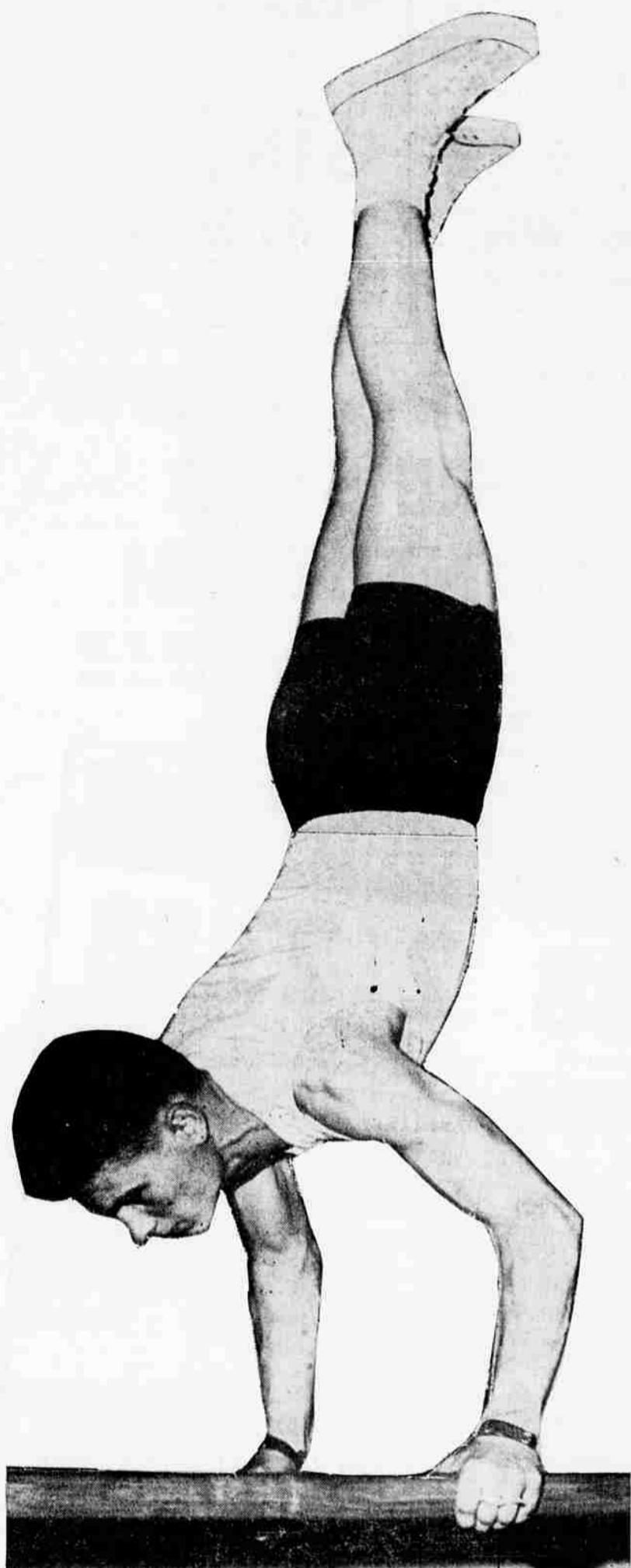


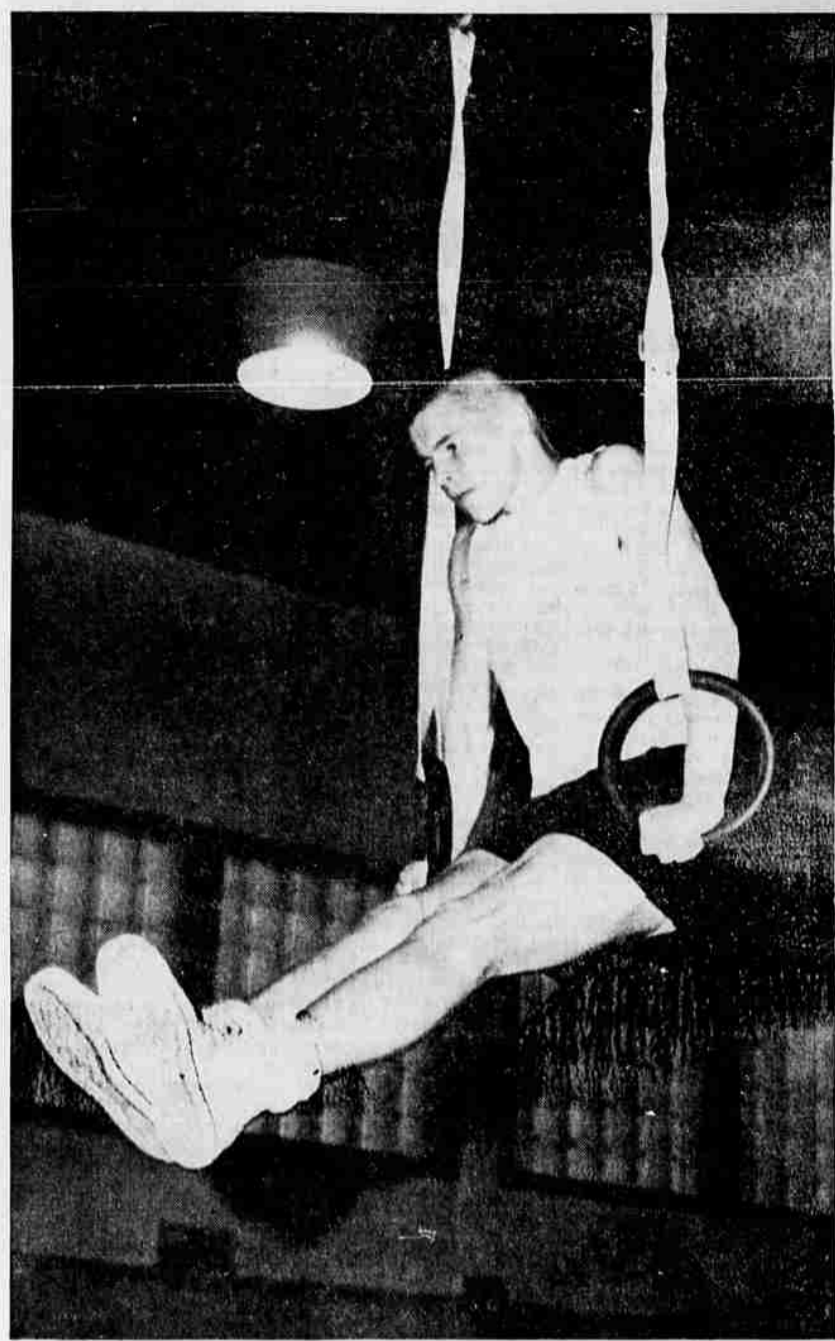
Gymnastics — the best sport for top physical fitness



World upside down—Tom Rice on pallel bars



Jeff Hiatt on the horizontal bar



Still rings—Jim Demaris, 14, displays poise

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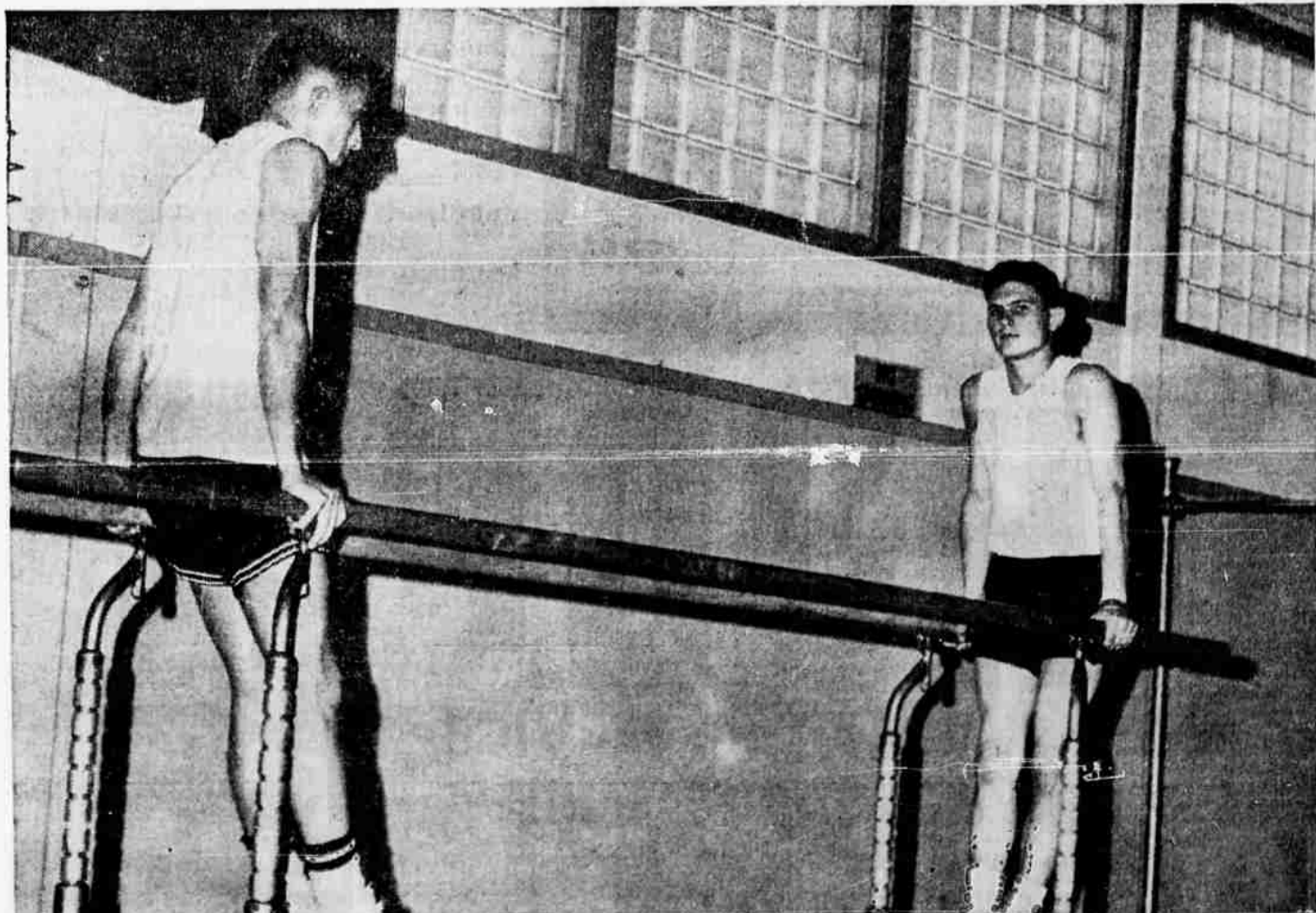
... it's the daring young man on the flying trapeze ... and it's happening over at Sisters High School. A small Class B school in athletic circles, Sisters has added a new competitive program in which only the state's very largest dwell—GYMNASTICS. A recent blurb in one of the Salem papers has announced the addition of the sport at South Salem High School.

North Eugene and South Eugene have dominated the not-so-old gymnastics competition in its short existence in Oregon. ... a good achievement, this addition, for South Salem, but even a more amazing effort at little Sisters. Compete? Yes, compete they will. Sisters Coach Roy Runco wishes to include Sisters in the full scale of things state-wise. The Outlaw tumble and gym-men are working hard. This will be Sisters' first year of actual, formal competition after two years of dabbling with a tumbling and gymnastics club. Runco, basketball coach, has inaugurated the program and works with his gymnasts when he isn't coaching his hoop team. The strange thing about it is ... three or four of his gym-men are on the basketball team.

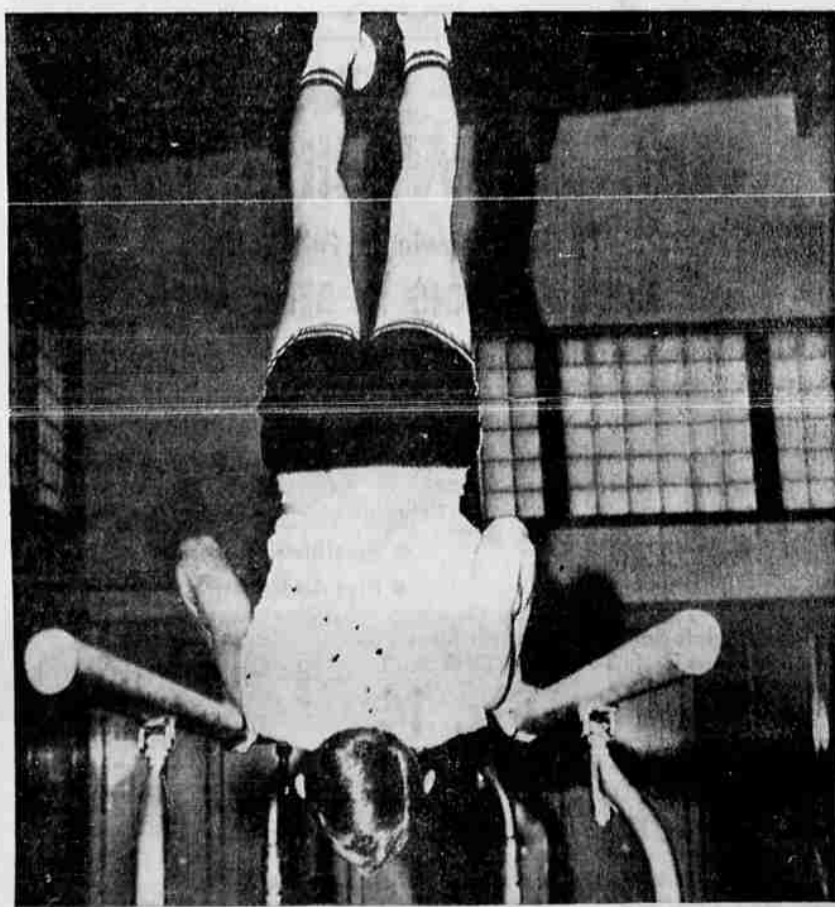
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Bottom's up—Nick Hiatt, 14, on still rings



Symbolic of sport's future, Tom Rice, right and Dennis Barclay await season



Dennis Barclay takes a whirl on parallel bars