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Through the lighted doors of all Oregon public schools thousands of parents, teachers and other citizens will pass Thursday, January 5, as they assemble to take part in the state-wide "Lights on for Education" program. A joint effort of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, the Oregon Education association and the Oregon School Boards association, the state-wide program will focus interest and attention on the needs of education and the welfare of youth in Oregon.



Medford school officials and parents interested in the "Lights on for Education" campaign have concentrated every effort to make the program a success. Pictured during a recent meeting are (left to right) Mrs. William H. Seibert, Medford, president of the Jackson County Council of Parent-Teacher associations; Leonard Mayfield, superintendent of the Medford public school system and Mrs. Thomas H. Ness, legislative chairman of the County council. Through the "Lights" program it is believed hundreds of parents and citizens will be alerted and informed about the variety of issues vital to education, some of which will come before the 1961 session of the Oregon legislature.

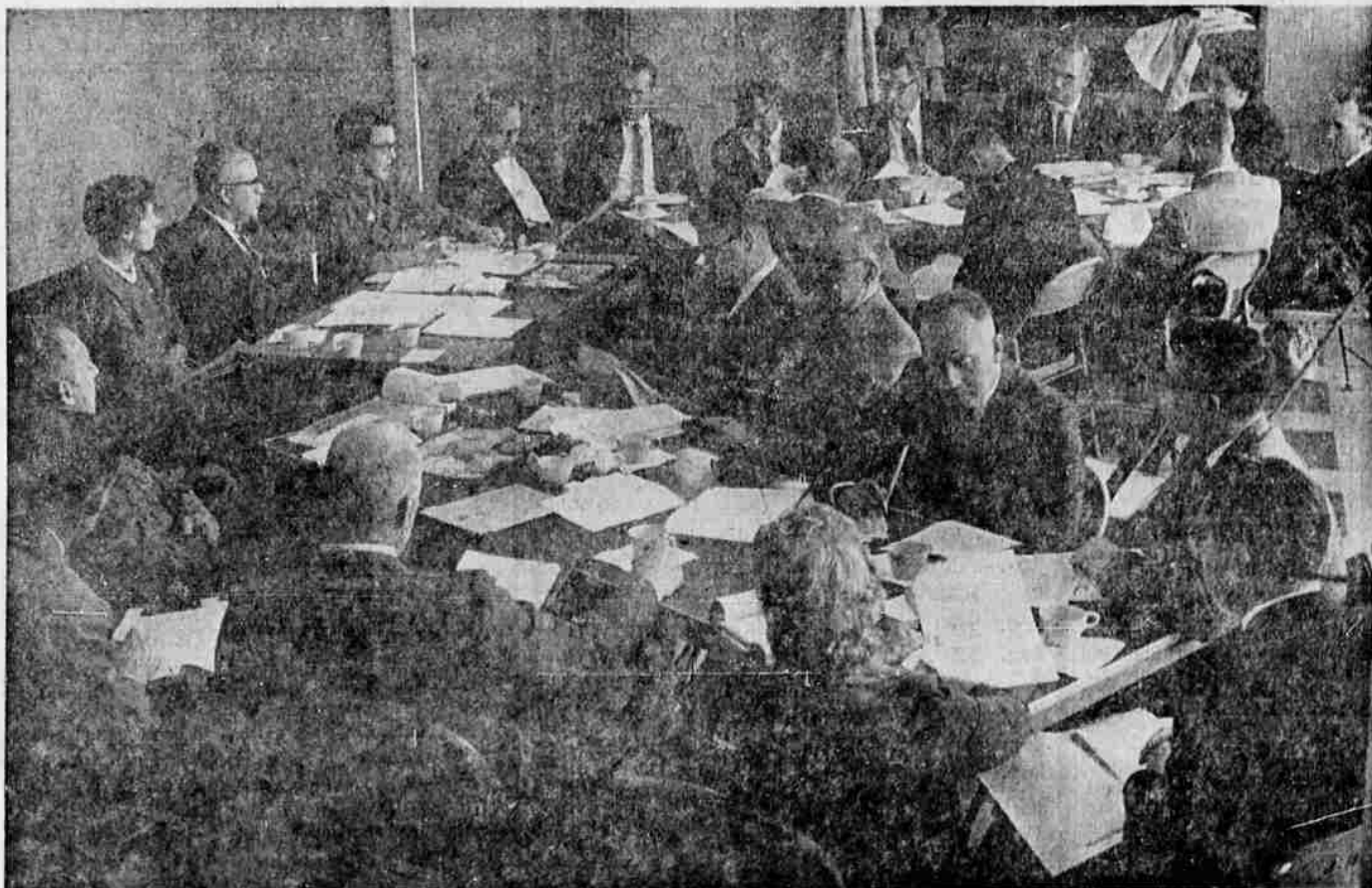


Wilson school, pictured here, will be the scene of an important meeting Thursday, January 5, as will all other public schools in Oregon. At the Wilson session, and all the others, Oregon citizens will hear rather discussion of such problems as how to finance Oregon's schools, how to raise professional standards for teachers, how to promote child welfare in general, how to promote highway safety as it concerns school children, how to improve administrative organization of schools, and scores of other pertinent questions and problems.

"Lights on for Education"



Teachers are taking an active part in the "Lights on for Education" program which is focusing the attention of all Oregonians on education and child welfare. Mrs. Zelma Foote, president of the Jackson county chapter, Oregon Education association, is pictured here with three of her first grade pupils at Jewett school, Central Point. Oregon Education association is one of the three state organizations which is sponsoring the state-wide effort. (Simanson-Walker photo)



A series of conferences beginning at the state level has paved the way for the "Lights on for Education" program. Shown here are principals of Medford schools as they met recently with representatives of the Jackson County Council of Parent-Teacher associations for a briefing. Through this "Lights" project, it is hoped citizens of the state will become increasingly aware that they are responsible for the laws under which the schools operate, and for the conduct and education of youth. It is believed that sound legislation can be more effectively promoted if more citizens are informed and interested in the needs and goals of the schools.



Gov. Mark Hatfield (right) has heartily endorsed the state-wide "Lights on for Education" program. Shown with the governor are (left to right) Gardner Knapp, Salem, past president of the Oregon School Boards association; Milo Cameron, Milwaukie, president of Oregon Education association and Mrs. Leigh Gustison, Medford, president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, representatives of the sponsoring groups. The "Lights" program was the brain child of the joint conference committee of OEA, the Oregon PTA Congress and OSBA, and the joint legislative council of these three groups is cooperating.