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## NORMAL TEAM BEATS AGGIES IN BITTERLY WAGED FIGHT

Local Basketball Quintet Wins Wonderful Victory, 33 to 22

### TEAMWORK DISPLAYED

Cocher Walter Hughes Given High Credit for Victory of Squad

With a burst of speed and fighting spirit such as is seldom displayed on a basketball floor, Southern Oregon Normal school achieved what everybody thought was impossible Saturday night, and in a splendid uphill fight, defeated the Oregon Aggies, 33 to 22, in a breath-taking epic on the armory floor.

Playing the first basketball game of the season, and representing the new normal school in the first athletic contest ever staged, the normal basketball team rose to the heights, and crushed the heavier and more experienced Aggies off their feet during the final 20 minutes of the exciting game.

A Real Team  
By reason of its victory, the normal school must now be reckoned as one of the leading basketball teams of the coast, and everything points to a profitable season for the teacher-athletes.

Nearly 500 wildly partisan fans kept the armory in a bedlam of noise and excitement during the closing moments of the game, with the score tied in the final minute and both teams fighting desperately to win.

With 45 seconds to go, Harry Cooper, forward of the Aggies, threw a pass to the basket, which was caught by the normal school guard. An audible sigh came from all parts of the armory as the dark-haired player passed the ball to the goal.

Like a homing pigeon, slipping into its nest, the sweat-stained ball dropped gracefully into the basket. A pean of victory that echoed and re-echoed through the armory came from nearly 500 throats as the scorer chalked up the single point which put the normal into the lead for the first time during the game.

With 50 seconds yet to play, Coach Walter Hughes sent his charges back into the fray with instructions to keep the ball until the shrill whistle of the time-keeper should announce the end of the game. And those fighting youths obeyed his instructions to the letter.

Crowd Goes Wild  
The whistle shrilled. Staid business men and sedate housewives could scarce believe their ears. Hats were thrown into the air. Stranger slapped stranger on the back and everybody was talking the bright-eyed world that the normal school had fought its way to victory after one of the most desperate court battles ever witnessed in Southern Oregon.

Elusive Little Albert Marabe was high point man for the normal team. The former high school star weaved his way up and down the floor and shot baskets from almost impossible angles, setting four field baskets. On free throws from the foul line, Marabe was a wonder. Out of eight attempts, he converted for seven points.

Five Teamwork  
It must be said, however, that it was not the individual playing of any one member of the normal team which brought them victory. It was the exceptional team work from first whistle to the last. It was the fighting heart and the fighting spirit. It was the determination not to give up even in the face of impossible odds.

Ashland people today are acclaiming Walter Hughes, normal school coach. Six weeks ago Hughes took up the work of

## PISTOL DUEL IS FOUGHT ON HIGHWAY

Medford Man Frightens Would-be Robbers Away With Gun

MEDFORD, Dec. 19.—With two bullets penetrating his coat, A. L. "Rock" Egger, well-known local resident, narrowly escaped death last night shortly before 8 o'clock at the summit of Blackwell hill, 10 miles north of here on the Pacific highway at the hands of two hold-up men, who, firing a succession of shots from 10 revolvers, vainly attempted to rob Egger of \$74 and Ralph Swepe of Grants Pass, who accompanied him in a truck, of about \$10. Egger, equipped with a .38 revolver, fired six times through the truck windshield at the two men, but due to darkness, failed to bring them down.

Egger and Swepe who were en route from Grants Pass with a load of Oregon Grape Christmas decorations for Fresno, Cal., had just commenced to descend this side of Blackwell Hill when they saw two flashlight waving in the air a short distance ahead. Believing that the lights signified fog, Eggers slowed down and was applying brakes so hard that the truck with its heavy load slid off the highway near the inside bank. One of the bandits, with a Stetson hat pulled far over his eyes, opened fire, striking the left headlight, the bullet piercing it without breaking the globe.

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## MAIL PILOT RECEIVED NO BROKEN BONES IS LAST REPORT

Late Reports Indicate That Pilot Will Soon Be Out

### WORRIES OVER PIPE

Broken Pipe Seems to be Chief Concern of Daring Flyer

MEDFORD, Dec. 19.—Reassuring reports come from the Sacred Heart hospital in regard to the condition of "Pat" Patterson, air mail pilot who was injured when his mail plane crashed against a mountain in a fog between Medford and Ashland Thursday.

No broken bones nor serious internal injuries were sustained by the intrepid flyer. It was found after he had been carefully X-rayed by physicians. According to Dr. E. B. Pickle, who attended Patterson, the latter had a vicious looking cut in the muscle of his lower limb, he had a bad cut on the head and his hip was out of joint. His chief danger lay in the terrible shock to which he had been subjected.

In Game  
Physicians and nurses compliment "Pat" on his gameness. He endured his pain with never a flinch and his chief concern seemed to be that in the mixup incident to the crash, he had the misfortune to break his pipe.

The convalescing aviator is anxious to get back into the air and his frequent query is how soon he can get into service again. The soft ground in which he fell and the nearness of help is what saved the pilot's life.

Service Good  
Meantime the air mail has been carrying on as usual with mail arriving daily. In some of the foggy districts around Portland the mail was carried through by automobiles to points where the atmosphere had cleared and from there the planes made delivery.

Aviator Bookwalter made the round trip from Portland to Medford and return yesterday. Virden reached here from the south, while Starbuck hopped off for San Francisco, all from the local landing field at the fair grounds.

THREE NEW SUBMARINES PLANNED BY U. S. NAVY  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(U. N.)—Congress will be asked to pass upon Navy plans for the construction of three submarines of a new design which will place the United States foremost in the development of under-sea craft, Admiral J. D. Beuret, chief of the Navy's bureau of construction, stated today in his annual report.

Light cruisers of 10,000 tons displacement with a main battery of eight-inch guns have also been designed by the Navy and will be constructed under the general building program, the admiral reported.

Although the United States is restricted, under terms of the disarmament treaty, from extensive building of battleships, the navy is devoting its attention to modernization of the craft already in use. Plans for the coming year include the conversion of the Oklahoma and the Nevada from coal to oil burners.

BLAME TEA FOR ILLS  
LONDON.—(UN)—The enthusiasm of Londoners for tea has been somewhat dampened by a medical pronouncement that too much hot tea leads to inflammation of the stomach and to neuritis. Thousands of Britishers suffer from the latter complaint but up to now they have blamed it on the weather rather than on tea.

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## EXTRA NAME NORMAL LOCATION

SALEM, Dec. 20.—By a vote of five to four, La Grande was selected as the location for the new Normal School of Eastern Oregon over Pendleton, here this afternoon.

### PICTURES OF WRECKED PLANE ATTRACT MANY

Photos Taken by Local Man Are on Display in Tidings Window

Some idea of the danger that confronted Mail Pilot Patterson when his plane recently crashed into the side of a mountain near Ashland can be gained by photographs taken by Harry Ingling of the local police department, which were mounted on a piece from the plane, and with the headline of the Ashland Tidings which told of the accident, displayed over the photographs are displayed in the Tidings window.

The photographs are unusually good notwithstanding the heavy fog that covered the scene of the accident, and clearly show the damage that was done to the plane. After viewing the pictures many have expressed their surprise that the pilot escaped with out more serious injuries.

It was explained that the usual practice of keeping open at least a week before Christmas had not been followed this year because of the hardships that such a procedure works upon the help.

## FAMED WATCHMAKER'S WIFE IS MURDERED

Tragic Family Love Affair Results in Fatal Shooting

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Roberta Ingersoll, wife of the famous watchmaker, was found shot through the heart in her home last night. In the adjoining room lay Wallace McLean Probasco near death from three bullet wounds.

The police are piecing together the story of a tragic love involving the two Ingersoll families, as Probasco's wife, to whom he gasped out the shooting over the telephone, is the daughter of Robert Ingersoll, world's famous agnostic.

Probasco claimed that the woman shot him and then turned the gun on herself. He is technically under arrest in a hospital.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS  
The Christmas Spirit was manifested in Ashland churches yesterday by larger attendance and increased interest. At the Presbyterian church the decorations were declared by some to be the most beautiful they had ever seen. Evergreen trees banked the front of the church, with over hanging sky of blue dotted with stars. The front of the choir loft was railed with evergreens interspersed with many poinsettias. For the Christmas eve service a large lighted tree will be added and all will be changed to a winter scene. Mrs. O. Winter is in charge of decorations.

That Happy Yuletide Spirit



## LIVES ON HIS COMPANION'S DEAD BODY TO SAVE HIS LIFE

Avalon, Cal., December 20.—Hovering between life and death at a local hospital as the result of ten days suffering a frail fishing boat, E. B. Kelley, sixty-nine year old fisherman, told an amazing tale of a battle for life with his companion James McKinley, sixty-three.

### LOCAL STORES TO OPEN NIGHTS SOON

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Nights Will Be Open Until 8:30

Ashland department stores starting Wednesday will keep open until eight-thirty in the evening according to an announcement made today. The stores will follow this practice Thursday and Friday nights as well as to allow Christmas shoppers, who find it impossible to make their selections during the day to have ample time to make their holiday selections.

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## RED GRANGE ARRESTED FOR BEING DISORDERLY

Football Idol Pays a Ten Dollar Fine in Texas

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 20.—Red Grange and four members of the New York Yankees football team spent three hours in jail today following their arrest.

Grange was charged with being disorderly and the others were charged with drunkenness and disturbing the peace. All paid a ten dollar fine.

## Oregon Men Hold Up Bridge Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Objections by representative Sinton, Crumpacker and Hawley, all Oregon republicans blocked the consideration in the house today of the bill authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Columbia river between Longview Wash., and Ranier, Ore.

## LOCAL POLICE TAKE AUTOMOBILE THIEF

Car Stolen From Local Home Recovered in Less Than an Hour

A seventeen year old boy was caught in Medford Sunday night less than one hour after he had stolen a Studebaker touring car, belonging to Walt Blair of the Blair Granite company, which had been parked in front of the Peross home on Granite street. Chief of Police McKinley had been notified.

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## MANY TRAGIC DEATHS IN OREGON SUNDAY

Boy Accidentally Shoots His Brother While Out Hunting

Molalla, Oregon, Dec. 20.—Lloyd Hilton, sixteen, was shot and fatally wounded while hunting in the timberland near here Sunday. His brother, Shirley, twenty-two, mistook him for an animal. The brother carried him in his arms for seven miles, but he died before reaching medical aid.

Kills Wife  
PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—Boris A. Mugler shot and killed his wife, and wounded his daughter Nellie, thirty, and committed suicide here last night. It is thought that he became infuriated because a family friend, Dr. William Vetter gave his wife tickets to a show. Following the family scene Vetter and the daughter attended the show. The daughter was shot upon her return, and Vetter fled, notifying the police, who found the two bodies when they searched the home.

Attempts Suicide  
PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Oakley G. Kelley, wife of Lieutenant Kelley, the noted aviator attempted suicide Sunday by poison, but first aid saved her life. The Kelleys refused to discuss it today, but the police reported that Mrs. Kelley said earlier that domestic trouble was the cause.

Australia is Traversed by New Telephone Line  
SYDNEY, (UP)—The second longest trunk telephone line in the world has just been opened by the Australian postal department for public traffic between Townsville, in the north of Queensland, and Melbourne, capital of Victoria, a southern state. The line runs almost the entire length of the continent. It is 2017 miles long, and the New York-San Francisco line is the only line of greater length known to postal officials here.

Highly southerly instruments magnify voices sounds at ten stations along the route. The fee for three minutes' conversation between the two terminals of the line is slightly less than four dollars or about half the fee for a similar call over the same length of line in the United States.

Parents Approve Old Type Dance  
DEARBORN, Mich., Dec. 20.—(UN)—Five hundred Dearborn parents attended an old fashioned dancing exhibition in the high school auditorium Thursday night and decided that the dance taught in the schools was not harmful to their children as charged in protests.

The exhibition was conducted by Benjamin B. Lovatt, Henry Ford's dancing instructor. Ford's private orchestra supplied the music. In the demonstration Lovatt used sixteen couples of children ranging in age from eight to 16 years.

As they danced Lovatt addressed the audience pointing out the qualities of deportment and etiquette which he said the dance was inculcating in the pupils.

FORGERY LOSSES HEAVY DURING HOLIDAY SEASON  
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(UN)—A holiday warning against bad check passers was issued today by the Forgery Prevention Bureau of the Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Company of New York in a statement which pointed out that a large percentage of the \$100,000,000 annual forgery losses are suffered at this time of the year. A detailed account of the forgery methods was given with the warning.

FIRST SANTA CLAUS TRAIN  
The first Southern Pacific Santa Claus train, being what is known as a parcel post train and carrying the Christmas package mails south and east reached Ashland from the north yesterday afternoon at three o'clock, running as a second section of train 13. This train is to operate daily until the rush of the Christmas mail is over.