



**NATIONAL BPW WEEK** will be observed here this weekend with the Southern Oregon District meeting of BPW Clubs of Medford, Grants Pass, Merrill, Lakeview and Klamath Falls being represented. Headquarters will be at the Willard Hotel. Theme of the meeting will be "Membership With Personality." Imogene Boothby, past president of the Klamath Falls club, district president, will preside. Here—Mrs. Beulah Elliott, president of the local club receives the proclamation on BPW Week, October 10-16 from Mayor Paul Landry.

### Klamath County Property Valuation Rises In '54

The assessed valuation of property in Klamath County reached a new high of \$52,164,636 in 1954 in comparison to \$50,027,885.54 in 1953 and \$49,257,097.50 in 1952, according to figures released this

week by the office of A. R. Dickson, Klamath County assessor. This year's jump is attributed to completion of timber re-appraisal, construction of new homes, establishment of new industries and increased valuation of public utilities.

The increased assessment in Klamath County makes possible the reduction in the tax rate on all real and personal property in the county with the exception of those districts served by the Klamath Falls city schools and the Klamath Union High School. The new school building program in Klamath Falls accounts for a large part of the city school budget increases.

Total taxes to be raised this year are \$3,975,225 compared to \$3,769,922.23 in 1953. Public utilities will pay \$1,101,627.02. Cattle numbers which are also assessed, have increased to 53,622 this year in comparison with 43,000 in 1953.

A spot check made recently by an auditor of the Oregon State Tax Commission of inventories returned to the Klamath County assessor for personal property, revealed that the book value of the inventory check shows that the total value in dollars checked, was less than 1/2 of 1 per cent margin than that reported to the assessor. Spot checks were taken of business firms, industries, farmers and other taxable agents.

Veterans who have a 40 per cent or more liability are entitled under certain conditions to a tax exemption on homes on the first \$1000 assessed value. The total of veteran's exemptions this year is \$11,120 as compared to \$93,000 for 1953-54.

Klamath Falls Elementary School District budgets increased \$184,104.60 this year from \$931,200.44 to \$1,165,365.04 for 1954-55.

The Klamath County elementary and Klamath County High School budgets dropped from \$826,924.91 for 1953-54 to \$824,462.89 for 1954-55 for a decrease of \$2,462.22.

Tax statements will be mailed about October 15. Payment is due November 15.

### U.S. Official Visits Taipei

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP)—Asst. Secretary of State Walter S. Robertson flew back to the United States Thursday, leaving this Nationalist China capital buzzing with speculation on the reason for his brief visit.

In a prepared statement handed to newsmen at the airport, Robertson said he had "examined the situation throughout the Far Eastern area and exchanged views as to means of coping with various problems in the region."

He added he would report the views of Nationalist officials to Secretary of State Dulles in Washington.

Despite the secrecy surrounding his one-day visit, most Chinese were convinced Robertson came to urge the Nationalists not to attack the Red mainland in any manner that might provoke strong retaliation.

Local newspapers have used the expression "Yalu River sanctuary" in describing the restraints which the United States is reported to have placed on President Chiang Kai-shek's forces, comparing them to the limitations imposed on United Nations forces in Korea when they were not permitted to attack the Reds north of Korea's Yalu River boundary with Manchuria.

Robertson was asked if he had discussed with the Nationalists the "denuclearization of Formosa and the so-called Yalu River sanctuary."

He brushed them off as "a couple of catchy phrases that don't mean much," and added: "I will say that I know of no place in the world today where communism can attack with impunity."

### Doctor To Be Honored Dies

NEW YORK (AP)—Death came yesterday to 81-year-old Dr. Antonio Pisani—just eight hours before he was named New York state's outstanding practitioner of the year.

The state medical society's governing council voted the tribute to Pisani at 9 a.m. After the meeting, the council learned he died at 1 a.m.

Pisani practiced medicine on Manhattan's lower East Side since 1897. Three sons also became doctors.

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### Airmen Save Jet Fighter

HAMILTON AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP)—Air Force officials told the story of two fliers who risked their necks to save their \$500,000 P-4C Starfire jet and literally "shd home" and kept damage to \$300.

Lt. Ward Tuttle, 25, pilot, took off with his radar observer, Lt. Lawrence Bubba, 26, from McClelland Field near Sacramento on a flight to Hamilton Field, near San Rafael. Tuttle's home is Bremerton, Wash. Bubba is from Eastone, Pa.

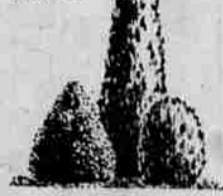
On the way, their landing gear jammed.

Tuttle radioed ahead and McClelland cited a 3,500 foot long strip of runway for the landing. Instead of abandoning the plane by parachute, Tuttle and Bubba cut the engine, brought the plane onto the prepared runway and skidded to a halt on the oil after 2,500 feet.

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BANGKOK (AP)—Bangkok police reported 17 convicts were killed in a mass attempt to break out of Songkhla Prison in southern Thailand.

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### Student Court To Judge Fines

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Michigan State College has granted authority to a student court to sit in judgment on fellow students appealing campus traffic violation fines.

The five-member court is designed to handle normal "gripes" on tickets. It meets about once a week. Thus far it has received 82 appeals involving more than \$700 in fines.

A complete set of driving rules was devised by students, campus police and the dean of students' office.

Police hung some 200 tickets on cars during the first two days of the driving rules, adopted Oct. 1. The number of violations dropped to five by the third day.

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