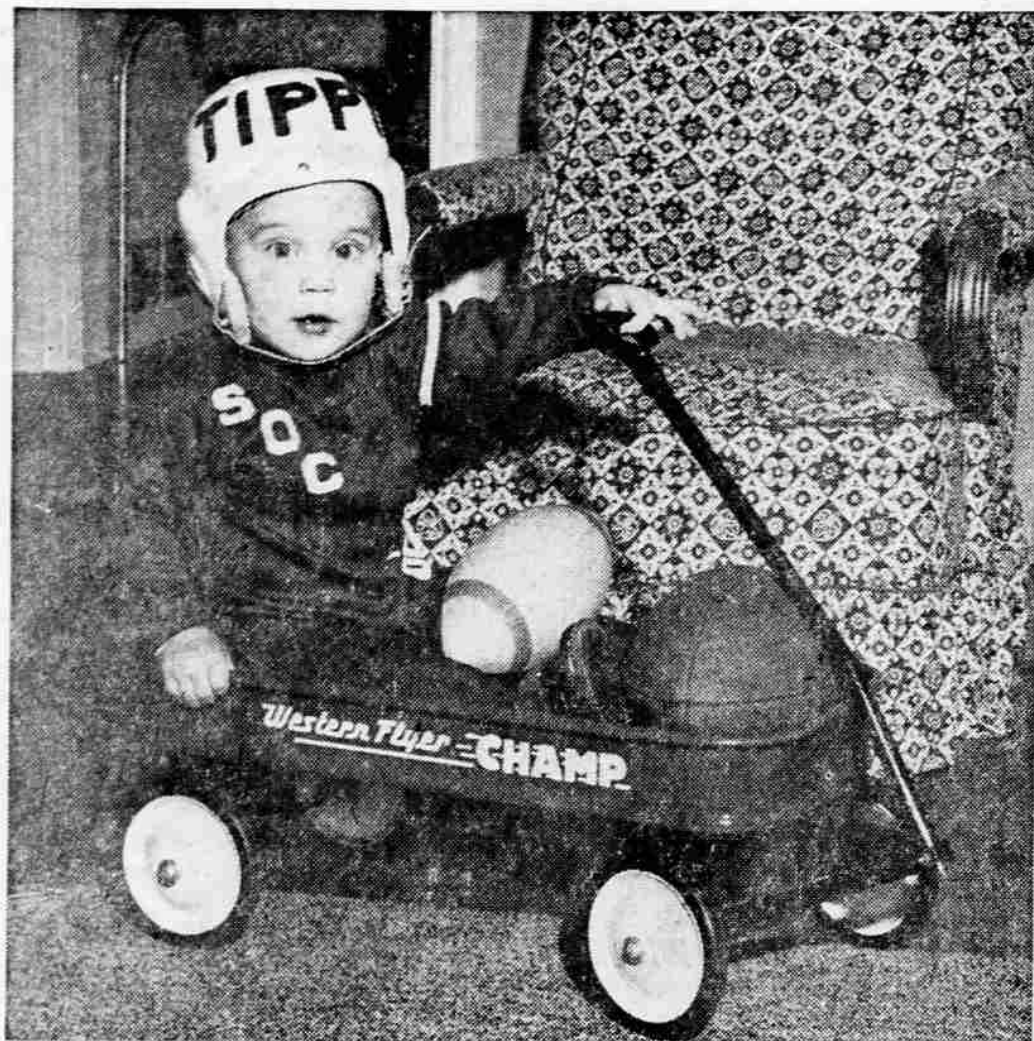


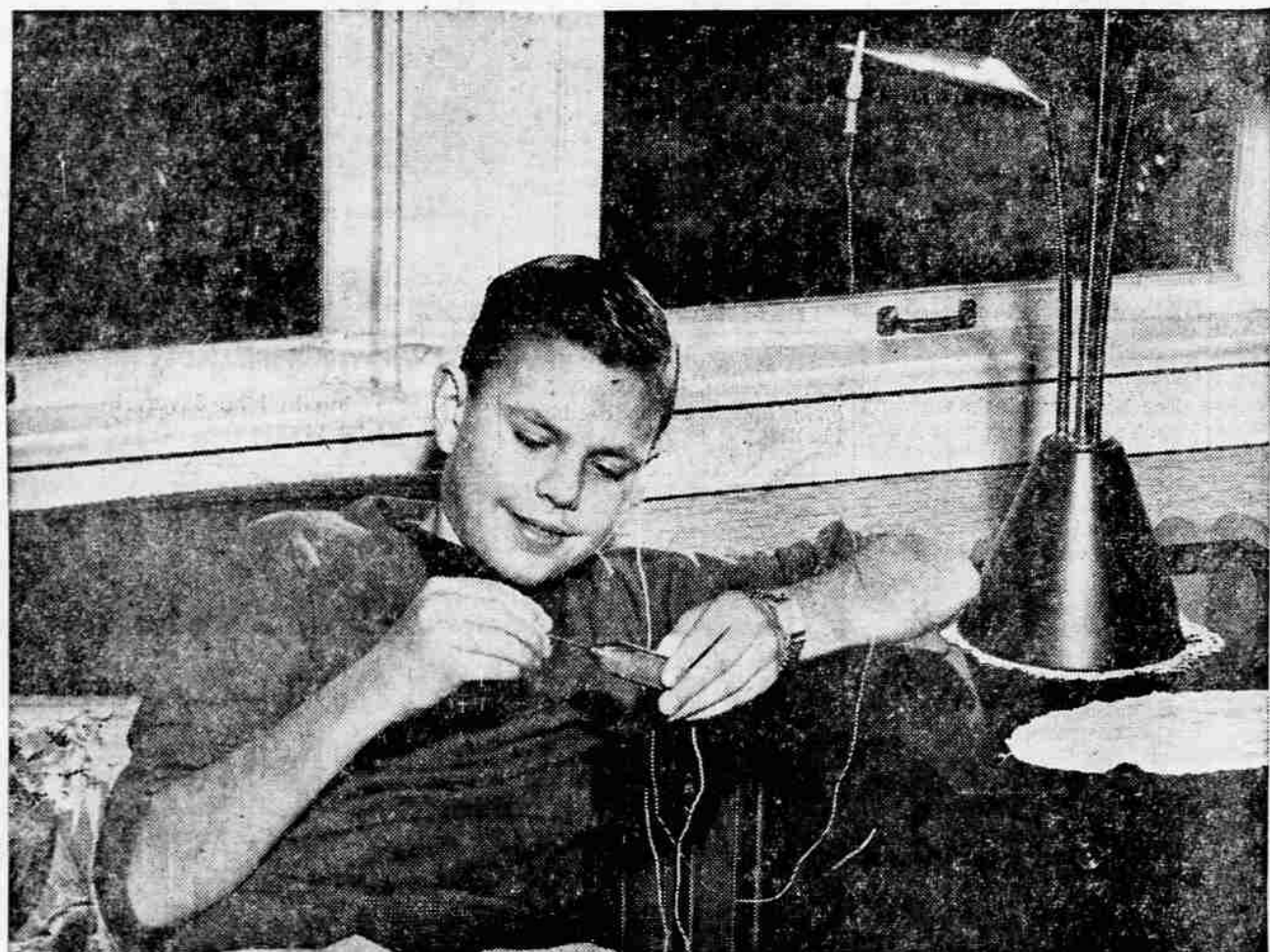
Toy Testers



Last week the small fry were all doing the same thing—playing with the toys Santa Claus brought them. Little Tommy Quinowski, whose father, Tom, captained the Southern Oregon college football team in 1956, found a helmet marked with his nickname, a bright red jersey and red wagon under the tree. Tippy's father coaches at Talent Junior High school; his mother is the former Kathy O'Keefe of Merrill, Ore.



Mike Sorensen, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Sorensen, poses here wearing his new cowboy boots and gun belt and is showing the photographer how his six-shooter works. Like almost every other small boy who lives in the west, Mike loves to play cowboy and was mighty pleased with his presents. His father is a printer for the Mail-Tribune and the family home is at 1300 Winchester avenue. Mike attends Washington school.



When radio was in its beginnings, young people built and used crystal sets. The present generation uses a midget transistor set, such as Michael Miller demonstrates here. One wire is hooked to a metal lamp or radiator, the ear-piece inserted in one ear and the set adjusted—presto, music or news from one of the three local stations. Michael, a son of Dr. and Mrs. William Miller, 1307 Queen Anne avenue, is in the seventh grade at Hedrick Junior High school.



Every little girl loves dolls, and five-year-old Jill Sorensen, Mike's younger sister, received a blond beauty for Christmas. Dolly came equipped with a stroller for daily airings, and roller skates on her little white shoes. One of Jill's pals, a pussy cat belonging to a neighbor family, joined the scene uninvited but turned out to be photogenic too.



Gregory Miller, second son of the William Millers, also received a cowboy outfit for Christmas and here shows sister Valerie, 5, how quick he is on the draw. Gregory is in the third grade at Roosevelt school. Twins, Pamela and Deborah, 2 years old last week, complete the family.



Sputnik helmets, complete with antennae which wiggle and a gadget which gives off "beeps," were popular with shoppers this season and are now being worn by dozens of Medford youngsters. Katherine Hiatt, youngest daughter of the R. D. Hiatts, 1016 East Jackson boulevard, models one of the helmets while she puzzles over what section goes next on the construction set. Katherine attends Roosevelt school; her father is a Medford architect.