ALABAMA PUNTING ASTONISHES FANS

Rest Players Chief Occupation of Tide With "Skull Practice"

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 29—(AP)—Oval leather objects, believed by observers to be footballs, which all morning spiralled beautifully high above the rim of Rose Bowl, brought gasps of astonishment from sports writers gathered outside the locked gates of the arroyo gridiron here where the Crimson Tide from Alabam' lashed the turf in practice for the east-west clash with Stanford New Year's Day.

"We don't know what they do when they've got the leather on the ground but those guys from Dixie sure can boot that ball," chorused the would-be practice critics.

Coach Wallace Wade, who pilots the tide, is taking no chances on his pet plays becoming public property. Big policemen systematically clean out the bleachers and brush off the knothole fans from the fence on the south end before Wade and his outfit flows onto the green.

Gordon "Sherlock" Holmes was again on the crest of the tide during the morning when the howl was turned over to the Alabamans. Holmes' appendix apparently had subsided completely after an outburst at El Paso, Texas, on the way west, and there were many smiles of confidence when he came out in his football suit. Holmes is rated as one of the country's best pivot men and is counted on to hold down the plunging backs from Stanford.

Wade has decreed that no more sightseeing or social events shall be indulged in by the tide until after the big game. Rest, he says, will be their chief occupation with a generous amount of "skull practice" while they are resting.

"Pop" Warner, veteran pilot of the Palo Alto champions, changed the hue of the picture in the afternoon with a flock of red shirted gridiron warriors. So far Stanford has had no scrimmage, confining practice to signal drills, setting-up exercises and kicking goals from various angles.

GUARD TEAM STRONG

LOCAL ELEVEN BOLSTERED BY TWO BACKFIELD STARS

The stock of Company B went up several notches yesterday in advance comparisons for the New Year's game with Company M of Corvallis, to be played on Sweetland field, when two strong backfield men were added to the squad.

They are Noske, former Salem high school halfback, who last year played for the Oregon freshmen eleven, and Howard Post, Willamette university fullback of two years ago, who arrived in Salem yesterday.

The two additions give the local men a powerful backfield combination, composed entirely of former high school and university stars who can run the ends, cut through the line, or throw passes equally well.

The starting backfield will now consist of Don Kelly, quarterback; Ringle and Noske, halfbacks, and Post, fullback. Ringle, Kelly and Noske are all former Salem high school men.

The team will work out on the Willamette field this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

LATE SPORTS

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Al Karasick of Portland won two straight falls from George Polk of Des Moines, Iowa, in the main event in a wrestling card here tonight. Karasick took the first fall in 37 minutes, 37 seconds, with a winglock, and the second fall in 11 minutes, 22 seconds.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Al Corbett, Sacramento, Calif., heavyweight, scored a decision over Larry Serrati, of Jackson, Calif., in a six round bout at National Hall here tonight.

CATS BEAT INDIANS

LOCAL HOOP TEAM DEFEATS CHEMAWA IN FAST GAME

The Salem Black Cats last night defeated the Chemawa Indians at Chemawa in a fast basketball game, 32 to 18. The Black Cats hit their stride, and showed better teamwork than in any previous game.

Good checking by the Black Cats kept the Indians away from the basket most of the game. Gosser was high point man, with 11 markers. Nash, with 10, was a close second.

The Black Cats will play at Mill City tonight.

The lineup:

Black Cats (32)		(18) Chemawa
Ellis (7)	F	(8) Matt
Nash (10)	F	(2) George
Gosser (11)	C	(5) Rasmussen
Gill (2)	G	(2) DePoe
Ashby (2)	G	(1) Peratrovich
	S	Abraham

Referee—R. Mason.

GRID TITLE PROBLEM

HI SCHOOL ATHLETIC MEETING SCHEDULED TODAY

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The problem of devising some plan whereby the high school football championship of Oregon may be determined will be discussed at the annual meetting of the Oregon high school athletic association at Lincoln high school tomorrow. The meeting will be held in connection with the annual session of the Oregon state teachers' association.

It is the hope of the state association that some arrangement can be made so that by a program of elimination a state champion can be decided upon. Just what proposals the state principals will offer is not known, but according to J. O. McLaughlin, association secretary, several plans have been drawn up.

Besides the championship issue, the association will discuss other athletic questions, including plans for the annual state basketball tournament. As practically every high school in the state is represented at the teachers' association meeting, a record attendance is expected.

Aggie Hoop Team Drops Game to Southern Branch

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The University of California, southern branch, basketballers, held to an almost even score through the first half, tightened up their defense and from then on allowed Oregon Agricultural college to score but two points and won 32 to 22 here tonight. The score at the half way mark was 22 to 20 in favor of the southerners. Jack Ketchum of the branch team was the high point man of the contest, chalking up 13 points, all of them in the first half.

Spinning Car Wheel Hurls Rock Through Wind Shield

As S. P. Kent was cranking up his car, parked against the curb last night, with the rear wheels jacked up, the axle fell off he jack as the wheels started spinning. A rock was lying under one, and the spinning wheel, falling on it, started it flying. It went through the windshield of a car driven by a man named Patzer, who was driving by, and landed on the front seat. Patzer wonders who will pay for his broken windshield.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. Jackson of Klamath Falls are recent Salem visitors.

A. Wood and daughter of Marshfield are local visitors.

MANY VISITORS AT OLD CHAMPOEG

Death of Man Who Camped at Thirty-five Successive State Fairs

CHAMPOEG PARK, Dec. 29—Fourteen cars brought 53 people to the park Sunday. Salem was represented by Ina and Edith Riggs and Wm. English.

Albert Tozier went to Hillsboro on Sunday to attend the funeral of C. M. Redmond. Mr. Redmond had camped at the Oregon state fair for 35 successive years. Mr. Redmond is secretary of the state fair campers' association.

Christmas exercises were held in the school house here, Mrs. G. Phillips, the teacher, having them for her pupils.

CAR SKIDS OFF ROAD

CAR OVERTURNS IN DITCH, LADY IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. A. D. Sprouse, 38, of Woodburn was brought to a local hospital yesterday suffering from injuries received when the car she was driving overturned on the highway near Woodburn late Monday night. Her daughter, who was riding with her, received a dislocated wrist.

Mrs. Sprouse was driving downhill when a car in front of her slowed down to see a third car that was in the ditch. Mrs. Sprouse applied her brakes, but the car skidded into the ditch and turned over.

Mrs. Sprouse received cuts on her shoulder and leg, and several fractured ribs. She was too weak to be moved to the hospital before yesterday noon.

J. E. Stahlman of Detroit was a recent visitor in this city.

Mrs. B. T. King of Corvallis was in this city Tuesday.

YEAR PERMITS SHOW INCREASE DURING 1926

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for this December.

Included in the December 1926 permits are 21 for erection of dwellings, with a total valuation of $68,700. Besides this there are three permits to erect garages, three to alter and repair buildings, one for erection of a store, and one for erection of a concrete warehouse, valued at $25,000.

Following is a comparative table giving number and value of permits for each month in 1925 and 1926:

1925 Permits

Month—	No.	Value
January	40	$ 76,450
February	48	154,950
March	50	155,600
April	50	268,675
May	47	120,950
June	31	385,700
July	56	189,730
August	41	131,600
September	33	113,050
October	35	70,080
November	30	79,550
December	16	48,009
Totals	497	$1,794,395

1926 Permits

Month—	No.	Value
January	46	$ 112,650
February	41	122,874
March	61	227,620
April	78	561,385
May	36	281,650
June	37	151,850
July	47	493,050
August	46	192,280
September	47	251,750
October	42	242,800
November	34	165,104
December	29	101,100
Totals	544	$2,904,104

Stayton

O. M. Baker, a prominent business man of Stayton, went to Portland Tuesday. Mr. Baker ownes a hotel or two in Portland, and was looking after business interests.

J. Noval Fisher, junior member of the firm of Fisher and son, went to Yoncolla where he spent Christmas and the week end following visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Siegmund of Garabaldi are here spending the week visiting their son Laurence and wife, and also visiting relatives and friends at their former home on Fern Ridge.

Mrs. A. S. Walters is enjoying a visit from her son, Harold Mulford who arrived last week from Sparks, Arizona. Mr. Mulford is a car inspector with the railroad company at Sparks.

Otto Fisher, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fisher of Stayton, arrived here on Christmas day to visit his parents. Mr. Fisher has been in the east for several years, and his home coming is giving great pleasure to his aged parents.

Mrs. Geo. A. Mielki and two small sons of Portland are spending the week between holidays, as the guest of her mother, Mrs. W. W. Crabtree.

E. C. Titus of Salem was here for a short time Sunday, visiting his sister Mrs. Effie Miller.

Lee Brown, a University of Oregon student, spent Christmas and the holiday vacation with his mother, Mrs. Martha Brown.

Donald Speer also a student at Eugene is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Speer, until the first of the year.

Chas. Morley and son and Theodore Fisher, prominent farmers of the Victor Point farming community, were business visitors here on Tuesday.

Hazel Murphy, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Murphy of Stayton, who is gaining prominence by her graceful dancing, and a member of Mrs. White's ballet class, attended the Christmas party given by Mrs. White last week in Salem.

Dr. E. H. Hobson and wife of Salem came over and spent Christmas with the doctor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hobson, at the family home here.

While driving without lights on Friday night, Frank Studnicka missed the center of the bridge across Mill creek on Second street, crashed through the railing and plunged into the creek head-on with a light truck. The truck received two crushed wheels. Mr. Studnicka was uninjured.

Earl C. Downing and his sister, Miss Clarice, students of the Bible school at Eugene, came home to spend the mid-winter vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett C. Downing.

The Masonic and Eastern Star lodges held a public joint installation in their lodge rooms Monday night, to which the families and friends of members were invited. After the business of the evening, short speeches were made by prominent members, and a banquet was served. At their next regular meeting the newly installed officers will preside.

A Chevrolet touring car parked on Water street Monday had the top torn off when it was struck by a passing truck. The driver failed to stop, instead he sped out of town. Mr. Hurd, an employe of the Chevrolet garage, gave chase and apprehended the truck at Sublimity.

Mr. and Mrs. John Atterbury of Roseburg spent several days last week as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Elder. During Mr. Elder's reign as commandant at the soldier's home, the families were much associated together and became fast friends. Mr. and Mrs. Atterbury were also entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Neibert while here.

Several business changes will go into effect here the first of the year. Dr. Ward C. Davis will close his office here and go to Salem where he has taken rooms in the new bank building. V. L. McCroskey will go to Portland where he will open a law office, Mr. Duncan of Salem having taken over the practice and office furnishings of McCroskey. Lawrence Siegmund goes out of the confectionery and restaurant business, Mr. Hicks of Portland having taken over the business. Mr. Hicks and wife arrived here on Tuesday.

Rosedale

Mr. and Mrs. Porter spent Christmas in Portland.

The C. A. Cole family enjoyed Christmas dinner with relatives in Portland.

Mr. Ballou and Miss Zovk of Portland, who are conducting evangelistic meetings at Pringle, are staying this ween with Mrs. Cammack.

Mrs. Mev. Blinston is visiting her sister, Mrs. Huffman of Prospect.

Esther Cammack is visiting her aunt near Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Gardner, formerly of this place are the proud parents of a baby boy. They now reside at Albany.

George nad Charles Palmer ate Christmas dinner with their sister Mrs. W. E. Way.

Mrs. Adair visited her brother, T. D. Trick last Sunday.

Mrs. L. Connolly and daughter of Reedsport were in Salem Wednesday night.

J. O. Burcham and L. O. Woodin, Eugene residents, arrived in this city Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hiatt are visitors in Salem. Their home is in Roseburg.