

# Modernization of Property Tax Set-Up Urged by Governor

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Local government must modernize its system of property tax administration to serve its citizens, Gov. Elmo Smith told 130 county tax assessors and their deputies meeting here yesterday.

The Governor kicked off a five-day short course for the tax assessors by telling them they could make a great contribution to the stability of local government if they take a leading role in reformation of the property tax.

**Two Changes Listed**  
Gov. Smith listed two changes in the Oregon tax structure that were undergoing "some preliminary exploration."

A locally constituted tax supervisory commission, similar to

the one now functioning in Multnomah county under state law, might be a help to budgetary

## Bown Said Recovering Following Collapse

Salem—Lee Bown, deputy superintendent of state police, is recovering in a hospital here from an illness which caused him to collapse during a basketball game he attended in Corvallis Friday evening. Reports indicate his condition is good.

Bown is well known in Medford, where he formerly was stationed with the state police. He is a frequent visitor here. His sister-in-law is Mrs. V. Ward Hammond, 131 Highland dr.

questions that face practically all counties regardless of their sizes or population, he said.

At the state level, Gov. Smith said considerable attention could be given to organization of the tax commission to provide for a department of revenue to take care of state level funds and a commission on local finance that would be concerned only with the supervision of problems relating to local finance.

Oregon set the pattern for the nation in attempting to find a means of strengthening and revitalizing the property tax and making it productive of the fiscal support so urgently needed at the local level, the Governor pointed out.

## Sawmill Superintendent Takes Training Course

Earl D. Bruning, Elk Lumber company's stud mill superintendent, this month completed the specialized training course in wood adhesives, gluing and laminating, conducted March 5-9 at the laboratory of Timber Engineering company, research affiliate of the National Lumber Manufacturers association, in Washington, D.C.

Attending the concentrated five-day course with Bruning were other representatives of the wood-using industries of the United States and Canada.



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**NOISILY DEMANDING BOTTLE**, this day-old tot expresses annoyance as photographer clicks shutter. Baby was found abandoned, in cardboard carton, a ragged blanket for warmth, in Newark, N. J. Nurse M. Sacawa holds him. (International)

## Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

London—Former Soviet Premier Georgi Malenkov, hand-picked by the Stalin to be his successor, in a dinner speaking with the current denunciation of the feared "man of steels" policies:

"We have cleaned up Russia. We have stopped the dictatorship and the wicked things."

London—British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd in a denial before the House of Commons that oil rivalry between Great Britain and the United States is contributing to Middle East tension: "Rivalry between the oil interests is not at the present time an important factor in the Middle East."

May's Landing, N.J.—Norval Packwood of the Sunshine and Pine Forest nudist camp on members wearing ear muffs, great coats and galoshes in deference to eight inches of snow: "We're no different from anyone else when it comes to keeping warm."

Danville, Ill.—Mayor Girth N. Hicks in reply to Brig. Gen. A. M. Minton, commander of nearby Chanute Air Force base, who has charged that young airmen have contracted venereal disease and were sold liquor in Danville: "You look after your camp, general, and we will look after our city."

New York—Margaret Truman on her April 21 marriage to newspaperman E. Clifton Daniel Jr.: "The church is very small, and it will not be full."

## A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS  
United Press Feature Writer

Washington—(U.P.)—You might call it the best boxing show in the world. The one which was underway here at Bolling Air Force base. Tops among the fighting men of the Air Force from around the world.

These toughies work as a team up in the blue yonder, and bust one another's snouts in the ring for a tin trophy and fun. All part of the game.

There was no admission charge. Buddies cheering. No-body caring much who won. It was a show. No television. This was a better show.

But who, this special night, came out the loser? A wonderful little guy named Francis L. Porterfield of 1111 E. Princeton ave., Spokane, Wash. A guy who had under-trained.

Fran felt pretty bad about it. Not that he had any objections to Sgt. Charles Collins of Kansas City, now training at the Alaskan Air Command and a former Golden Gloves contender, who liked him.

It stung a little because Fran is 33, and Charles is 23.

**Hurt Inside**  
It touched the "old timer" a little when he got himself slightly clobbered. He sat there on the stool in his corner after the final bell, not hurting so much physically, as inside. He remembered that when, as a kid of 13, he had a go at amateur boxing in his native North Platte, Neb. Won the first one, and a lot of other bouts too. Maybe it wasn't legal, and maybe he fibbed a little about his age.

Well, about a year ago our hero was assigned to Thule, which is a little ink drop on the map about 900 miles this side of the North Pole in Greenland. "Warm" Alaska  
"Dad bum," Porterfield said. "it's rough enough to fight a guy who is 10 years younger. But Charlie has been training in Alaska where it is 'warm.'"

Even a Northeast Air Command middleweight champ, which Fran is, has to have some road work, and "that can't be done in a gymnasium on the boards."

"Up there in Thule," he said, "we have it between 30 and 50 below. And you can't wear enough long underwear and sweat clothes and ear muffs to train outside. The boards inside do something to your legs. For

instance when you run six, seven or 10 miles a day."

But Porterfield is not one to lean too heavily on an alibi. "Tonight I just didn't have it," he said. "Just like Joe Louis didn't have it against Max Schmeling the first time. But Joe came back, like fighters most always do. So will I. When it gets a little warmer."

These kids in the Air Force tournament take things seriously. And why not?

Guys join up and are lassoed into the service to fight, aren't they?

## Dulles Working on Report To Americans

Honolulu — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles worked today on a report he will present to the American people when he returns home from a 10-nation tour of Asia.

Dulles arrived here yesterday en route to Washington. He planned a 24-hour stopover to work on his message and to rest. He leaves for the mainland late this afternoon.

On his arrival here, Dulles had little to say of the exhausting tour that followed the SEATO meeting in Pakistan.

Greeting the secretary at Hickam field were Adm. Felix B. Stump, commander in chief of the Pacific, as well as military and civic leaders in Hawaii. He stayed at the home of H. Alexander Walker, a retired businessman.

**TAX WRITEOFF APPROVED**  
Omaha—(U.P.)—The Union Pacific Railroad announced Monday that it had been given federal authorization for a "fast tax writeoff" on the purchase of 2000 freight cars, to cost \$20,173,500.

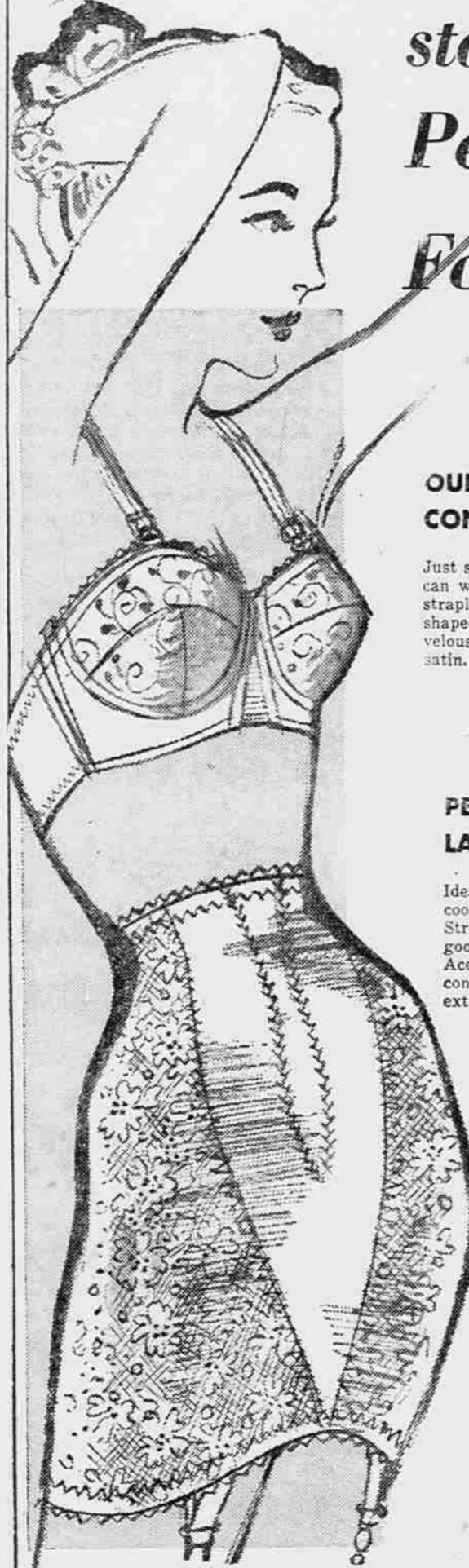
Baker, Ore. — (U.P.) — Ralph H. Roach, 61, clerk in the Baker postoffice for 35 years, was drowned Sunday while fishing in the Powder river near Richland, Ore.

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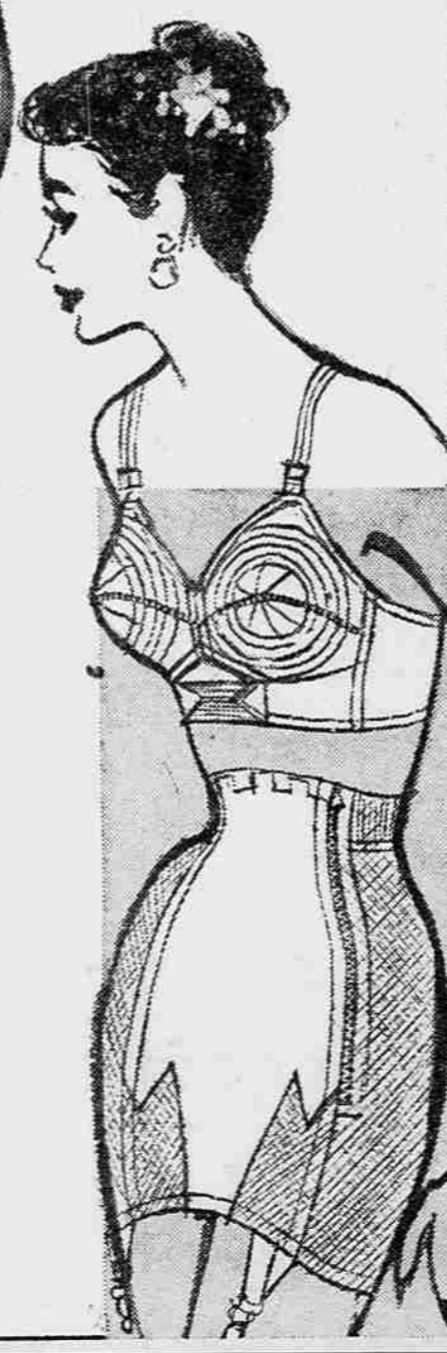
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