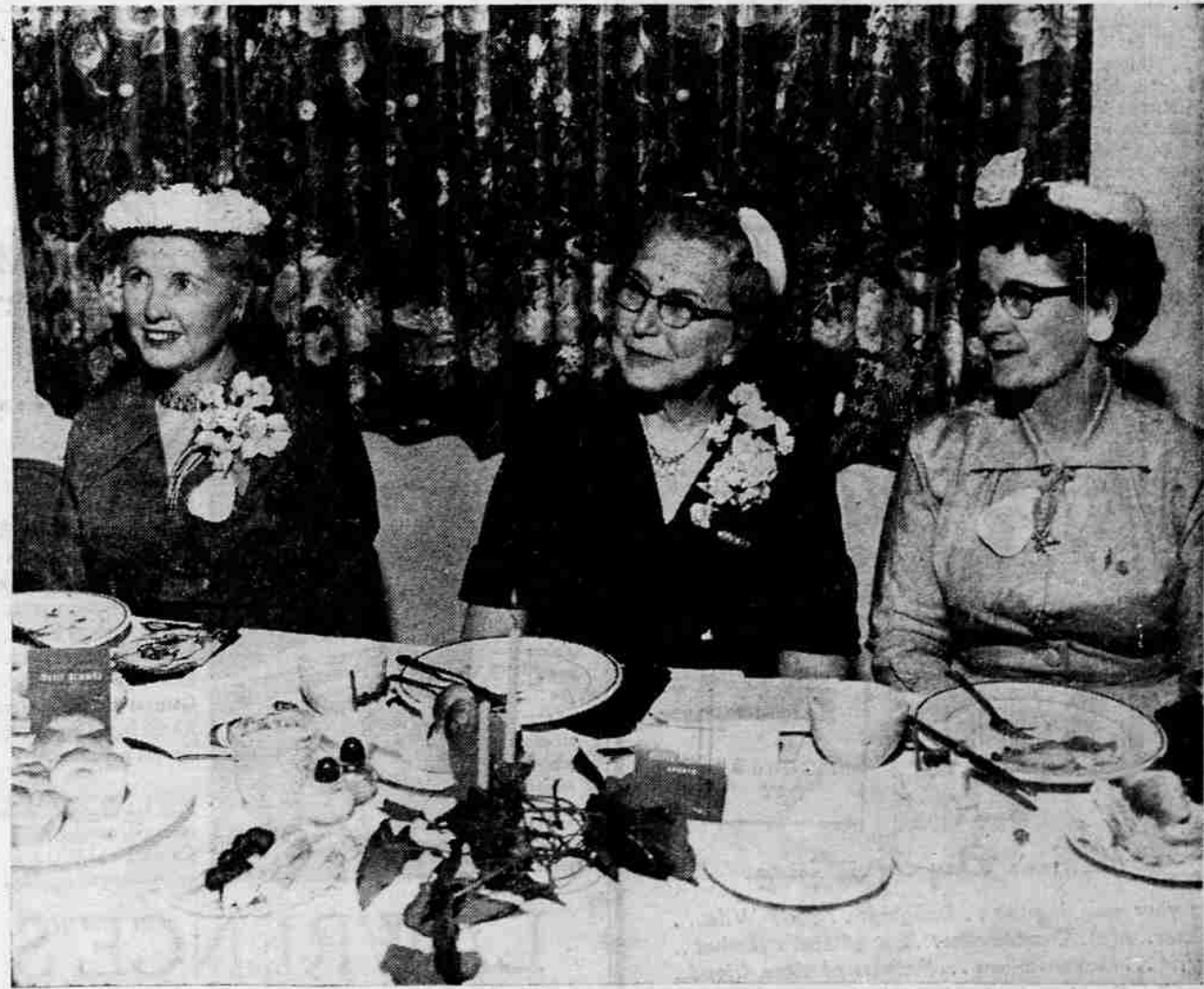
Miss Delie Whisenant (at right), faculty member at Medford Senior High school, was general chairman for the Delta Kappa Gamma convention last week end. Miss Whisenant is pictured here with Mrs. Othar Scott, Bend, state membership chairman for the sorority. She is a teacher of the sixth grade at Allen school in Bend. The next state convention will be held in La Grande, and a fall planning session will be held at Bend September 8.



During the annual birthday luncheon of the Delta Kappa Gamma convention last Saturday noon, each chapter president lighted a small candle on an individual cake. Pictured here (standing) are Mrs. Elda Fletcher, vice-president of Alpha chapter, Klamath Falls, and Mrs. Earl P. Conrad, Beta chapter president from Agate Beach, Ore., during the beginning of the ceremony. Presidents were seated at special table.



Speaker for the evening session of the Delta Kappa Gamma convention last Saturday was Mrs. E. B. Aldrich, Pendleton (center), president of the East Oregonian Publishing company. Mrs. Aldrich, who has traveled abroad extensively in recent years, spoke on the topic "The Past Is a Prologue to the Future." She is an active member of Iota chapter, Pendleton. Shown with Mrs. Aldrich are (at left) Miss Mathilda Gilles, principal of Richmond school, Salem, and president-elect of the Department of Elementary School Principals, National Education association, and Mrs. Dorothy Elliott, Portland, state president.



Dr. Jessie Brodie (center), Portland physician and state honorary member of Delta Kappa Gamma sorority, was speaker for the birthday luncheon Saturday noon. Dr. Brodie, immediate past president of the Pan-American Medical Women's alliance, told of a convention of the group which she attended last year in Chile and spoke of conditions for professional women in South America. Dr. Brodie is seated between Miss Mathilda Gilles, Salem, (at left) and Mrs. Kathryn Stancliffe, Phoenix teacher and retiring president of Epsilon chapter, hostess group for the convention.