

# Toketee Job Airport Site Gets Okay

Permit for construction of an airplane landing strip near Toketee Falls has been granted the California Oregon Power company, it was announced by M. M. Nelson, supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest.

During construction of Copco's project at Toketee Falls on the north Umpqua, airplane service is scheduled to facilitate work.

The strip will be located on what is known as the Fish Creek desert, adjacent to the site of the power project. The work will be done cooperatively by the utility, the forest service and the Briggs Logging company.

The strip will be 3000 feet long and 200 feet wide.

Airplane service into the isolated region, now accessible on this side through the Diamond lake district which gives a recently completed road by Copco, will prevent repetition of difficulties in transporting men, equipment and supplies, occasioned in the past by precarious highway travel during the winter months.

On completion of the Toketee Falls project, it is expected the landing field will be made available to the public.

To aid air travel over the Umpqua forest, plans are being made to install directional and navigational markers on a number of lookout stations, Supervisor Nelson said.

He has been told by CAA, he reports, that the area between the Williams highway to the north of the Umpqua forest, and the Medford-Crater lake highway on the south, is the worst "blind spot" along the Pacific coast.

# Fremont 7th Graders Give To Cancer Fund



Tom Patty, 20-30 club chairman of the Cancer Fund drive, receives a gift of money from Fremont school seventh graders. Left to right, Dorothy Lowell, Ronald Miller, Tom McIntyre, Patty, Denise Kenyon, and Shirley Westfall. The gift was made in the name of Miss Lillie Darby, well known Klamath Falls school teacher, who died this past year.

# Sea Pay Tax Case Pondered

PORTLAND, May 11 (AP)—A federal court decision on whether Oregon's 1 per cent income tax levy can be withheld from paychecks of merchant seamen paid while in the state is expected in a few days.

Judge Claude McCulloch promised the quick ruling after hearing arguments yesterday by attorneys for the Hawaiian-American Steamship company and the state tax commission.

The shipping firm is one of 16 interstate employers who dispute the state's right to levy the tax on seamen paid in Oregon ports and who live in other states.

Attorney R. E. Burns said the law conflicts with federal statutes on seamen's wages, is unduly burdensome to interstate commerce and contrary to due process safeguards of the federal constitution. The company representative said the firms are caught between the state and federal laws. He said they face

penalties for violating the U. S. code if they deduct the tax and are subject to prosecution by Oregon if they fail to withhold the levy.

C. B. Roberts, Oregon tax commission attorney, argued that if the state has a right to collect the tax from wages it also has the right to prescribe the method of collection.

# Health Officials Discuss Poliio

PORTLAND, May 11 (AP)—Prevention and treatment of infantile paralysis was discussed here yesterday at a conference of health officials from 14 Northwestern Oregon counties.

The session was the fifth in a series.

Dr. G. D. Carlyle Thompson, Portland, asked the 65 men and women to work out ways of speeding poliio

patients to either Portland or Eugene. He said these two cities have the only complete treatment facilities available in the state.

Attending were representatives of county chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, public health agencies and hospital and medical societies.

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# Girl Killed In Smash-Up

NORTH BEND, May 11 (AP)—A 15-year-old girl was killed and eight teen-agers were injured when a coupe in which they were riding home from a dance yesterday crashed into a bridge.

Verna Bernhart, Lakeside, a freshman at North Bend high school, died en route to a hospital, Marilyn Lesher, 14, is in a hospital with a skull fracture and concussion, and John Dandy, a sailor home on leave, also suffered a skull fracture. His condition is reported not as serious as Miss Lesher's.

Police said all of the passengers in the automobile required hospital treatment. Their ages ranged from 14 to 19 years. All live at Lakeside. They were returning from Coos Bay.

# Franklin Coin Up In Demand

Klamath Falls banks have received \$320 worth of the new Benjamin Franklin half dollars, and everybody seems to want them.

At the Klamath branch of First National where \$220 in the new coins were circulated, the whole batch went into circulation in one day last week. The United States National still has \$32 left to circulate out of the \$100 it received.

Both banks that received many requests for that particular coin both from townspeople and from tourists passing through Klamath Falls.

No more of the Ben Franklin coins are expected to be distributed to local banks until more are minted, according to bank officials.

Sapphires, rubies and emeralds all are essentially the same mineral, corundum, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

**FIRE HAZARD**  
NORTH BEND, May 11 (AP)—A new fire hazard turned up here—lighted cigarettes thrown from airplanes.

William Gregory reported a lighted cigarette fell on his hat while he worked in his garden. He said an airplane had flown by a moment before.

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# Actors Flare—No One Hurt

HOLLYWOOD, May 11 (AP)—Nobody got hurt, or even hit, and the upshot today of the latest movie tiff seems to be simply that Johnny Weissmuller isn't happy about being replaced as Tarzan.

As witnesses tell it, the affair took place at the Beverly Hills Tropic Sunday night. All was happiness, as patrons sipped rum drinks out of coconut shells and other fancy containers.

Then Weissmuller spotted Terry Hunt, who operates an exclusive gymnasium and is in general charge of keeping Hollywood waistlines within bounds. Hunt has been conditioning Lex Barker, Weissmuller's replacement as Tarzan. Here's how the principals tell it:

Hunt: "I wrote Johnny a kidding note. It was just in fun but apparently it rubbed Johnny the wrong way. He came over to the table, grabbed me by the shoulder and shook me a little."

Weissmuller: "It didn't mean anything. Terry and I are old friends. I guess I just lost my temper."

Weissmuller and his wife, Gail, left the restaurant soon after the flareup. Hunt went on with his dinner.

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