

Conventioneers



Warm weather means the convention season in Medford, and last week end Epsilon Sigma Alpha International sorority members in Oregon held the 1959 meeting here. A time of speculation and waiting ended Saturday night when Mrs. Alan Mills, Portland, (at right) was announced "outstanding girl" of the year. She received her award from Mrs. I. J. Bean, Roseburg, a past international parliamentarian and Oregon state president, during a Golden Era banquet for which the Medford chapter was hostess.



Delta Xi chapter, Portland, was named the outstanding chapter in Oregon and presented a plaque which Mrs. Robert Horand (center) holds. Second place in this competition went to Alpha Upsilon chapter, Hillsboro, and was presented to Mrs. James Tyson (right) and third went to Gamma Epsilon chapter, Junction City, with Mrs. Milton Lee receiving the certificate. Epsilon Sigma Alpha's main project is aid to the Oregon Society of Crippled Children and Adults, with special emphasis on Children's Hospital school, Eugene.



Alpha Kappa chapter, Ashland, gave a Bard's Feast luncheon Saturday noon to advertise the Oregon Shakespearean festival. The luncheon tables were decorated with the traditional masks and festival pamphlets giving the schedule for the 1959 season. Pictured during the luncheon are (left to right) Mrs. Myron Guilfoyle, The Dalles; Mrs. Lyman Smith, Medford, one of the convention chairmen; Mrs. Kenneth Poole, Portland, and Mrs. Alan Mills, Portland, who later was named outstanding chapter member for the year. Mrs. Poole was runner-up.



Five Grants Pass Cavemen, wearing furs and carrying clubs, "raided" a Gladtime breakfast given Sunday morning at the Medford hotel as the closing event of the 1959 Epsilon Sigma Alpha convention, bringing along a hunk of raw meat as a present for Mrs. George Starr, Ponca City, Okla., second vice-president of the international council. The cave delicacy was presented by Chief Big Horn Elmer Tedrick and other Cavemen who took part in the adventure were (left to right) Ralph Hill, Harry Parker, Mel Legler, Wingfeather of the tribe, and Joe Kirhofer. Sorority members pictured with Mrs. Starr are (left to right) Mrs. Leonard Peterson, The Dalles, retiring president; Mrs. Gordon Duncan, Eugene, new president; Mrs. Pauline Battles, Prineville, second vice-president, and Mrs. Harry Nelson, Eugene, corresponding secretary. Mrs. Willie Fischer, Medford, convention chairman, is shown behind Mrs. Battles. Grants Pass chapters were hostesses for the Gladtime breakfast.



Mrs. Willie Fischer (at left), chairman of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority's 1959 Oregon convention, was happy to hear Sunday morning at the closing event that the convocation was considered a success. Mrs. Fischer, who was Alpha Lambda chapter's candidate for outstanding girl of the state, is pictured with Mrs. George Starr, Ponca City, Okla., International second vice-president; Mrs. Lyman Smith, convention co-chairman, and Mrs. Chester Peterson, district council president. The little lamp held by Mrs. Starr was one of the banquet favors. Mrs. Fischer presided for Saturday's luncheon and introduced Robert L. Baccus, city councilman, and Otto Frohnmayer, Medford Chamber of Commerce representative, who welcomed the convention delegates.

(Above photos by Bob Vroman, others by Kenn Knackstedt)



After election and installation ceremonies, new Oregon officers of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority posed for pictures during the state convention held at the Medford hotel last week end. The officers are (left to right) Mrs. Gordon Duncan, Eugene, president; Mrs. Alan Mills, Portland, first vice-president; Mrs. Pauline Battles, Prineville, second vice-president; Miss Hope Baney, Pendleton, recording secretary; Mrs. Harry Nelson, Eugene, corresponding secretary; Mrs. George Steinman, Salem, treasurer; Mrs. Ray Peerenboom, Salem, editor; Mrs. Leonard Peterson, The Dalles, the retiring president.