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**TORNADOES KILL 12**—As snowstorms and floods lashed at the northern plains, states in the Southwest were hit by a series of tornadoes that killed at least 12 persons and injured 40. Three members of the Tabor family died when their home was struck by the tornado as it stiff-armed its way through Clyde, Tex. They were found in a corner of their home where the ruins were piled the highest (extreme left).

**Bicycling Pair Touring Three Countries On \$98**

LOS ANGELES, May 2.—(AP)—You and the missus want to make a two-year tour of the 48 states, Canada and Mexico—for only \$98? Then follow the footsteps, rather than the bicycle treads, of young Mr. and Mrs. Phil Palaske.

The Denver couple who started out in July, 1948, with their bikes, a couple of bedrolls, a few clothes and \$98, leave tomorrow on the last stretches of their grand tour.

So far they have pedaled through 36 states, parts of southern Canada and northern Mexico. They have 12 more states to go before pumping up the last mile home in July.

Married four years, Phil, 27, a miner, and Audrey, 24, have paid their way by speeches, selling penny postcard pictures of themselves and enlisting the sponsorship of bicycle firms and sporting goods stores.

"We've been fed by opera singers and senators," says Phil. "Once we even shared a can of beans with a bum." The air corps veteran said they have never gone hungry.

And after they return home?

**DRIVER EXAMS SET**

A driver's license examiner will be on duty in Roseburg Thursday and Friday this week at the city hall between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., according to an announcement from the secretary of state's office at Salem. Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure completion of their applications with a minimum of delay.

They hope to shove their bikes aboard ship and head for Europe this fall.

**Fraud Seen By Court In Lumber Estate Disposal**

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3.—(AP)—Federal Judge Michael J. Roche Tuesday held that Kenneth R. Walker of Atherton, Calif., was guilty of fraudulently deceiving a number of Minneapolis heirs to the estate of wealthy lumberman Thomas Barlow Walker.

The deceit, Judge Roche said, involved disposition of a tract of 150,000 acres of valuable timber in northern California.

The suit was brought by Louise Walker Defenbacher and about 12 other Minneapolis heirs, who are shareholders in the Red River Lumber Co., of California.

Kenneth Walker, formerly of Westwood, Lassen county, handled the land department for Red River Lumber Co.

Judge Roche mentioned no amount of damages but said a detailed order for judgment would be filed later.

Out of court, Joseph L. Alioto, attorney for the plaintiffs, said the present suit involved a lump sum of \$108,000 in damages. It was one of three cases, he said. Another, brought against Kenneth Walker by the T. B. Walker Foundation, resulted in a \$100,000 judgment against him in Redwood City superior court. California heirs of the Walker estate have another suit pending, for \$507,000, Alioto said.

The current case in federal court was a civil action. It named, besides Walker, his wife, Mrs. Blair

H. Walker, and their Latour Peak Timber company. It charged fraud and violation of Kenneth Walker's position of trust with relation to other descendants of Thomas Barlow Walker.

Judge Roche held that, starting around 1946, the younger Walker fraudulently withheld from other heirs details of an offer by Harbor Plywood Co., of Hoquiam, Wash., to acquire a billion feet of timber in the Red River Co. holdings, known as the Shasta or West slope tract.

The court said that Kenneth, as trustee, obtained the timber from other members of the estate in a liquidation process, then sold it to Harbor Plywood Co. at a higher price, while refusing to give other heirs details.

Roche said the plaintiffs "did not know what he (Kenneth) would use his strategic position to their disadvantage by appropriating an inquiry that belonged to them all."

He expects to build a new home before bringing his family here to reside.

M-Sgt. Karl Schoen and his father, Julius Schoen, were Tuesday evening callers at the J. R. Sowles home. Karl was enroute to Fort Dix, N. J., where he will sail May 13 for Berlin. This will make the third time Karl has been to Germany since joining the army 19 years ago. He was in Gen. Geo. Patton's army when it crossed the Rhine. Karl will drive east, going via Provo, Utah, where he will visit a sister, Mrs. Helen Bell. Karl and Helen both attended high school at Drain.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sanders and family left early Monday morning to return to their former home in southern California.

Funeral services were held at the Mills chapel in Cottage Grove Saturday for Floyd Orey, who died April 26. Burial followed in Comstock cemetery. Pallbearers were Charles Remington, Pete Paris,

**Curtin**

By MRS. GRACE THOMPSON

Sharon Kay Goldabini missed a few days of school last week after having a tooth extracted on Tuesday.

Bernell Goins made another mid-week trip to the livestock market in Portland.

Mrs. Mabel Sowles has been confined at home with the flu the past week.

Carol Gordineer lost a watch last Tuesday.

Another school meeting was held at the schoolhouse Thursday evening to consider the new school building program.

Marvene Redifer was hostess to the upper grade pupils Thursday afternoon with a wiener roast at her home. Honored guest was Fave Sanders who is leaving for southern California.

The primary grades held a party Friday afternoon at the schoolhouse honoring Cindy Sanders who is leaving school to return to southern California. Mrs. Dorothy Booher assisted Mrs. Myrtle Gleason in supervising the group.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Thompson and Edward, Daniel and Gary spent the weekend at her parents' home at Halsey.

Eighth grade graduation exercises will be held at the Curtin schoolhouse Tuesday, May 23, at 8 p.m.

William Forrest reports he has

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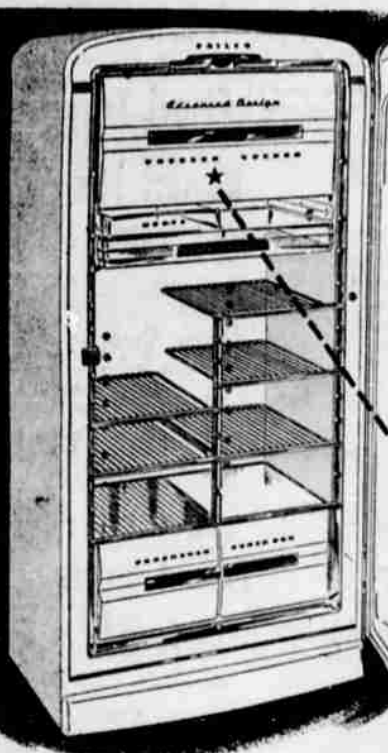
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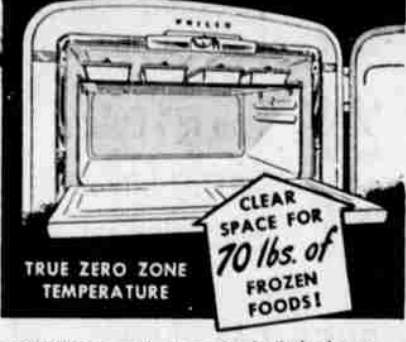
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