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Highest temperature yesterday... 51
Lowest temperature last night... 45
Forecast for interior southwest Oregon: Unsettled with occasional rain tonight and Thursday; no change in temperature.

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3 NORMAL SCHOOL GIRLS BURN TO DEATH

JUDGES CHANGE TO HEAR TRIAL OF NORTHCOTT

Disqualification Admitted by O. K. Morton on Basis of "Harsh" Words.

YOUTH AGAIN RAVES

Denounces Mother as 'Fool' and Declares Supposed Father Will Hang With Him.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
COURTROOM, Riverdale, Calif., Jan. 2.—Superior Judge O. K. Morton today disqualified himself to try Gordon Stewart Northcott for the murder of Lewis and Nelson Winlow and an unidentified Mexican lad, at his Wineville "murder farm." Judge Morton requested Judge George K. Freeman, who has been on the Riverdale bench for eight years, to take over the case. Both prosecution and defense acquiesced in the naming of Judge Freeman.

The motion for a change in judges, made by Defense Counsel Seay, was based on an agreement which Seay cited as having taken place previously between Judge Morton and Northcott during which the attorney charged Judge Morton had used harsh language.

Deputy District Attorney Earle Redwine opposed Seay's motion on ground that it had not been served one day in advance of the prosecution as he cited was required by the statutes.

Prisoner Raves Again
Yesterday young Northcott alternately raved at his mother and pledged himself to vindicate her by taking his father to the gallows with him.

"When I hang—sure they'll hang me—I'm going to take the old guy that claims to be my father with me," the 22-year-old Wineville chicken rancher said. "I want to see him swing at the end of a rope. That is all I ask."

Then turning his ranting upon his mother, who two days ago pleaded guilty to the murder of (Continued on page 3)

KILLER OF 12-YEAR SALT LAKE GIRL IS STILL UNCAUGHT

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 2.—Without a clue to the slayer of 12-year-old June Nelson, whose body was found here yesterday, police and sheriff's officers redoubled their efforts today to trace his movements.

Four suspects, including an ex-convict who had served terms for attacks on girls in this vicinity, were questioned at police headquarters but were later released. Authorities expressed the belief that the fiend who attacked the girl after kidnapping her near the confectionery store owned by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Nelson, Monday night, was known by the victim, and that he strangled her to death to escape detection.

A pair of child's gloves was found in a stolen automobile parked near a bridge crossing the canal but Mrs. Nelson was unable to identify them as belonging to her daughter. The car was turned over to the owner who reported it stolen Monday night.

Lack of footprints along the bank of the canal led authorities to believe that the slain girl had been lured from the car.

Betty Nelson, 5-year-old sister of June, related that an "old man wearing a long overcoat" had attempted to seize her near the Nelson store Friday night.

Goes to Trial



Gordon Stewart Northcott, 22-year-old Riverdale county, Cal., chicken farmer who, police say, has admitted killing five boys, and who went to trial at Riverdale today.

OHIO CHILD, FOUR, KIDNAPED; THREE SUSPECTS JAILED

Theories Divided Between Error and Revenge for Policeman Kin's Dry Crusade.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
OHIOVILLE, Ohio, Jan. 2.—Three Orrville men were arrested at 3 o'clock this morning in connection with the supposed kidnapping of Melvin Horst, 4, who disappeared from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Horst, of Orrville late last Thursday.

The men were placed in the city jail after being questioned for more than six hours. County Prosecutor Walter J. Mougey said that formal charges of kidnapping would be filed against the trio before noon.

After the suspects were locked up Deputy Sheriff Lee Pontius and a special detective left in an automobile on a mysterious 100-mile trip.

Authorities would not reveal where the two officers were going but it is understood that Columbus was their destination. It was believed they were taking a woman there in an attempt to have her identified by a Columbus woman as the person who was seen on a street car in Columbus Saturday night with a boy who resembled the missing Orrville lad.

Mougey said the three suspects denied any connection with the supposed kidnapping. The prosecutor said, however, that they told conflicting stories relative to their movements on the night the boy disappeared.

Revenge Or Mistake?
Melvin was last seen late Thursday when he told a chum with whom he had been playing that he had to go home for supper. He left calling the little red wagon in which he had been giving his playmate a ride. His parents became alarmed soon afterward when he failed to appear and a search started. The wagon was found in the edge of the yard.

Authorities believed that if Melvin was kidnapped it was either for revenge or he was mistaken for a neighbor boy. Melvin's father is a laborer while the father of the other boy, who is the same age of Melvin and looks very much like him, is said to be wealthy.

Roy Horst, city marshal, is an uncle of the missing boy and it is thought that his activities against alleged bootleggers may have had something to do with Melvin's disappearance.

SAVATION ARMY TO REMOVE BOOTH

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Evangelist Booth's headquarters said today that a sufficient number of votes in the high council had been secured to remove General Bramwell Booth as commander-in-chief and effect a reorganization of the Salvation army. It was asserted that more than the necessary three-fourths of the high councilors would follow the program of the American commander.

WORRYTHOUGHT RESPONSIBLE FOR ODDEN DEATH

Despondency Over Continued Trouble Believed Cause for Suicide.

LAST SEEN FRIDAY

Body Still Clothed in Suit Worn on Trip to the Dixonville Store Last Week.

C. Volney Oden, who killed himself last Friday, evidently during a spell of despondency, was a prominent Douglas county farmer, whose death came as a great shock to his many friends. His lifeless body was not found until yesterday afternoon, when Bob Loney, a neighbor and owner of the farm which Oden had operated for more than twenty years, searched the house after failing to observe signs of life for several days.

Mr. Oden was last seen alive on Friday, when he went to the Dixonville store. He apparently killed himself soon after his return home, as the body was clothed in the same garb, a dark suit, and white shirt, that he wore when he went to Dixonville. He had apparently returned home with a determination to end his life, and went into his den, where he had an exceptionally large collection of guns, and there loaded a .45 caliber Luger pistol from which he fired a shot through his head. The body fell backwards, and the gun lay beside it. The empty shell had been ejected through the automatic action of the weapon, and a fresh cartridge was in the pistol.

No signs of life were observed at the house after Friday, but no attention was given. Yesterday Mr. Lane, who resides adjoining the Oden place, went to the home and attempted to locate Mr. Oden. Failing to find any signs of life, he finally entered the home and searched through the rooms until he found the lifeless body on the den floor.

Coroner Ritter was immediately called and made an investigation but it was not found necessary to hold an inquest as it was quite evident that the case was one of suicide, although no notes were left.

Was Pressed Financially
Mr. Oden had been burdened for several years by troubles of various kinds. Recently financial worry brought on despondency.

His farm had been failing to show a profit, even though he operated a very valuable place, and a few months ago it was foreclosed. (Continued on page 3)

Don't Tinker With Relief Laws but Wait for Hoover, Lowden Advises Farmers

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Frank O. Lowden has advised the farmers to await the inauguration of President-elect Herbert Hoover before pressing their demands for some form of agricultural relief.

The former governor of Illinois suggested that the question be held in abeyance until after Mr. Hoover takes office because he is convinced that what legislation, if any, congress deems necessary should be acted upon at the special session proposed by the president-elect.

Before departing yesterday for a four months tour of Italy, Egypt, the holy land and Greece, Mr. Lowden quite definitely opposed any attempts to tinker with the farm problems during the present congress.

"Undoubtedly congress will wish freely to consult with the president as legislation is being shaped," he said. "I understand that a special session is to be called."

"That, I think would be the proper time for action upon this important question."

"As Mr. Hoover will have the responsibility of administering whatever laws may be enacted, it appears to me that the wise course at present is to wait the inauguration of the new administration."

Asks Hoover Support
He urged the farmers and friends of agriculture to support Mr. Hoover.

HIGH SCHOOL STAR ATHLETE, SCOLDED, COMMITS SUICIDE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
STANTON, Neb., Jan. 2.—Scolded by his father for returning late from a New Year's eve celebration, Werner Glaser, 17, captain of the high school football team last fall, shot himself fatally yesterday. He died eight hours later.

He was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Glaser, prominent Stanton residents. He was named on the all-star northeast Nebraska football eleven last fall. He was also prominent in basketball, track and other activities.

OREGON LEGISLATURE MAY BAR PHOTOGRAPHERS

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 2.—Whether an official photographer will be allowed space in the state capital at the approaching session of the legislature is yet to be determined. Secretary of State Hoss is conducting a symposium among the members to find out whether they want the picture man in the state house. Space has been allowed the photographers for many years, but some members object to it. Secretary Hoss has three applications from Salem photographers.

An innovation at the session this year will be a directory prepared by Secretary Hoss and the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, giving names, home and Salem addresses and telephone numbers of all members, persons who accompany them to Salem, clerks, stenographers, officers of both houses and newspapermen, and also all train, stage and mail schedules.

QUESTION MARK STILL FLIES ON ENDURANCE TRY

Nearing San Diego at 1:30 p. m., After 30 Hours of Continuous Going.

OTHER FLYERS BUSY

Endurance Records Sought by Aviatrix of 18 and Missouriair; Plane Racing Death.

AVIATION'S BUSY DAY

Army plane, Question Mark, still in the air thirty hours after take-off.

Bobby Trout, 18-year-old aviatrix, tries for a new endurance record for women at Los Angeles.

Blaine M. Tuxhorn takes the air at Marshall, Mo., in an effort to set a new endurance mark by means of a synchronized refueling catapult.

Naval officer constructing a plane with which he hopes to beat the speed record of 318 miles an hour.

Canadian aviator starts 600-mile dash with antitoxin for a diphtheria stricken region.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, Los Angeles, Jan. 2.—The army's trimotored Fokker airplane, out to beat the world's sustained flight record, had been in the air 29 hours at 1:30 o'clock this morning. The plane left the ground at 7:24 a. m. yesterday. The plane was heading San Diego.

Girl Seeks Record
METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, Los Angeles, Jan. 2.—A few moments after the army trimotored Fokker plane, Question Mark, out to beat the world's endurance flight record, roared over this field this morning, Miss Bobby Trout, 18-year-old Los Angeles aviatrix, took off at 6:05 in a Golden Eagle monoplane in an effort to beat the women's world air endurance record.

Miss Trout's plane has a 60-horsepower 16-cylinder motor and enough fuel for about 15 hours of flying.

Miss Trout carried a package of concentrated food and a bottle of hot chocolate with her for nourishment. She planned to fly over Los Angeles and the San Fernando valley during the flight.

The present women's endurance record, 8 hours and 6 minutes, was made Dec. 20 at Roosevelt field, New York, by Viola Gentry.

Army Plane Has Rival
MARSHALL, Mo., Jan. 2.—(Continued on page 3)

TWO STUDENTS DIE IN ROOMING HOUSE BLAZE IN TEXAS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 2.—Two charred bodies were found today by searchers in the ruins of a rooming house destroyed by fire seven hours earlier.

Although immediate identification was impossible, it was believed that the victims were James H. Martin, 28, of Itasca, Tex., and Samuel R. Scott, 23, San Antonio, students at Baylor Medical college here.

Search of the ruins of the building and that of another structure destroyed at the same time, was started when Martin and Scott failed to report for classes. Fellow students said they knew the two had been sleeping in the rooming house.

ARMY MAJOR IS FACING QUIZ FOR DOUBLE TRAGEDY

Owner of Automobile That Killed Chicago Cop and Fractured Skull of Another Man.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—The automobile of Major Wilbert B. Ashby of Lake Bluff having been identified as the car that struck and killed a policeman New Year's eve, investigation was under way today to ascertain who was in it when the tragedy occurred. Effort also was being made to ascertain who was in it, and if the same car that killed the policeman, John Sacht, was the one that injured, possibly fatally, Charles Donaldson shortly before.

Major Ashby, wealthy and socially prominent architect, and Mrs. Ashby appeared at police headquarters yesterday in full evening dress, and said their car had been stolen before Officer Sacht was killed. It was found abandoned several blocks from the place where Sacht was struck down. One headlight was broken and the bumper had been twisted.

The Ashby chauffeur, James Norton, was ordered held. Major and Mrs. Ashby were instructed to appear for the inquest.

Details of Tragedy
Officer Sacht was standing in the street inspecting an abandoned car when an automobile which his partner, Policeman John Barry, said was Ashby's struck him. He was carried nearly a block on the bumpers before his body fell and was crushed under the wheels. The car did not stop.

Shortly before an automobile had struck Donaldson as he crossed the street. His skull was fractured. Witnesses said a man in evening dress got out of the car, telephoned for an ambulance and then was driven away.

A taxicab driver who attempted to follow the machine that ran over Sacht said a shot was fired at him.

Major Ashby has designed several of the largest school buildings in Illinois. During the war he supervised important army building operations, including the expeditionary wharves at Hoboken.

FISH KEPT FROM DEATH BY MEANS OF ELECTRICITY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Electrical screens to stop fish moving up rivers into irrigation ditches to their destruction are now being found satisfactory by the federal bureau of fisheries.

The bureau of young salmon and trout in Rocky mountain and Pacific territory due to their tendency to follow the irrigation ditches has occasioned considerable concern in the conservation world and induced the bureau this year to make a particular study of preventive devices. The bureau said today it had found that fish will refuse to pass through an electrified water zone and a number of screens have been tried out to put the current into the water.

With the aid of Prof. F. O. McMillan, of the Oregon Agricultural college and Shirley Baker, a San Francisco engineer employed by the bureau, a number of the electrical and mechanical screening devices were tested. The bureau said that a screen demonstrated by T. H. Barker of Pasadena, Cal., had effectively charged electricity a water zone across a canal 30 feet wide and during a month of testing had kept the fish out.

BLAZE STARTS IN XMAS TREE AT MONMOUTH

Private Dormitory In Which Co-Eds Were Trapped Wholly Destroyed

Six Other Students Escape Death by Leaping From Windows; Two Still Unaccounted For.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
MONMOUTH, Ore., Jan. 2.—At the Oregon State Normal school at noon today it was reported that Maybelle Sloan and Lillian Martin, both of Corvallis, who were not accounted for among the students registered at the private dormitory which burned last night, were believed to be at their homes. No trace of any bodies besides the three found last night were discovered this morning in the ruins. Students said they had not seen the two Corvallis girls at the dormitory last night before the fire.

MONMOUTH, Ore., Jan. 2.

—A dart of flame from an illuminated Christmas tree spread and burned three girls to death and consumed their dwelling on the Oregon Normal school campus here last night. Six other girl students of the house escaped when they leaped from the roof of a porch to the ground below.

The dead:
Miss Evelyn Ohman, Portland; Miss Florence Graham, Newport; Miss Margaret Hemmerson, Gresham.

Tragedy swept onto the campus on the eve of the opening of school after the Christmas holidays. The girls had just returned to the school from their homes, and classes were to have been resumed today.

The girls had retired for the night and were trapped in the house when the tinder-like Christmas tree burst into flames and sent runners of fire darting into curtains and other inflammable furnishings.

Six Leap to Safety
The six girls who escaped were Gladys McCumsky, Irene Stevens, Alice Wallace of Woodlands, Wash., Buelah Thomas, Wilma Baker and Lillian Ribbeck of Gresham. They crowded through the windows looking out upon the roof of the porch of the building, and leaped to the ground unharmed.

Mrs. Minnie Mack, owner of the building, and mother of the private dormitory, was seriously burned in trying to extinguish the fire in running from room to room and in spreading the alarm.

Outside Aid Delayed
Demoralized telephone service to surrounding towns prevented calls for aid reaching fire departments (Continued on page 8)

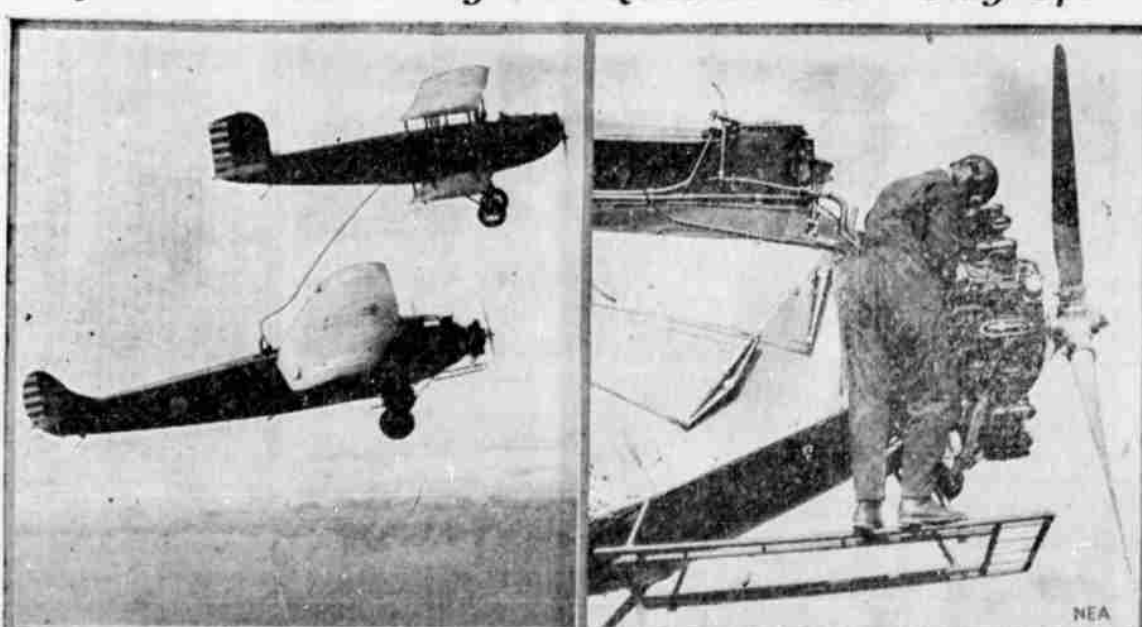
FIRE TAKES LIFE OF CHILD, FOURTH VICTIM 24 HOURS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
YOUNGSTOWN, O., Jan. 2.—Charles Cecil, 2-year-old son of Lawrence McFall, was burned to death and the father suffered severe burns when the McFall home was destroyed by fire started by an oil explosion last night.

The explosion resulted when McFall poured kerosene on the coals in a stove.

Death of the child was the fourth in the last 24 hours as a result of explosions. Mildred, 3, and Jackie, 7, children of John Miller, 33, lost their lives when the Miller home was burned Monday. Miller died of burns last night.

Question: How Long Can Question Mark Stay Up?



Here's the way the "Question Mark," the army's new plane, will receive fuel during the day days it is expected to remain aloft. Refueling plane is shown over the endurance test, with hose connection allowing transfer of gasoline to the tanks of the lower craft.

They intend to make repairs in midair on the "Question Mark." Here's a mechanic on one of the "cat walks," by means of which the members of the army crew can reach the motors from the cockpit to make repairs and change spark plugs during the run for a record.