

COUNCIL TALKS AIRPORT USE

LAKEVIEW, March 23—A special meeting of the town council was called Tuesday night for further discussion in the matter of applying for an interim permit to allow civilian use of the local airport which is still under lease to the navy department.

At this meeting an operators' agreement, between the city and Dale C. Williams and Glen Plato as operators, was drawn up in rough form. This agreement is now in the hands of the city attorney for final drafting, after which it is again to be presented to the city council for approval. The agreement will then go to Williams and Plato for their signatures.

The Lake County Aeronautic association will assist Williams and Plato in many of their duties at the airport under the agreement proposed.

It is believed that all details in connection with the agreement will be completed so that a formal request for interim operation of the airport can be made to the proper governmental agency this week.

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made by the four commercial operators to assume expense of an airport manager and to underwrite any maintenance that might be involved in the use of the airport until such time as the lease is cancelled and the city take over.

At this point, Chairman Dunn of the commission advised the city felt it should not apply for the permit until the commission had made plain to the navy just what it considered due in the way of deferred maintenance.

Dunn said the city, through City Engineer E. A. Thomas, was at the present time making a survey at the station to determine the needs of the city and that when the survey is completed, a claim would be made and at that time the commission would consider applying for designation and execution of the permit.

Those interested in the situa-

tion pointed out the immediate need of requesting from the surplus properties board, the facilities the city wants left at the airport such as hangars. In view of the fact that such a request had been held up since last October, the feeling was expressed that while the city should not rush into anything without due consideration, flying was being curtailed and the matter should be expedited as much as possible.

Mayor Ostendorf told the audience that the city had no knowledge as to how to proceed in requesting the facilities needed from the surplus properties board.

At this point, the chamber group advised that one Oregon airport had permitted flying without proper management, that two fatalities had resulted before the field mentioned was on a supervised basis and such a situation could develop here. Zeno Dent, representing the veterans administration, stated that at least 50 or 100 veterans had made application to the VA for flight instruction under the GI bill of rights. No school can be in operation for instruction until the airport is designated, it was pointed out, although such a school would be a source of revenue as far as the city is concerned. Mayor Ostendorf expressed the opinion that this would not provide sufficient revenue to operate the airport and would not be ample reason for the city to take over the responsibility of the operation.

Chamber representatives agreed on this point but expressed the opinion that this source, combined with all others once flying was opened, would offset any expenditures on the city's part.

Home From Hospital—Carolyn Ustick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ustick of 2441 Orchard way, is at home from the hospital following an appendectomy.

To Lakeview—L. J. Caillier, CMO, USN, will be in Lakeview from Monday noon to Tuesday noon on recruiting duty. Anyone interested in joining the navy may contact him at the Lakeview hotel.

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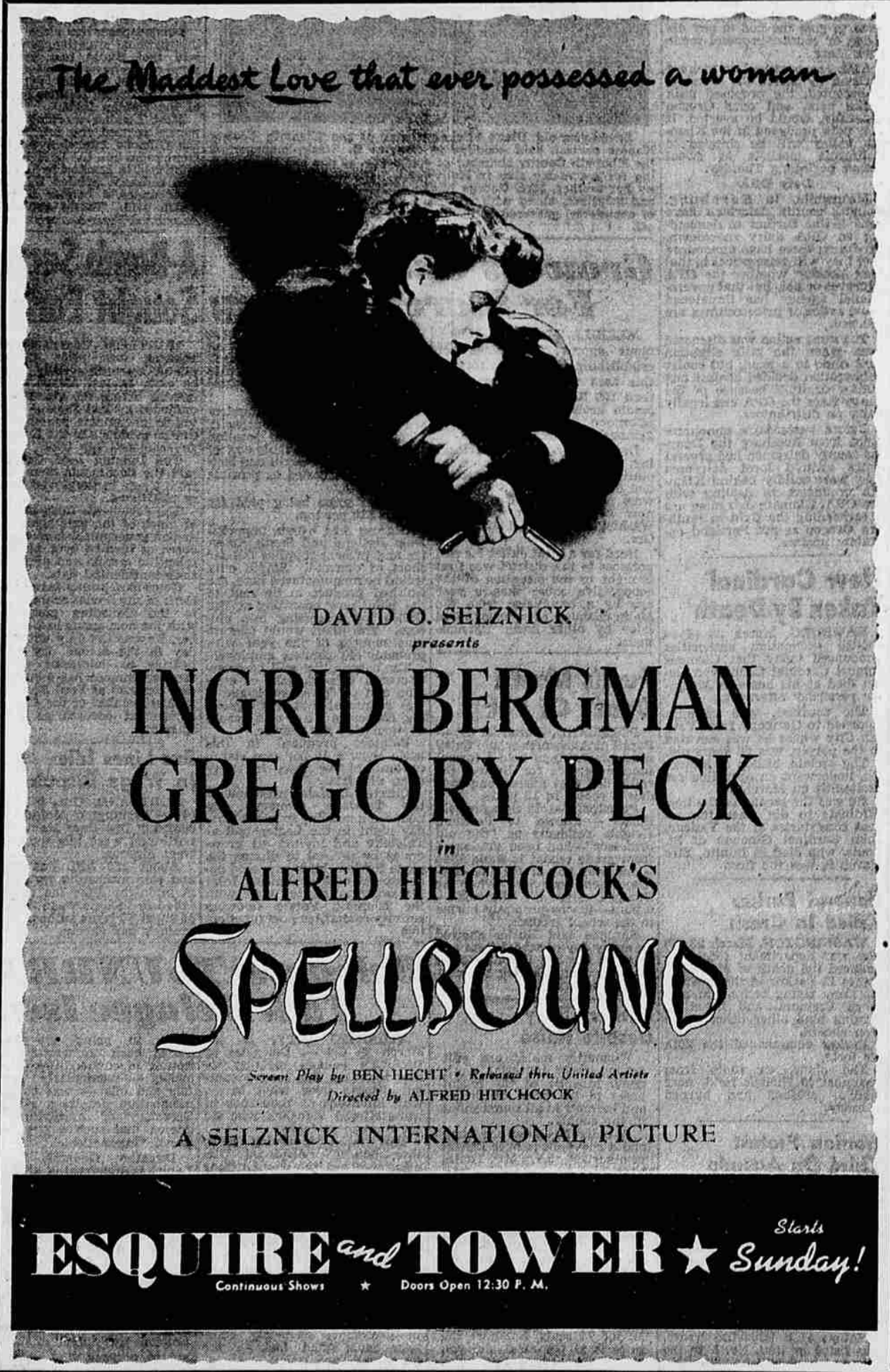
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