

UNION RECEIVES HOOP TROPHIES

Silver Basketball Will Be Given Winner of District Tournament

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UNION, Ore. (Special)—Supt. Roy Conklin of the Union schools, who is again local manager for the district basketball tournament which is to be held here Feb. 28 and March 1-2, has received the trophies which will be awarded to the winning team and school at the end of the district meet. The main award, which will become the property of the high school that sends the winning team to the tournament, consists of a triple-plated silver basketball on an ebony base. The ball, which is about six inches in diameter, shows the seams and lacing and has the engravings on the front, making a beautiful trophy that will be a much prized addition to any high school collection. Besides this main award there will be smaller ones, nine in number, which will be presented to each of the eight members of the winning team and to their coach.

The Union High basketball team played seven games during the past week, six of which were victories for Union High. Monday evening the Imbler boys were here and were defeated by the Hobcats 51-5. Wednesday evening the girls went to Baker and won another victory, making a string of unbroken wins from other high schools. The score was 45-22. One the same date a team made up principally from subs on the high school string, won an easy game from the local M. I. A. Friday night the Hobcats lost to La Grande on the latter's court 19 to 28. At the same time the Union High girls were winning another victory from the Enterprise girls on their own floor, 33 to 22. Saturday night the Junior High boys from Baker were to play the Midgets from Union High, the contest resulting in the following score: Union 16, Baker 10. An exhibition game between the subs on the high school girls' team and the grade boys who have been in practice this season, played according to the girls' rules, was won by the girls, 7 to 2.

The Woman's Club has decided to take their play, "An Old-Fashioned Mother," to North Powder this week for a one-night production. If successful in this attempt they may also take the play to Cove later.

Just about the time that warmer weather ended the trouble with frozen water pipes in buildings another trouble bubbled up which is giving both water users and the city authorities considerable trouble. The ground formation which reaches to a depth of several feet in this vicinity, has carried in the last days a "chill" in the form of cutting off the water supply from various business houses and dwellings. Two electric heaters have been kept busy during the past week and the street commissioner has not been able to secure enough men to dig down and thaw the pipes under the streets as rapidly as the complaints come in. In some places the frost has caused frozen pipes five or six feet beneath the surface.

Resumption of work at the planning department of the Oregon Trail sawmill is awaiting the adjustment of some difficulty with the motor of the engine used to haul the cars of lumber to Union Junction. Owing to the long cold spell during January and February, many ranchers in this end of the valley are running short of hay, and from present indications hay will be difficult to secure unless it is shipped in.

D. M. Hoos, the aged man who has been suffering from asthma for several weeks, was slightly worse this last week.

An old-fashioned dance was given at the Sportsman's club cabin at the state fish hatchery grounds last Thursday night. This dance was sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Honey and for the Woman's club.

In compliance with the state law which requires Washington programs in the public schools on Feb. 22, the various grade rooms and the high school here are preparing appropriate exercises for the day. These programs will be given during the forenoon session and the schools then dismissed for the re-

Dog Drivers Ready for Annual Derby in Idaho.



Ten thousand persons are expected to flock to Ashton, Idaho, Feb. 22 to witness the 1929 American Dog Derby, a classic of the snows. Above is Ted Kent, last year's winner, and again a strong contender, and his team of huskies. At the right is Miss Lydia Hutchinson, plucky girl driver, who has raised a team from puppyhood for this year's event. At the left is Scotty Allan, Yukon trail blazer, who will race in the Ashton event before leaving for the Antarctic to take charge of Commander Byrd's dog teams.

mainder of the day.
C. L. Cadwell, manager of the Union Hardware company, and Irwin Hess, who has charge of the Oregon Trail garage, were in Portland and Salem last week and attended the legislature while in the capital city. In the interest of the proposed appropriation for the Union stock show. They feel rather optimistic about the securing of this much needed aid from the state for the show.

At a meeting of the local W. C. T. U. at the home of Mrs. Elmina Kennedy in North Union Wednesday afternoon, law enforcement was the chief topic for discussion. Prohibition enforcement, the cigarette, and similar topics were discussed during the program. The meeting was well attended and the numbers on the program very interesting.

L. A. Wright returned home from the west part of the state Thursday. He had made the trip to attend a meeting of the state game commission in Portland. He reports no definite action as yet in regard to the appointment of a game warden to succeed the late John Walden. It is understood that there are several candidates for the position, both from this community and from other points in the county.

An Epworth league social was held at the Methodist church Thursday evening with about twenty-five present. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Griggs acting as chairpersons for the evening. After a general social time the leaguers all enjoyed a chili lunch.

A program, mostly on the patriotic order, was given by the W. R. C. members at the K. P. hall Saturday afternoon. Opening with the singing of America, the exercises included: Reading on Lincoln by Mrs. Cheney, vocal duet, "Ten Little Miles from Town," by Fawn Geertsen and Lillian Weaver. Reading by Thelma Irwin, violin solo by Gertrude Wheeler, reading by Mrs. Schoonover, vocal solo by Laura Scott, reading by Mrs. Agnes Paddock, reading by Mrs.

OUT OUR WAY



HEROES ARE MADE - NOT BORN.

Chinese Buddha Found In Soil Under Seattle

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 20 (AP)—A mysterious find, seven feet below the surface of the ground on the outskirts of the city during excavations for road work has turned the eyes of the scientific world on Seattle.

A small Chinese idol and a Buddha were turned up by W. W. Scott, Lake City, while excavating a road near that city. The Rev. Vincent H. Gowen, lecturer on Oriental literature at the University of Washington, was greatly impressed and sent photographs of the idol to the American Museum of Natural History. It was learned yesterday that the find has been identified as an Oriental Buddha, unmistakably Chinese, dating back perhaps as far as 300 A. D.

Both University of Washington and American Museum archaeologists believe that the circumstances of the find exclude any trickery or fraud. It was learned today that both institutions are considering further excavations on the spot.

HEALTH

IS "CATARRH" CURABLE?

By T. J. Williams, M. D., Chicago, Illinois

A patient occasionally informs us that he has had but one cold in his life—it began the day he was born, and still continues.

While most of the nasal infections are air borne, by no means are all infections carried into the nose in this manner. Children are prone to gastritis and various other gastro-intestinal afflictions which result in vomiting, the vomitus often being forcibly projected into the choana and sinuses, and it is not at all infrequent in a couple of days to find a well-developed head cold. The parents may believe the head cold to be the primary infection and cause of the disturbance, whereas it is really secondary to the infected vomitus. It is much the same as where the vomitus is forced up through the relatively short, straight, wide Eustachian tube of childhood, thereby causing a purulent ear discharge in children. In children, too, we have a lack of establishment of the lymph glands and lymph channels. It is true that these guardians against systematic infections soon become established and effective, but during early life their resistance, together with the hardness of the ciliated epithelium of the sinus to function, make these protective barriers less effective than they are after the first decade. The important role of diet, sunshine and other newer hygienic knowledge is almost common knowledge now.

In spite of our better knowledge, children are still subject to frequent head colds, however, and one head cold too often is the beginning of a series. The ears having once become infected, the suppuration may continue indefinitely and it is not infrequent that the pus discharging back through the Eustachian tube again invades the nasal mucosa and causes a sinus infection. Coughing contributes to this, of course, so that here again we may have pulmonary or tonsillar infections coughed back up into the nasal sinus and other cavities.

Another source of sinus infection is in the predilection of children to put their fingers and other foreign bodies in the nose and thus convey infection. We must also recall that owing to the rule of mortality, there are always relatively more children than adults.

Giant Cactus



This giant cactus, 55 feet tall and weighing around eight tons, is said to be 250 years old, and one of the largest ever found. It was discovered recently on a farm outside of Phoenix, Ariz., by Will and Jim McCallach. So valuable was the discovery that the land on which the cactus was found increased in value from \$25 an acre to \$10,000. About 50 per cent of its weight is water.

New Job



Miss Mary A. Rokahr has been appointed first federal extension specialist in home management to work in the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Miss Rokahr will handle problems in the organization and operation of farm homes and direct 15 field agents. She is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and Columbia University. She comes from the University of Wyoming, where she was state home demonstration leader and home management specialist.

also there are more delicate children than there are delicate adults. Our present day care of the delicate child prolonging and sometimes saving its life grants us also a relatively higher number of sinus infections than would otherwise be the case.

At any rate, the important consideration of sinus diseases in children resolves itself into the prevention and cure of the common persistent head colds. Thus, free-



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