



'AIRBORN'—Cessna, the air-minded cat, poses with her latest edition of flying kittens in the cockpit of a plane at Municipal Airport.

### Klamath Airport Boasts State's Only Flying Cat

By WALLACE MYERS

One afternoon several months ago, an aerial photography plane landed at Municipal Airport here after cruising over the Klamath country for some five hours at 20,000 feet. The pilot and photographer were chilled and bushed after their tough trip in the frigid high air. Despite heavy flying gear and oxygen equipment, the long high altitude mission had pretty well sapped the two fliers.

As the pilot and photographer stood beside their plane telling others of the biting cold and low-oxygen air they had suffered, there came a series of meows and scratchings from the big plane's tail section. And then, as the group around the plane watched goggle-eyed, a mottled grey and black cat fussily herded five tiny kittens up into the plane's forward section, calmly stretched out and sounded the feline dinner gong for her brood.

Cessna, the hangar cat at the airport is distinctly and stubbornly air-minded. Archie Davig, operator of the Airport Cafe, claims Cessna as his very own. And that's all right with Cessna so long as Archie doesn't try and come between the cat and her beloved planes. Archie toiled Cessna home one day, way over on Bisbee Street and Cessna almost beat Archie back to the airport.

So Archie resignedly prepared Cessna a downy bed and in a box in the hangar. That too, Cessna scorned. She sleeps and raises her families only in airplanes. Her second litter of little ones born recently were at home in the cockpit of Betty Gant's plane when the accompanying picture was taken.

For awhile, they were comfortably fixed in the tail section of Eidon Ault's BT-19, prior to that in one of Jerry Short's planes, an Airco; and another time in the Haskin's Ranch Cub.

No one knows how many hours Cessna and her kittens have logged in the air. Unless they search the nooks and crannies of their planes, pilots flying out of Municipal Airport are never quite certain that

Cessna and her little ones aren't hitching a ride.

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### Armories Said Free of Taxes

SALEM (AP) — Cities can't tax Oregon's National Guard armories, Attorney General George Neuner ruled Monday.

The city of Eugene wants to tax the armory in that city because the city has to go to extra expense

in policing for affairs held at the armory.

Neuner said the city contended that the armory was taxable because the state gets rentals from its use. Neuner answered that these rentals to private parties brings in only a very small amount of revenue.

"The complaint that use of the Eugene armory creates a 'traffic hazard' and requires the detailing of extra city police on Saturday is not impressive to anyone familiar with the traffic problem in Salem due to the use of state buildings, which daily necessitates special police attention at peak periods," Neuner wrote.

"Similarly," he continued, "the use of the State Fairgrounds in Salem by commercial tenants in addition to public exhibitors increases attendance at those grounds and adds to Salem's cost of managing traffic."

"Yet such use of the state's property, during and between sessions of the State Fair, does not give the city a right to assess the state, without specific legislative consent, any part of the cost of maintaining police protection or any other municipal services in the fairgrounds area."

### Four Oregon Men Casualties

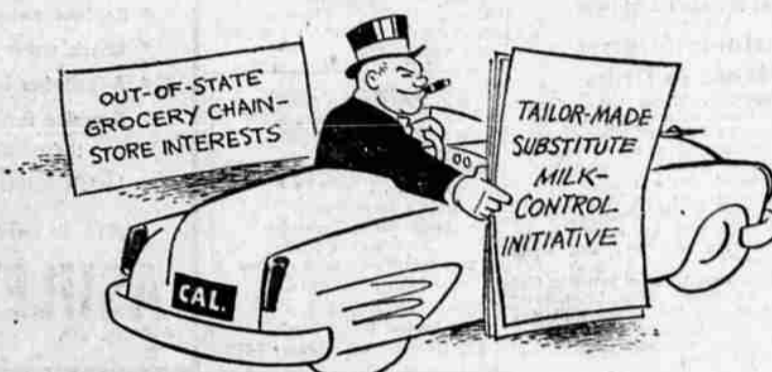
WASHINGTON (AP) — Four Oregon men were listed Monday by the Defense Department as casualties in the Korean fighting.

Missing in action was Army Sgt. Albert E. Todd, son of Mrs. Dollie F. Murphy, Roseburg.

Wounded were Army Cpl. Billy C. Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Phillips, 4110 Gary St., Salem; Marine Pfc. Donald T. Donica, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy H. Donica, Prineville, and Marine Pfc. Jim Earl Shaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. James V. Shaw, Condon.



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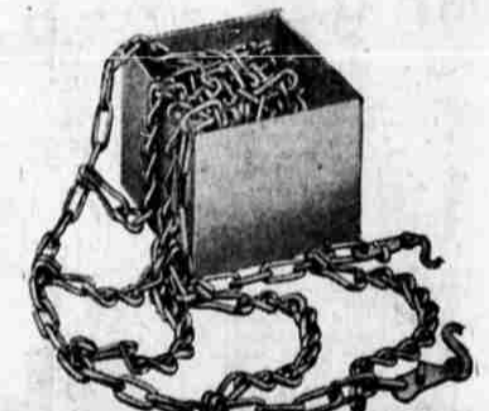
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