

## Denial of Rapid Hells Canyon Tax Writeoff Sought

Washington—(U.P.)—The National Hells Canyon association has asked the Office of Defense Mobilization to deny a rapid tax writeoff certificate to the Idaho Power Co. for construction of two dams in the Hells Canyon reach of the Snake river.

The association said in a brief there is no assurance that Idaho Power would complete Brownlee and Oxbow dams within the five-year period under which a rapid tax writeoff certificate of necessity would apply.

**Lack of Proof Seen**  
The association said Idaho Power had submitted no proof the dams would aid national defense.

Mrs. Evelyn N. Cooper, attorney for the association, said there has been no public revelation of the estimated cost of the dams to be constructed under a revised licensing order issued by the Federal Power commission.

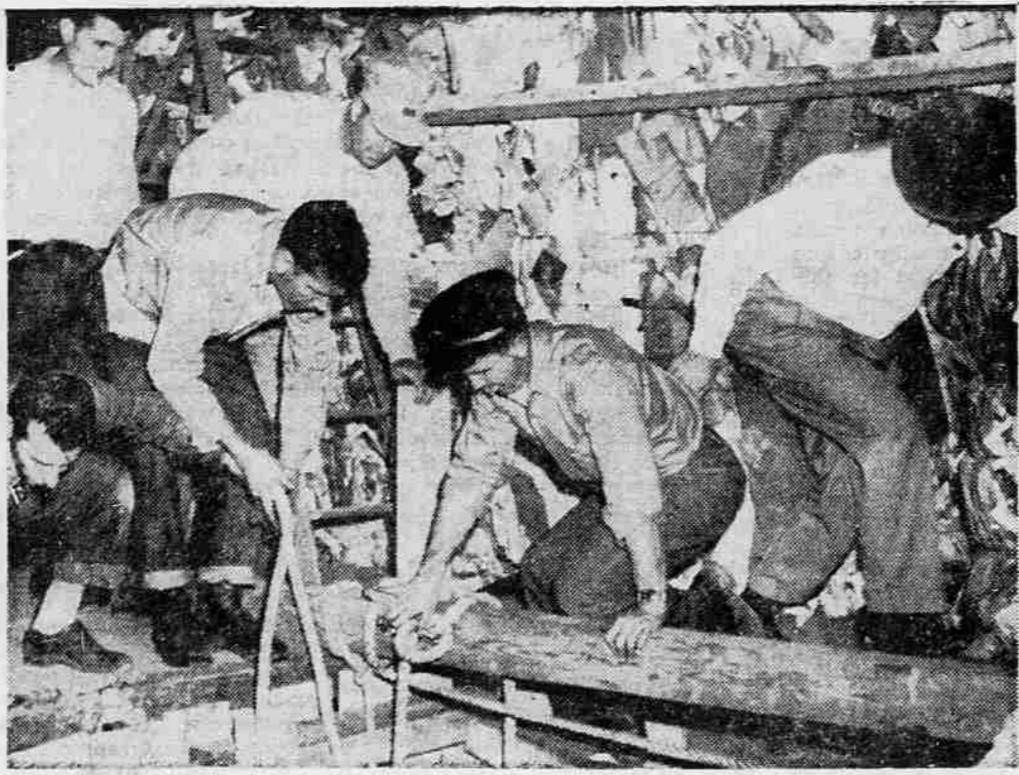
Mrs. Cooper said the FPC license to Idaho Power to build the dams was no assurance they would be completed within the necessary five-year period because the entire issue now is before the Court of Appeals and may go to the Supreme court for ultimate determination.

## Spreckles Becomes Just Plain Smith

Seattle—(U.P.)—John Dolf Spreckles III, once heir to a sugar fortune, has shed his name in Superior court here and become just plain John D. Smith, salesman.

He told Judge Lloyd Shorett he wanted to change his name because employers associated it "with the wealth the family once possessed." He said fellow workers took him for "a financier and playboy."

Smith now is employed by his brother, Adolph, who operates a custom cabinet shop here. Adolph also is a grandson of the late John D. Spreckles, the sugar king, who left a fortune to his heirs.



**LOOKING DEATH IN THE FACE**—Fireman Leo Otis Sivley, 45 (center, kneeling), is shown moments before he was killed by a cave-in at Fort Smith, Ark. Buried along with him was fireman Hoyle Sallis (second from left) as they worked to recover the body of a worker trapped by a previous cave-in. Rescuers managed to pull Sallis out alive but by the time they reached Sivley, buried under 10 feet of dirt, he was dead.

## Fishermen Saved By Coast Guard

San Diego—(U.P.)—Three Tucson, Ariz., fishermen Friday had the Coast Guard to thank for being rescued after spending four days adrift in a 22-foot cabin cruiser in the Gulf of California.

Attorney Rudolph Stone, 45, Clark Heaslett, 35, president of an electric company, and Ralph Peterson, 50, a carpenter, were picked up Thursday by one of two Coast Guard patrol planes.

The men said they had gone out on a two-day fishing trip from their camp near Puntito Pecos, Mex., Saturday. They caught fish and spent the night on an island. On their way back they encountered heavy seas with waves up to 20 feet.

The boat was unable to make progress and gasoline ran out. Then, fortunately, the weather calmed.

Stone said the party was in no danger after the seas calmed. He said there was food and water and they rationed it in event of a long stay.

## New Airplane Shape Gets Air Force Award

Washington—(U.P.)—The Air Force presented its Exceptional Service Award Friday to Richard T. Whitcomb for his development of the new "Coke bottle" or "Marilyn Monroe" shape for airplanes.

Air Force Secretary Donald A. Quarles presented the award to Whitcomb, aeronautical research scientist at the Aeronautical Laboratory at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

The design, which is being incorporated in new supersonic aircraft, permits a 25 per cent increase in speed with no increase in power.

**APPROPRIATE**  
Grand Rapids, Mich.—(U.P.)—Blodgett Memorial Hospital's new waiting room for expectant fathers has been named "Heirport."

"By the grace of God and the Coast Guard, here we are," Heaslett said.

The men spent the night in a hotel and flew to Tucson Friday.

**Permit Granted for New Bank at Milwaukie**

Milwaukie, Ore.—(U.P.)—William R. Davis, Milwaukie auto dealer, has announced that the state superintendent of banks has granted a permit for a new independent bank here.

Davis said he was one of nine signers of the charter request. The bank would be known as the Pioneer Bank of Milwaukie and would be capitalized at \$450,000, he said.

No site for the bank building has been chosen.

Salem—(U.P.)—State Treasurer Sig Ulander has accepted an appointment as chairman of the state employees U.S. payroll savings and bond drive.

## GOLD HILL Market Employees X-Rayed

By MRS. AGNES HARRISON

Gold Hill—Gail's Gold Hill market was the first food establishment outside of Medford to make arrangements for providing chest x-rays for all employees. This was done, according to the Jackson county health department, to protect the health of their customers. The x-rays were taken during a special Gold Hill clinic a few weeks ago.

Past Noble Grands club will have their Christmas party Dec. 19 at the home of Mrs. Lester Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Delos Walker and girls spent last week end at Klamath Falls, visiting with Mrs. Walker's brother, Lawrence Wills and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Waterhouse have bought the Paul Riggs place on Fifth ave.

Woman's Society of Christian Service met Friday, Dec. 9, at the home of Mrs. J. G. Kofahl with 19 members present. Dessert luncheon was served by Mrs. Millie Walker and Mrs. Roy Cameron, Mrs. Cameron acting in the place of Mrs. Harriet Elliot who was ill. Business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Lawrence Smith, president. Mrs. Frank Carter had charge of the program and Mrs. Glenn Bowen reported on the United Nations.

Sixth grade pupils of William Brewster went on a field trip Wednesday to watch the operation of the shale pit at the Ideal Cement plant. This is to help them with their study of rocks.

Vernon Caldwell has purchased three acres on the Old Stage road across from the Dardenelle service station and is in the process of building a trailer court. The land formerly belonged to Chayner Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowen and daughter Linda left Wednesday and drove to Sweet Home,

Ore., to the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Corky Lentz and from there they took Linda to the Shire hospital for her six month's check-up. While away the Bowens' two other children will stay with the McKibbin family.

Harry Smith, who has returned from Walnut Creek, Calif. for the past nine years, has quit his job and is moving with his family to Bellflower, Calif. He recently resigned as mayor of Gold Hill and Milton Steinmetz was appointed to succeed him.

Mrs. George Smith has returned from Walnut Creek, Calif. where she visited with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Nellie Smith. On her arrival in California she learned that Mrs. Smith was confined to the hospital with a broken shoulder.

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