

# B-29 Freighter Sets New Altitude Records

MANILA, May 13 (AP)—The Pacific air command's B-29 "Challenger" carried a payload of 34,000 pounds to an altitude of 37,400 feet last week over Guam to establish two new world altitude-load records, PAC headquarters announced today.

The "Challenger's" top altitude automatically became a record, Charles Logsdon of New York, official National Aeronautic and International Aeronautic Federation observer, said. No plane before had ever hoisted such a payload to such a height.

The second record was for weight carried to 20,000 feet. The previous record was 31,162 pounds, set in an experimental B-19 (forerunner of the B-17s and the B-29s) by Brig. Gen. C. V. Haynes.

Last week the PAC record-seeking plane established a new 10,000 kilometer payload-altitude mark by carrying 22,000 pounds to more than 39,000 feet.

Col. Beverly Warren of Plainview, Tex., has piloted the Challenger on its record hops. Crew members include S/Sgt. Tom R. Hall, Vancouver, Wash.

The record flights are being made as a part of the operation conceived by Col. C. S. Irvine, assistant PAC chief of staff, to try for all altitude-weight and speed records in the B-29 class.

# Savant Doubts Atomic Wave

SEATTLE, May 13 (AP)—A University of Washington physicist said Saturday he doubted if a tidal wave would result from the Bikini atom bomb test, and hedged his opinion with this remark:

"Of course you can't hold me responsible for this prediction. If I'm wrong I won't be coming home at all."

(The professor, Joseph E. Henderson, director of the university's applied physics laboratory, will be a member of the "Operations Crossroads" expedition.)

"We all are taking out extra-hazard insurance," Henderson said, "but I expect to return from Bikini alive and I don't expect to find my waterfront home here engulfed."

Prof. Henderson said he based his doubts of a tidal wave result from the bomb test on a comparison of the comparative energies involved in the test and in the recent tidal wave.

He said he believed the bomb would cause a wave of some magnitude but that it would fall off rapidly.

NO BRASS  
WAUKEGAN, Ill., May 13 (AP) Army records list him as General Johnson but he receives only a private's pay. General Johnson, that's his name, enlisted recently for a three-year hitch, the Waukegan army recruiting station reported.

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# Theatre Will Open At New Pine Creek

LAKEVIEW, May 13—Fred Scott, formerly manager of the Club cafe in Lakeview, will open his family theatre at New Pine Creek Friday evening with the showing of "Arizona" at 7:30. The theatre is located in the East Side grange hall, and the owner plans to start out with a showing once a week and increase it to two or three times if business warrants it. He has two machines to assure a continuous show.

This will be the first time that New Pine Creek has had a regular moving picture theatre, and the only permanent show since the old silent picture days of Henry Wendt, who operated a theatre in that community.

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# Forest Fires Checked In Valley Area

MEDFORD, Ore., May 13 (AP) Two forest area fires that threatened the town of Prospect late Saturday were brought under control with little damage to timber, the state forest patrol headquarters here reported today.

Several homes were endangered in the Red Bluff district when the fires that started near Prospect jumped into the tree tops late Saturday after they were diverted from Prospect.

Foresters reported families in Prospect were prepared to evacuate, having packed their belongings, when the flames at one time threatened to engulf the town. The high school roof was set smoldering by a brush fire, but extinguished. A second blaze

# Oregonian Appointed Tariff Commissioner

WASHINGTON, May 13 (AP)—President Truman today nominated John Price Gregg of Oregon to be a member of the U. S. tariff commission.

At the same time he nominated Paul A. Walker of Oklahoma for reappointment as a member of the federal communications commission and Charles I. Lafferty of Atlantic City, N. J., for reappointment as comptroller of customs.

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# Flashes Of Life

**TIME TEMPEST**  
FAIRFIELD, Ill., May 13 (AP) Citizens can find the score of the latest battle between city and county authorities on the courthouse clock.

The clock was advanced an hour when the Fairfield city council put the county seat on daylight savings time. But the hands were moved back when Wayne county commissioners decided county offices would observe standard time.

**NOTHING NEW**  
PORTLAND, Ore., May 13 (AP) Two policemen found missing three-year-old Penny Morehouse on a bridge.

She didn't want to go home

# Lakeview To Mend City Sidewalks

LAKEVIEW, May 13—At Tuesday night's meeting of the town council it was decided to make repairs of all damaged sidewalks in the city, and City Engineer Walt Sandquist was instructed to make a survey of the extent of damage and best methods of making the repairs.

This work will be done through the general maintenance fund with no additional cost to the property owners.

The council also decided to go ahead with seal-coating of the pavement in the business district and the state highway department will be contacted to do the work this summer.

Among other matters discussed was the budget for the next fiscal year, which will be continued at special meetings.

# Lakeview Schedules Memorial Day Rites

LAKEVIEW, May 13—Memorial Day will be observed in Lakeview again this year, with a morning program under the auspices of Post No. 53 of the American Legion.

Speaker of the day will be Fritz Nissen, state adjutant of the American Legion, who will come from Medford. The remainder of the program is being worked out by a Legion committee appointed by Commander Virgil Striplin.

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