

**FINEST AIRPLANE
WILL STOP HERE
IN FLIGHT SOUTH**

Heralded as the fastest and most luxurious plane of its size in the United States, the new Boeing 16-passenger cabin plane, built to order for the Standard Oil company of California for use for its executives, was scheduled to arrive in Medford this afternoon, en route from Seattle to San Francisco. The big ship has a gross weight of nine tons and carries 540 gallons of Stanovna gasoline for its three 225 horsepower Hornet engines, sufficient fuel to fly from San Francisco to Seattle or New York to Chicago without refueling.

The plane has a wing spread 67.80 feet and includes the novel features of hot and cold running water, buffet, refrigerator, gas stove facilities for hot and cold meals, individual telephones between passengers and pilot, radio for receiving commercial and amusement broadcast programs. There is also baggage space for trunks.

Although this is an 18-passenger ship, only eight passengers are accommodated on cross-country trips. Furniture includes lounges, convertible into Pullman beds, allowing for separate and private sleeping quarters. The plane has federal radio telephone equipment and pilots can pick up weather reports as broadcast by air lines and federal weather stations. There are 90 instruments and controls and all safety devices which have proved satisfactory. The plane has the same equipment for night flying as the Boeing transcontinental passenger transports. Four large parachute flares, each capable of illuminating an area of one square mile for three minutes, have been installed. The first cruise of the aerial yacht is a transcontinental one of 5000 miles. The plane, with a cruising speed of 120 miles per hour, can fly from New York to San Francisco in 24 hours, including refueling stops. Purchase of the new ship brings the Standard Oil of California's fleet to six planes with an investment of approximately \$250,000.

**Holly Stripped
From Grave By
Meanest Thief**

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—E. T. Barkis, local food man, declares he believes he has found traces of the meanest thief in Oregon. Eight years ago Barkis planted a holly tree on his wife's grave in a local cemetery. He has nursed it carefully to a 12-foot tree during the eight years. Last night some vandal entered the cemetery, cut off the top of the tree leaving but a three foot stump and stripped the tree of its berries.

**JACKSONVILLE PLANS
OLD MINING PICTURE**

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., Dec. 20.—(Special)—Jack Burke of Medford is planning a moving picture of a mining scene of the early days of Jacksonville in which business men and other citizens will take part. As soon as the weather permits this will be done. The Jacksonville Legion boys and the Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring Mr. Burke in this.

**DEMAND RESIGNATION
REPUBLICAN LEADER**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The resignation of Robert Lucas as executive of the republican national committee was demanded in the senate today as a savage debate broke in the republican ranks over the testimony of Lucas that he had helped in the campaign against Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, for re-election.

Mt. Wilson Director



Dr. Walter S. Adams, head of the Mt. Wilson observatory at Pasadena, will study with Prof. Albert Einstein on the latter's visit to Southern California.

Western Epic at Holly Sunday



Scene from "Song of the West," A Warner Bros. Production.

"Song of the West" an all-talking, all-singing picture, is a story of covered wagon days, from the beginning of the trek of a wagon train, accompanied by a troop of soldiers from Fort Independence, across the Sierras with their snow-capped peaks and great wilderness space to California, the land of gold, of brawling mining camps, of San Francisco, of the Golden Gate, in the days of the Vigilantes. The cast of "Song of the West" includes John Boles, Vivienne Segal, Joe E. Brown, Marie Wells, Sam Hardy, Marion Byron, Eddie Gribbon, Ed Martindel, Rudolph Cameron and an army of extras. It was adapted by Harvey Thross from "Rainbow" by Laurence Stallings.

and Oscar Hammerstein II. Ray Enright directed. "Song of the West" comes to the Holly theater tomorrow with a limited engagement of only two days, tomorrow and Monday. The show tomorrow will be continuous, starting at 1:15. The hilarious comedy, "Half Shot at Sunrise," closes at the Holly with the last performance tonight. This comedy sensation features the two nut comedians, Wheeler and Woolsey. Also on the program tonight for the last time the Holly is showing the Strange As It Seems short subject, with views of Crater Lake in natural colors, a news reel with Graham McNamee announcing, and a comedy.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHT
ENTRANTS SHOULD
REGISTER DISPLAY**

Entries for the Garden club's Christmas lighting contest should be made at once, according to Mrs. L. A. Metzger, president of the local organization. They may be shown to Mrs. Metzger or the Chamber of Commerce, any time until December 24. Entrants should state in what class their display is to compete, as there will be prizes offered in the following divisions: (a) Best general residence lighting display. (b) Best decorated residence entrance or window. (c) Best decorated outdoor tree. Prize winners in former local contests will be barred from competing in the same class this year, but may enter displays in a different division if they so desire. Some very attractive prizes are offered by enterprising business houses, and may be soon on display in the Chamber of Commerce window. Special booklets of lighting suggestions and full information concerning the contest may also be secured there. A number of holiday displays are already in place and have attracted much favorable comment by those who have seen them. It is expected that scores of attractive lighting exhibits will be installed in every part of the city before Christmas eve.

Press Comment

Home Work. Medford's \$265,000 bond issue for new school buildings in connection with courthouse plans in Jackson county passed Tuesday by a vote of 294 yeas to 128 noes for the bonds and 159 yeas to 98 noes for the building plans. Construction of the two new buildings will start in January. The quality of civic interest evidenced of late in grants Pass when public work projects are undertaken indicates that this city requires no object lesson from her neighboring communities, but just the same it won't hurt a bit to notice what Medford will do about keeping the work at home, says Superintendent E. H. Hedrick speaking for the Jackson county school board. "In the two new buildings we expect to use only local labor, and insofar as possible only local materials. By local labor we mean labor that is actually living here on December 15 and not attracted here by the chance of employment. To my mind we have more than enough labor locally to do all the work, and we want no 'boarding house' or outside labor to come in. "It is also the school board's plan to allow local bidders and contractors a margin of 10 per cent in the letting of bids and contracts. A local contractor is one who was doing business in his line here prior to December 15 and not one attracted here by the chance of securing some business. An excellent policy, frequently advised, although seldom announced in the neighboring city, and one which now is wholeheartedly followed as well in Grants Pass—Grants Pass Courier.

Astoria.—Gymnasium completed at consolidated school No. 2 at Youngs River.

Freemont, Cal., Japanese have presented the city with 50 to 100 Japanese cherry trees. One of the principal streets in Huehars, the capital of Humantla, is to be named for Lord Thompson, military attaché in Rumania 1915-16, who perished in the R 101 disaster.

**NEW GOLF PILL
SATISFACTORY
PASADENA OPEN**

**Craig Wood Tours Course in
69 to Head Field—Five
Pro Stars Close On Heels
of Leader.**

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Craig Wood, the only one of 212 starters in Pasadena's \$4000 open to thoroughly master golf-dom's new ball and the Brooksie par 71 course in the first round, was two up on the surviving field today as it swung into the second 18 holes. This broad-shouldered Bloomfield, N. J., pro banged the lighter but larger pellet yesterday for a 69, the only sub-par score of the day. Five of his professional contenders were camping closely on his trail, however, with cards of 71, as they looked to the second round.

Gets Long Drives. Wood said he was thoroughly satisfied with the new ball. He should have been, for his drives carried well. So good in fact that his score yesterday included an eagle on the 43-yard par 5 sixth and three birdies. Kirkwood was another to put his O. K. on the ball, although he was in difficulties on the out nine which he turned in 29, three over par. The former Australian's game picked up smartly on the home nine, however, and he grabbed three birdies and a half dozen pars for a 32.

Joe Kirkwood, Philadelphia, a trick shot expert; Ken Richter, St. Louis, probably the greatest putter in the game; Tommy Armour, Detroit, national P. G. A. champion; Al Espinosa, veteran links campaigner from Chicago, and Fred Walker, also of Chicago, composed the quintet tied for second place.

**CHINA PHEASANT
CHANGE OPPOSED**

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—A proposal of the state game commission to change the china pheasant hunting season from a 15-day to a 30-day period, but allow hunting on only two days of the week, was objected to by the Marion County Game Protective association last night. It was believed this would concentrate hunting on Sundays, which is objected to by farmers who claim it would necessitate their remaining at home on that day to protect their property. Russell Smith of Salem was elected president of the Marion county club.

**THISTLETHWAITE
TO STAY ON JOB**

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Glenn Thistlethwaite will coach the University of Wisconsin football team next fall unless the board of regents does something unexpected.

Thistlethwaite has been under fire since the 1929 season because his teams failed to produce championship honors. It was reported he was to be replaced. The athletic council at a special meeting yesterday, however, failed to recommend Thistlethwaite's dismissal, indicating it was satisfied if the board of regents was.

**FATE OF MAJOR IN
HANDS OF JURORS**

KANSAS CITY, Kansas, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The case of Major Charles A. Shepard, charged with the poison murder of his wife, was given to the jury in federal court at 2:58 p.m. today.

**JACKSONVILLE VETS
BACK TURKEY SHOOT**

An all-day turkey shoot tomorrow on the Vixen Beach place near Jacksonville by the Jacksonville American Legion club is expected to attract quite a number of Medford shooters. A plentiful supply of fine birds is assured and competition will be directed to give all participants an equal chance. Rifles will be classified, and the best of the shooters will be given the honor of shooting the first shot. The end of the beach property has been improved and the trip can be made within a few minutes from Medford. There will be a free lunch at noon and shooting, which includes clay pigeons, will begin at 9 o'clock in the morning.

**WILLAMETTE DEFEATS
MULTNOMAH CAGEMEN**

SALEM, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Willamette university made its basketball debut here last night by defeating the Multnomah club by a score of 34 to 22 in a rough and loose game. Adams, Willamette, chalked up 14 points for high scoring honors.

Right Off the Ice



With Rod and Gun
By Ernest Rostel and Dick Green



Subject of the warmest debate ever seen in a session of the American game conference, the plan to establish game as a secondary farm crop by paying the landowner for his active interest in wild life raising, adopted as part of a national policy by the seventeenth annual meeting, is declared by conservationists to be the most important and wide-sweeping step ever taken in the history of wild life restoration.

When put into effect by national, state and local agencies, it will constitute the first practical incentive so far offered farmers generally to make every country side an ideal habitat for useful birds and animals, which have been rapidly disappearing from private lands because of the owners' lack of interest and the despoiling of favorable wild life abetting and food. The result of this program will be not only far-reaching preservation of game alone, but of all useful species, the conservationists said.

Opposition to the policy, centered entirely on this plan and overruled by a heavy vote in its favor, concurred in the need of a radical change in conservation efforts, but voiced fears that bringing farmers into competition as game husbandmen might disrupt systems already established and declared to be working well in certain states.

Aldo Leopold, chairman of the committee which worked for two years in preparing the policy, held that even if the system still prevalent in most states were effective in producing a game crop, it is increasingly ineffective in maintaining free public hunting on farms, because as hunters increase, trespass becomes a nuisance, and poaching follows. This has been the inevitable result on farm lands, the greatest areas open for hunting.

The plan was upheld by Seth E. Gordon, conservation director of the Izaak Walton League, Senator Harry H. Hawes of Missouri, and other leading conservationists of the country. It was also backed by actual experiments carried on in Michigan and Texas, which were said to have inspired the immediate interest of landowners and an increase in game stock.

"Keep your feet on the ground," may be good advice for young men, but it is fatal to young ruffed grouse raised in captivity, a professor of Cornell university has discovered, after 10 years of research into the problem of how to save that vanishing New England game bird from extinction.

Heretofore, no way had been found to prevent the grouse from dying young when hatched in pens, because of their susceptibility to diseases to which poultry has developed immunity. But Prof. A. A. Allen of the Cornell laboratory of ornithology, reported that ruffed grouse can be raised if they

Fights Last Night

(By the Associated Press) DETROIT—Jackie Fields, Los Angeles, knocked out Bucky Lawless, Syracuse, N. Y., (5); John Datto, Cleveland, knocked out Johnny Posky, Windsor, Ont., (1).

CHICAGO—Charlie Retzlaff, of Duluth, Minn., knocked out Antonio Mata, Spain, (1); Gary Letch Gary, Ind., stopped Ted Ross, Chicago, (5).

TORONTO—Midget Wolanet of Philadelphia, outpointed W. H. H. Davies, Charleroi, Pa., (10).

ERIE, Pa.—Tommy Paul, Buffalo, N. Y., outpointed Midget Mike O'Dowd, Columbus, O., (10).

ATLANTA—George Godfrey Lelperville, Pa., and Bearcat Wright, Omaha, Neb., drew (10).

SAN FRANCISCO—Earl Mastino, Chicago, stopped Leo Domingo, Mexico City, (4); Andy Divodi, Brooklyn, stopped Doc Mannison, Vallejo, Cal., (2); Speedy Dado, Manila, knocked out Kid Martinez, Los Angeles, (2); George Courtney, Tulsa, Okla., outpointed Young Johnny Burns, Oakland (4); Chick Devlin, San Francisco, outpointed Cowboy Brooks, San Antonio, Tex., (4); Louis O'Neil, San Francisco, knocked out Bobby Ray, Pittsburg, Pa., (1).

**GRANTS PASS DEFEATS
CRESCENT CITY QUINT**

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Grants Pass high school defeated Crescent City, 24 to 18 here last night in the first conference basketball game of the season.

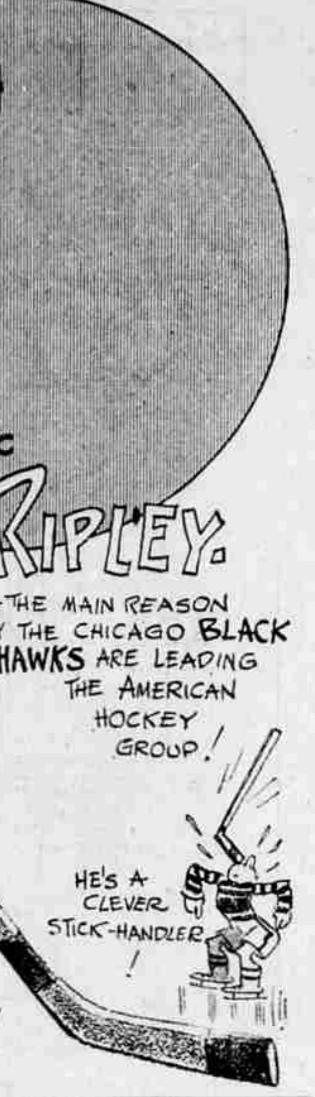
**SO. METHODIST QUINT
TO PLAY CENTRAL PT.**

CENTRAL POINT, Ore., Dec. 20.—(Special)—The South Methodist basketball team will play the Central Point boys basketball team at the high school gymnasium on Saturday evening, December 20.

**HOOVERS WILL ATTEND
CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The president and Mrs. Hoover will attend the special Christmas service tomorrow morning at the Washington Episcopal cathedral.

**Next Notre Dame
Team Has Names
to Twist Tongue**



**SPORT
SLANTS**
By ALAN GOULD
ASSOCIATED PRESS SPORTS EDITOR

The University of Texas may have been thinking a little about its 1931 trip to Cambridge in going about the business of winning the southwest conference championship this fall.

The Longhorns invade the "Old East" for the first time to play Harvard next October 24, and it will be highly appropriate for them to bear the title-holding banner into this inter-sectional fray.

Clyde Littlefield's team was a sensation of the southwest this year. While Southern Methodist went gunning for inter-sectional honors and collected them by trimming Navy and Indiana, besides extending Notre Dame, Texas attempted to its conference knitting and likewise turned in a very tidy job, showing that the powers of concentration can accomplish.

The Longhorns broke Texas Christian's winning streak and handed a prime pasting to Southern Methodist, something that Notre Dame was unable to do.

The Harvard-Texas encounter will mark another long stride toward focusing more national attention upon the athletic skill developed in the Lone Star state. The two institutions already have a strong academic bond inasmuch as the president of Texas, Harvey G. Benedict, the athletic head, Dr. H. J. Eitenberger, and some twosome members of the Longhorn faculty hold Harvard degrees.

Aside from the substitution of Texas for Michigan as the inter-sectional rival of note for next year Harvard's 1931 football slate is featured by the Crimson's visit to West Point for the annual game with Army's gridiron forces. Not since the playing days of Charley Daly has Harvard invaded the Citadel by the Hudson, nor has Army, for that matter, met any of its principal eastern rivals at home since football became big business for the military academy.

It is a tribute to the sporting spirit of more ancient days to note that the Army-Harvard agreement calls for one game in every four to be played at West Point, instead of at Harvard Stadium, where 35,000 more spectators can be accommodated at \$4 per spectator. Michie Stadium, named in honor of the "father" of West Point football, is a neat, artistic and commodious affair, as stadia go, but it is not calculated to handle crowds of "major league" proportions.

**SCHAFF GETS NOD
WHILE BAER WINS
ACCLAIM OF FANS**

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Max Baer, young San Francisco heavyweight, has made an auspicious New York debut in defeat. He dropped a 10-round decision to blonde Ernie Schaaf of Boston in Madison Square Garden last night but most of the public acclaim went to the loser when the hard-fought battle was over. For four rounds Baer waded into his more experienced rival, swinging damaging rights and lefts that had the Boston lad a bit worried. But Schaaf took everything the coast slugger sent his way, wavered at times it is true, but always was ready and willing to come back for more. Then Baer tired. His punches lost some of the sting that had given him 24 knockout victories in 27 professional engagements, and Schaaf, stabbing away with a straight, jolting left hand and hammering away with heavy rights, assumed command of the struggle over the last six rounds.

Meteorological Report

December 20, 1930.
Forecast:
Medford and vicinity: Tonight and Sunday unsettled; probably with rain. Normal temperature. Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Sunday; probably rain west portion and local snows in mountains. Normal temperature.

Local Data table with columns for P.M., A.M., Today, and Yesterday.

Temperature (degs) 36 35
Highest (last 24 hrs) 36 36
Lowest (last 24 hrs) 33 35
Rel. Humidity (pc) 89 84
Precipitation (in) .00 T .00
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Lowest temperature this morning, 32 degrees.
Total precipitation since September 1, 1930, 5.05 inches.

Temperature a year ago today:
Highest, 42; lowest, 35.
Sunset today, 4:42 p.m.
Sunrise Sunday, 7:36 p.m.
Sunset Sunday, 4:43 p.m.

Observations Taken at 5 A. M., 120th Meridian Time

Table with columns for City, High Temp., Low Temp., and Weather.

W. J. Hutchinson, Meteorologist.
Philanthropist Dies.
MORRISTOWN, N. J., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Grinnell Willis, 83, retired New York woolen manufacturer and donor of the Morristown tree public library, died today. Survivors include Professor B. H. Willis of the University of California, a brother.

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