

**NEW ESCAPING GYM**

**15 GIRLS MUST ALL TAKE REQUIRED EXERCISE**

When physical education classes for the girls of Salem high school began regular schedules today, there will be a minimum number of students excused. This means that for the first time there is an attempt to bring about as near a 100 per cent compliance as possible with the state law's requirement of some form of exercise for all school pupils.

The method which now makes eyes and means of getting out of gym classes next to nil is a card system devised and installed in each principal's office by R. W. Avenner, assistant principal. It requires that each student have the signature of her physical education teacher upon her card before enrollment is completed, thereby avoiding the customary delay in getting class work under way.

Last term 157 girls were excused from physical exercise in the classes of Mrs. Grace Wolgast, head of the department for girls, or her assistants.

**COEDS HOLD UMBRELLAS**

**Ordinary Dating Procedure Upset for Leap Year Event**

Collegiate couples coming up the street, just as usual. But what's this? Girls on the outside, carefully holding umbrellas over male member of couple. Has that skirt-ruled millennium already come?

No, it is just a temporary upset. The girls are merely taking their bearings to the post-examination, and for just this once, they walk on the outside and hold the umbrellas. Leap year; you know.

The student body of Willamette university recently voted that for the party held last night, the women should make the dates, escort the men to the party and see them safely home, and pay the incidental expenses, if any. The rule is theoretically in effect from February 1 to 28. Whether it will be followed after last night remains to be seen.

**CHURCH UNION WANTED**

**Overlapping and Competition Among Institutions Deplored**

**NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—(AP)—**Elimination of needless overlapping and competition among churches in the interest of Christian unity is recommended in the final report emanating from the world conference on faith and order held at Lausanne, Switzerland last August. The report was made public today by a committee headed by Bishop Charles H. Brent of Buffalo.

More effective cooperation among denominations in the foreign mission fields and the willingness of all Christians to join "without regard to denominational differences" in the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's supper, also are set forth as essentials of church unity.

"Unity of the church implies unity of faith," the report states, "but it does not mean uniformity. There must be space for diverse type of expression so that nothing of the rich variety which marks Christian experience will be lost and liberty of interpretation within the limits of the accepted faith will be preserved."

**SOCOLOFSKY GETS PLACE**

**Salem Man Takes First Place At University Tryout**

**EUGENE, Feb. 2.—(AP)—**Selections of men to represent the University of Oregon in three oratorical contests to be conducted in the state this spring were made following try-outs held Wednesday night, in charge of Debate Coach J. K. Horner.

Raymond Dudley, Athena, was chosen to represent Oregon in the state old line oratorical contest, sponsored by the Oregon Oratorical association to be held at Eugene on March 9.

Herbert Socolofsky, Salem, was selected to compete in the national constitutional contest, for which a date has not yet been designated. The winner of the state contest will enter a coast competition, and later will go into the national meet.

In the try-outs last night, Socolofsky was first.

**TAKEN AS WIFE SLAYER**

**Glenwood, Washington Man Arrested in Murder Case**

**GLENWOOD, Wash., Feb. 2.—(AP)—**Ivan McCumber, 29, is under arrest, charged with killing his wife, Olga McCumber, 39, Glenwood school teacher. McCumber was arrested at his home by Sheriff McEwen and Chief Deputy Winters of Klickitat county.

Mrs. McCumber died at her home January 22, supposedly from the effects of having been kicked in the head by a horse the day before.

The complaint charges McCumber with striking his wife on the head with a "deadly instrument." McCumber is now in jail at Goldendale.

**UTAH QUINT WINS**

**HELENA, Mont., Feb. 2.—(AP)—**The Utah Aggies defeated Mount St. Charles basketball team here tonight, 47 to 22.

**SHOES FLY IN SOUTHERN COURT**



And two of the star horseshoe pitchers in training on the courts at St. Petersburg, Fla., these days are Mrs. Mayme Francisco, of St. Petersburg, who has won and lost the national women's title twice, and Putt Mossman, of Eldorado, Ia., twice national men's champ. Mossman is shown giving an exhibition of tossing ringers while blindfolded.

**AL G. BARNES ATTACKED**

**Noted Circus Man Seriously Injured by Tame Zebra**

**LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2.—(AP)—**Al G. Barnes, noted circus man, was confined to a hospital here today following an attack upon him by a zebra. The veteran circus man was leading the animal about the winter quarters when it became frightened and ran, dragging the show man for some distance. In his struggles to regain control, he was severely bitten and lacerated about the head and shoulders by the zebra.

**WAR SPEECHES DECRIED**

**Talk Creates Spirit, Says Assistant Secretary of State**

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—**A warning that "war talk too often causes war spirit," was sounded today by William R. Cassel, assistant secretary of state, in an address before the Women's Patriotic conference on national defense, meeting here in support of adequate preparedness.

"The department of state is in hearty accord with military preparedness," Mr. Cassel asserted. "It is the same for the nation as precautions to preserve health for the body. But exaggerated military preparedness is the result of fear and fearfulness invites disaster."

The state department, he continued, exerts its "whole influence" toward the development of "international confidence and in cooperation with the department of commerce to raise the standards of international commerce relations."

The department, he declared, "does not put sinister interpretations on the words of the representatives of other countries."

**OWNERS PAYING HEAVY INSURANCE RATES HERE**

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to bring about insurance rate reductions is being made along the lines of better protection.

According to Alderman W. H. Dancy, chairman of the fire and water committee, it won't be many months before fire engines are placed in each of the three general residence districts north, south and east. An old truck which has been in the department several years is now undergoing repairs. When these are completed, this truck will be placed east of the railroad tracks. Later, when the new truck arrives, one will be placed in South Salem, and funds will be provided from some fund to purchase still another truck for North Salem.

When these trucks are placed, and a number of new water mains and fire hydrants are installed, in accordance with a survey now being made by the water company, the city will be well protected against fire.

Another great step toward complete protection, will be the purchase of a new modern fire alarm system. This cannot be accomplished for two or three years, however, as sufficient money will not accumulate from the two mill levy to make the purchase until that time.

**LEADING CALIFORNIA GROUP BACKS HOOVER**

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tion to present his candidacy to the people of the United States," the document declared.

Another Oregon Product Claimed "As a resident of California since boyhood, California is proud of Herbert Hoover as a Californian, and is equally gratified to recognize a national and world figure whom the common consent

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**JURY SEES KNIFE USED BY HICKMAN IN CRIME**

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photographs of the victim's mutilated body. The exhibits were put in evidence by the defense, for the first time placing in the sanity trial objects horribly connecting the defendant to his crime.

The second defense alienist, Dr. R. O. Shelton of Los Angeles, was explaining to the jury his medical opinion that the prisoner "suffered the worst form of dementia praecox" when the session was adjourned until Friday at 9:30 a. m.

A swiftly moving panorama of witnesses today marked Hickman's trial.

Maomi Brittin, teacher at the school which Marian attended, told of Hickman's asking for the girl on the pretext that her father had been injured on December 15, the day he kidnaped her.

Mrs. Marion Holt, supervising teacher of the school testified to releasing Marian to Hickman without a doubt in her mind as to the truth of the story he told. She said he was well groomed, calm and quiet in his address.

**Weapon Large One**

Herman H. Cline, chief of Los Angeles detectives, who directed the hunt for Marian's killer, produced the knife, with which, he declared, Hickman said he dissected the body. Larger than the ordinary pocket knife, but smaller than a hunting knife, it was almost new with blades encased in an imitation staghorn handle. The longest blade, about 4 1/2 inches, was the one Cline said Hickman told him he used. Neither blades nor handle appeared soiled.

Cline went over Hickman's confession to him on the train en route from Pendleton, Ore., where he was captured, to Los Angeles. He told of the "fits Hickman threw," and his belief that they were faked.

Welby Hunt, also from Hickman's home town, Kansas City, Mo., an accused accomplice in the murder at Christmas time, 1926, of C. Ivy Thoms in a drugstore holdup, was the next defense witness.

Young Hunt, tall, slight and

fair haired, in contrast to his short, chunky, dark-haired confessed companion in crime, said he had known Hickman 14 months.

Graceless Wish Recalled He said that during that time Hickman had expressed a wish to "cut up someone and strew the pieces around."

The pair, Hunt testified, drove to Los Angeles from Kansas City in an automobile in December, 1926. Hickman, he said, had two revolvers with him.

The next witness, F. R. Peck of Hollywood, testified definitely his belief that Hickman, when he came in contact with him, "knew what he was doing."

Peck it was who sat in his green sedan on the evening of Sunday, December 18, when Hickman held him up at a gun muzzle, drove him to the outskirts of the city, left him there and then fled northward alone to his capture at Pendleton. In cross examination District Attorney Aea Keyes asked Peck if Hickman "seemed to know just

what he was doing." "Yes sir; I'll say he did," was the reply.

**Divinely Guided, Belief** A reporter's interview with Hickman in his cell at the Los Angeles county jail next appeared in the evidence. The newspaper man, Lionel Moise, reported Hickman as declaring he "did not think" himself insane, but under "omnipotent guidance."

Then into the records went the photographs of Marian Parker's dismembered body, assembled by police after Hickman had thrown her head and torso at her father's feet in exchange for \$1500 and searchers had found forearms and legs wrapped in newspapers along the highway through Elysian park.

White haired men and women of the jury and the veteran stern-faced judge gasped and paled as they viewed for the first time concrete evidence of the fate of the 12-year-old school girl.

In his chair, back of his attorney, Hickman sat motionless,

looking straight ahead. **Brother Leads Off** The opening witness of the afternoon session was the prisoner's brother, Alfred, 31 years old. In rapidly spoken, well worded sentences Alfred Hickman told of outbursts of anger on the part of his maternal grandfather, Paul Buck, which led the witness to believe that at times he was insane. He had the same comment to make on some of his mother's actions and under a stiff cross examination he maintained that following the failure of the prisoner to win an oratorical contest in the Kansas City schools he too developed an inability to distinguish between right and wrong.

William Thomas Hickman, father of the prisoner, but who left his family a number of years ago, followed to the witness stand.

**Peculiarities Listed**

He said that he believed that his wife was insane. Of her father, Paul Buck, he believed he was "rational, but very peculiar."

As the father of the confessed slayer told of his wife's melancholy and irrational behavior, tears rolled down his cheeks.

The witness said that doctors who treated his wife told him she was crazy and that he had better "send her away," so she was taken to an insane asylum at Little Rock, Ark., from which she was released several months later when she pleaded with him to take her home again.

Hickman's mother, Mrs. Eva Hickman, on coming to the stand, suppressed her feelings more successfully than her former husband and identified the prisoner in clear tones as her son.

**Too Late To Classify**

WILL PARTY WHO FOUND WHITE gold wrist watch, analysis setting a stem, black leather strap, Thursday evening on liberty street return to Miss Y. Palmerton, Y. W. C. A. Watch valued highly as gift. Substantial reward.



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