

# 47th PTA Convention



The two Medford women charged with general arrangements for the annual convention of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, held in Hedrick Junior High school last week, arrived at the installation banquet Wednesday night relaxed and smiling — the convention was almost over and everything had gone well. Mrs. Emerson Anderson (at left) had to do the last of her planning by way of the telephone and typewriter after being "grounded" with a broken ankle; Mrs. Owen Kunkel completed the work which required walking and driving the car.



When the 47th convention of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers formally opened Tuesday morning, several hundred delegates were assembled and the platform chairs were filled with state and city officials and educators. Governor Mark Hatfield was among those who greeted the assemblage, and Mrs. Leigh Gustison, Medford, half-way through her two-year term as president, began the strenuous three days of presiding at business, workshop and social sessions. The convention theme was "The Individual, His Needs, Potential and Fulfillment." Mrs. Leon Price, who came from Dallas, Tex., to represent the National Congress, reminded her audience that this organization, with almost 12 million members in every part of the United States, is one of high esteem, renown and influence.



These three charming women made an attractive picture in their place of honor at the installation banquet of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers Wednesday night at Hedrick school. Mrs. Leigh Gustison, Medford (center), Oregon Congress president, had on her right Mrs. Leon Price, Dallas, Tex., member of the board of the National Congress, and on her left sat Mrs. James King, Sherwood, first vice-president of the Oregon Congress. Mrs. Gustison smoothly accomplished her task of introducing dozens of PTA dignitaries and guests, and the installation ceremony was conducted by Mrs. Price. The banquet closed with a short concert by 175 members of PTA Mothersingers from units in various parts of the state.



Pre-convention business was carried on by the board of managers at a meeting Monday night at Rogue Valley Country club. Among those attending were (left to right) Mrs. James Bond, Portland, Mrs. Mabel Mack, formerly of Medford and now of Corvallis, Herbert White, Pendleton, and Mrs. Wallace Van Hise, Bend. Mrs. Mack, assistant director of the Federal Cooperative Extension service, participated in a symposium Tuesday afternoon. The board recommended that the 1951 convention be in Astoria, heard a report from the tuition-scholarship committee recommending that grants be made to both future high school as well as grade school teachers, and adopted a budget of \$30,000. (Knackstedt photo)



Convention delegates must find time to eat, and both Tuesday and Wednesday noon presidents of local PTA units assembled at First Methodist church and combined luncheon with workshop discussions. Among the Methodist women who cooked and served the luncheon Tuesday noon were (left to right) Mrs. L. G. Rankin, Mrs. L. E. Van Aushall, Mrs. George Lawless, chairman of the project, Mrs. George A. Watson and Mrs. Lloyd Lewis. Most of the luncheon crew are also former or present PTA workers.



Just before taking their place at the table of honor Wednesday night at the installation banquet of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, state board members posed for a picture in the hall at Hedrick school. They are (left to right) Mrs. Alonzo W. Elder, Athena, new vice-president for Region VII; Mrs. George York, Portland, treasurer; Mrs. Wallace Van Hise, newly elected second vice-president; Mrs. George McBride, Beaverton, vice-president for Region I; Mrs. Albert Gassner, Bend, vice-president of the newly created Region IX; Mrs. Lloyd Edwards, Springfield, Region V vice-president; Mrs. Winfield Barnum, Ilwaco, Region IV vice-president and Mrs. Casey Morgan, Roseburg, Region III vice-president. Other regions did not elect this year.