

**Basketball Plays Off
May Be Posponed**

University of Oregon, Eugene, January 23 (SPECIAL)—The play-off series for the Pacific coast conference basketball championship, scheduled for March 3, 4 and 5, may have to be changed to March 10, 11 and 12, if either Stanford or California win the southern title, Jack W. Benefiel, graduate manager, and secretary of the Pacific coast graduate managers' association, said today since Stanford and California play each other March 5.

Should Southern California win the play-off series, which will be held in the north this year, will open March 5 because the Trojans end their season late in February. If Oregon should win the northern title again, then it would meet one of the California teams in the new \$200,000 McArthur pavilion, which has a present seating capacity of 6000. It is large enough to accommodate 2500 more on the main floor and the additional seats may be installed within a few hours.

**FOREST FIRE
REPORT ISSUED**

Over half a million dollars worth of tangible resources were destroyed by forest fires in or near the twenty two national forests of Oregon and Washington during 1926, according to the annual fire statistical report just issued by the U. S. Forest Service, Portland, Oregon.

The report covers 1410 fires handled by the forest service, which burned over 241,432 acres of federal and private land within and adjacent to national forest boundaries, causing an estimated damage of \$638,351. These figures apply only to national forests and do not include data for the two states as a whole.

The damage figures include merchantable timber and protection forest destroyed \$430,456; potential forests of valuable young tree growth \$130,781; forage, consisting of the grazing grounds of sheep and cattle, \$1,691; improvements and miscellaneous, \$3,395. It is pointed out that these damage figures are conservative since they do not include such real economic losses as soil damage, wild life, water conservation and recreational values, on which figures are not available.

Of the area burned, 93,032 acres were mature or merchantable forest; 82,718 acres were chiefly valuable for the protection of stream-flow; 57,165 acres were potential forest land; and 8,517 acres were other types of land. Merchantable timber burned amounted to 157,672,000 board feet. Due to inaccessibility and other factors, practically none of this timber is salvable.

National forest land burned over amounted to 145,937 acres. The remainder of the burned area is privately-owned land, of which 11,578 acres is inside national forest boundaries, and 83,917 acres is outside and adjacent to national forest boundaries.

Cost of fighting these 1490 national forest fires amounted to \$500,070. Over half of all the fires, or 815, were held under one quarter acre each; 457 were one-quarter acre but not over 10 acres each, and 218 exceeded 10 acres each, and did most of the damage.

Analyzing the causes of these forest fires in the two states, it is found that 690 were started by lightning, while 800 were man-caused. The lightning hazard is said to have been abnormally high in the national forest regions of the Northwest in 1926.

Smokers head the list of man-caused fires, having started 281 of them; while campers are close second with 236. Other causes are: incendiary, 88; railroads, 83; brush burning, 31; lumbering, 22; miscellaneous, 59.

For SALE or TRADE

I have a 40 acre ranch that I will sell, or trade for town property. Thirty acres under cultivation and 10 acres in timber. Good house and nicely fixed inside.

It is the former Mellinger ranch if you know where it is call and see it. It is 1 1/2 miles from town on stony point road below city reservoir. If you don't know where it is, inquire at the Eagle office for Ratcliffe and I will be glad to show you where it is.

The kitchen is, above all else, a place to prepare and serve food. Limit it to this use if possible, and arrange for laundering, and such work to be done in another place.

If you have no use for an article and someone else would, advertise it in the classified column.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon For the County of Columbia

Alma Urie, (Plaintiff),

SUMMONS.

Charles H. Urie, Defendant.

To Charles H. Urie: In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 12th day of March, 1927, and if you fail to answer or otherwise appear, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint, to-wit: for the dissolution of the bonds of matrimony between plaintiff and defendant, and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and meet.

Service of this summons is made upon you by publication thereof in pursuance of an order of the Honorable J. A. Eakin, Judge of the above entitled Court, made, dated and entered on the 25th day of January, 1927, ordering such publication in the Vernonia Eagle once each week for six successive weeks, the first publication thereof being on the 27th day of January, 1927, and the last publication on the 10th day of March, 1927.

J. Mason Dillard, Attorney for plaintiff.—Postoffice address 404 Failing Bldg., Portland, Oregon. J27M10

Classified Advertisement

LOST—3 x6 truck tire and rim on Vernonia road between Pittsburg and Houlton. Reward, Leave at J. W. Allen's office, St. Helens or phone 177. 252

PIANO MUST BE SOLD—Will sacrifice fine piano in storage near here for immediate sale. Will give easy terms to an established home. For full particulars and where it may be seen, address Portland Music Co., 227-6th St. Portland, Oregon. 254

NASH CAR FOR SALE.—Inquire Frank Keith, Riverview grocery. tf.

HOUSE FOR RENT—\$25; wood-working shop \$15. Apply J. M. Clark. 232*

FOR SALE—King Eight Sedan, in good condition, will take some trade or will exchange for city or country property. What have you? Box 405, Vernonia. 233*

FOR SALE—Electric sewing machine, almost new. Terms or cash. See Gordon Furniture company. 232*

FOR SALE—1923 Ford, in A-1 shape, ready to drive off. Inquire at Hotel Vista. 241f

60-GALLON oil barrels, suitable for garbage or rubbish cans for sale at Gilby Motor Co., \$1 each. 244

2 ACRES on river road, 3 miles north of Vernonia, 2 room house, spring water; \$300. A. L. Parker. 243*

LOST—Black and tan hound with some white on chest. Finder please notify Geo. Boerner, Vernonia; box 827; tel. 7F25. 242*

TAKEN UP—About January 1; 1 Hereford heifer, white face and a white line over shoulder; one white ring around each hind leg and white spot on left front leg; white spot on the end of tail. Owner may have animal by paying costs of advertising and board. W. M. Brown. 242*

SMALL HOUSE—furnished, with water and lights, \$18.50. Inquire at Skaggs store.

**Celebrate Third
Wedding Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stevenson were pleasantly surprised Sunday afternoon when a few neighbors and friends gathered at their home to help them celebrate their third wedding anniversary. Games and cards were played and prizes were given to the winners as follows: Mrs. Urie, Mary Urie, Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Morgan. Lunch was served about 6 o'clock, after which they danced for an hour.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Warren Stevenson and baby, Mr. and Mrs. James Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lange and daughter Margie, Mr. and Mrs. John Imbeck and daughters Helen and Edith, Mrs. May Roberts, Mrs. Elma Urie and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Scott and daughter Irene, Mrs. Bell and boys Roy, Charlie and Chester, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stevenson. A pleasant time was had by all and a leather key container was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson as they were wished many more happy anniversaries.

Art Exhibit at Grade School. An art exhibit of fine art prints will be held in the Washington school some time next month. The exhibit is being loaned the school free of charge for the benefit of

the school's picture fund and it is planned to obtain a number of pictures for the different rooms. The exhibit embraces in a large measure all the recognized art treasures of the world and they possess a charm that appeals to all. Nothing adds more to the improvement of a school room or a home than good pictures, their influence is refining, uplifting and lasting.

NATAL

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Peterson spent a few days in Portland last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap were Clatskanie visitors last Sunday week.

Mr. and Mrs. Holding and family and Miss Schooley spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. G. Devine.

A house party was held at the Jim McMullen home Saturday night. Those who attended from this district were: Mr. and Mrs. David McMullen and children, John McMullen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Her and their son Wilson, who is visiting his parents; Mrs. Allmon and daughter Inez, Wm. Pringle and Mr. Holding. Dancing and refreshments were enjoyed by all who attended. The party broke up at 10 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Holding and Mr. Osburn attended the funeral of Ados Devine Sunday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Devine returned from Yoncalla Friday of last week.

Mr. Lincoln of Portland spent Saturday night and Sunday with L. A. Peterson.

The Saturday evening grange meeting was postponed on account of the cold weather.

A big production with its locale in the fascinating air of the lumber camps in the north woods is coming to the Majestic theatre, Thursday and Friday. The picture is "The Ice Flood," a Universal-Jewel production directed by George B. Seitz. Kenneth Harlan and Viola Dana play the featured roles.

Dr. R. I. Hall of Hubbard was a Vernonia visitor yesterday.

**Christmas Tree Fund
Shows Credit Balance**

RECEIPTS:

Cash donations from the following:	
Parent teachers association	\$10.00
Womans christian temperance union	5.00
Evangelical missionary society	10.00
Womans benefit association	10.00
Willing workers	5.00
Rebecca lodge	10.00
Eastern Star lodge	10.00
Pythian Sisters	10.00
Women of the Klan	10.00
Study club	15.00
Masonic Lodge	10.00
American Legion	10.00
Ladies Auxillary	5.00
J. Greenman	10.00
Miss L. M. Keehn	5.00
Bank of Vernonia	10.00
Miller Mercantile Co.	10.00
Skaggs United Stores	10.00
M. Murray	10.00
Reithner's	10.00
Vernonia Variety Store	5.00
Mac's Pharmacy	5.00
Mellinger Hardware	2.50
A. L. Kullander	3.50
Dr. Cole	2.50
Mr. and Mrs. Wahlater	2.50
Nehalem Meat Market	2.50
Wm. Folger	3.50
Dr. Laraway	2.00
Vernonia Bakery	2.50
J. H. Bush	4.00
Emmott & Culver	1.00
J. Corey	5.00
Dr. Hurley	5.00
Gordon Furniture	1.50
Dr. Hughes	2.00
Holtham's Furnishings	1.00
Central Grocery	2.00
Total	\$283.00
1 case surplus oranges sold	5.25
Total Receipts	\$243.25

EXPENDITURES:

510 pounds candy	\$99.87
6 cases oranges	31.50
250 pound nuts	52.50
50 electric bulbs	11.63
Mosquito bar, thread, twine and needles	6.99
Rental of Santa Claus outfit	5.50
Hauling of tree to and from lot	9.50
Total Expenditures	\$217.49
Balance of cash on hand in bank	\$25.76
Balance of 30 pounds paid candy and 150 sacks of candy and nuts on hand to be disposed of.	

We wish to extend thanks to all those who donated their moneys time and labor—to the parties who provided the lot and the building—and to all who wished to make this community affair a success. Signed; Committee.

Thomas G. Devine of Yoncalla, who was called here by the death of his son Ados, was robbed of \$250, according to his report to Marshal Flippin of Clatskanie on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Devine was sleeping at the home of his son John Devine and had the money in an inside vest pocket lying on the stand near the bed.

Sometimes during the night the window was opened and the money was taken. A stranger was seen near the place that afternoon and asked permission to stay in the barn of J. R. Holmes for the night and he was refused. He is suspected of the robbery. He is described as young, smooth and a good sized man.

No trace of him has been found. Clatskanie Chief report.

Funeral services were held Sunday January 10 in the Methodist church of Clatskanie for Ados Thurman Devine who died January 12 at the home of his cousin Lester Holmes, as a result of pneumonia.

Interment was in Hudson Cemetery, Mr. Devine was born in Clatskanie January 19, 1890 and had lived in Clatskanie and Yoncalla all of his life. He is survived by his father Thomas G. Devine of Yoncalla and four brothers; Manor, of Roseburg, Raymond of California, Grover of Mist, and John

Devine of Clatskanie.—Taken from Clatskanie Chief Report.

F. Mc Clary, "Hoot" Williams and E. Elliot were arrested Saturday night charged with drunkenness, all plead guilty and were fined \$35, \$40 and \$25 respectively. Williams also received 5 days in jail in addition to fine.

**Snow and Cold Weather
Slow Work at Fir Camps**

Portland, Jan. 24.—(SPECIAL.) Heavy snow fall in several districts and cold weather in others have seriously interfered with fir logging operations along the west coast, the 4L office here today reported. The case is almost exactly the opposite in the inland empirt districts, the 4L said, for in that territory sleigh logging operations are very active and have been aided by the cold weathtr.

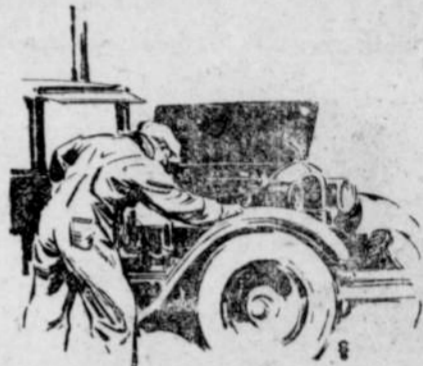
Many fir sawmills up and down the coast are still operating under a slow bell, while night shifts

that were taken off at Christmas time have in many cases not been put back to work. Pine sawmill operation is at the low point of the year, and a revival thtre is not due until spring weather arrives.

Most of the employment offered last week was for now shovelers, cordwood cutters and a few replacement jobs at logging camps. There are still many unemployed in all of the larger cities, but the numbers are no greater than they have been since late last year.

To make a soup more interesting or festive, as well as to improve its flavor, add to each plate at the last minute, a little minced parsley or a half slice of lemon, or both, if it is a meat soup. A spoonful of unsweetened whipped cream is good on many kinds of soup. Toasted squares of buttered bread (croutons), farina balls, and other garnishes often seen in restaurants are easily made at home.

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Ready For Spring**



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