



AMONG THE MANY who witnessed the dedication to the city of all physical improvements at Kiwanis Park last Thursday evening were (from left) Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kessler and son, Steve, 2077 Leroy. The playground, located in Mills Addition, was presented to the city by Charlie Mack, Kiwanis president when the project was begun, and accepted by Paul Landry, mayor.

### New Tax Revision Allows Bigger Medical Deductions

WASHINGTON (AP)—If medical expenses are taking more than an incidental bite out of your pocketbook, you may get some help from another source: an income tax cut. Bigger deductions for medical expenses starting last Jan. 1 included in the giant tax revision bill just passed by Congress. They will show up in your 1954 income tax return. Under the new law you may deduct from your income, before figuring your tax, medical expenses above 3 per cent of your income. It was 5 per cent under the old law. But there's another provision that may trim your benefits somewhat. Under the old law, all outlays for drugs and medicines were included as medical expenses. Under the new law you can count only those drugs and medicines which exceed 1 per cent of your income. And remember you don't get any deductions for medical expenses unless you itemize all your deductions. You won't benefit if you take the standard deduction of 10 per cent of your income, which the government offers gratis to most taxpayers.

### US Cruiser Hits British Ship

POINTE AU PERE, Que. (AP)—The U.S. Navy cruiser Pittsburgh collided with the British freighter Slaney in the fog-laden lower St. Lawrence River last night, injuring three merchant seamen, one seriously. The 13,600-ton cruiser, flagship of a 14-vessel task force on its way to Cuba, crashed into the 994-ton Slaney 120 miles east of Quebec City. Names of the injured were not available. Here are typical examples of how the change from 5 to 3 per

cent would work: If your income is \$5,000, you now can deduct allowable medical expenses that run above \$150. Under the old law, you could deduct only those expenses above \$250. If your medical costs were actually \$200, you could deduct \$50 under the new law but nothing under the old law. If your expenses were \$250 or more, you could deduct an extra \$100 under the new law. At the minimum 20 per cent tax rate, the extra \$100 deduction would amount to a tax cut of \$20. Your tax reduction would be greater if you are above the minimum bracket, or if your medical expenses were above the old maximum deductions.

### Water Compact Meet Planned

SPokane — Basic agreement on certain fundamental provisions of the proposed water resource development compact among the seven states of the Columbia River system will be sought at the meeting of the Columbia Interstate Compact Commission in Portland, August 9 and 10. At the Portland meeting the Commission will have placed before it a revised compact draft containing 21 changes from the document received at the last meeting in Spokane on May 23. These changes range all the way from proposed entire new articles in the case of Fish, Wildlife and Recreation, and Purposes sections to simple word alterations. In the Important Power Allocation, Apportionment of Water, and establishment of a permanent Interstate Commission articles new alternatives reflecting thinking expressed at the Spokane session will be considered. This will be the first meeting of the Commission at which all seven states concerned will be officially present. On July 14 President Eisenhower signed a bill granting Congressional consent to Utah and Nevada to participate in negotiations. Representatives of the two states, however, have been sitting in with commissioners from Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming in previous negotiations



PATRICIA ANN LENIHAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo M. Lenihan, 1603 Nimitz Street, will graduate August 6 from the Franklin Hospital School of Nursing, San Francisco. She is a graduate of Klamath Union High School. Miss Lenihan plans to return here for a time following graduation.

### Polish Note Accuses U.S.

LONDON (AP)—Poland has charged U.S. fighters with strafing two Polish merchant ships off Hainan Island on July 26. That was the day after two U.S. Navy pilots shot down two Chinese Communist planes which attacked them south of Red-held Hainan, off the Indochina coast, as the Americans searched for survivors from a downed British airliner. A Warsaw radio broadcast, heard in London yesterday, said a note protesting the alleged strafing had been handed to the U.S. Embassy in the Polish capital. The two ships were identified as the 7,836-ton Braterstwo and the 4,959-ton Pokoj. The broadcast said Poland had demanded punishment of those responsible for the alleged attack and that measures be taken to prevent a repetition.

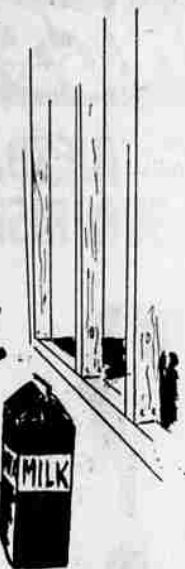
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