



TORNADO Mrs. Spencer Feist searches the wreckage of her demolished home in Colfax, Wis., after a tornado swept through Dunn County, causing extensive property damage and killing 25 persons, among them Mrs. Feist's husband. Note overturned car behind tree.

PHOENIX Visit in Klamath Falls

BY LILLIAN LIGHT
Phoenix — Mrs. Clifford Schleigh and daughter, Rosemary, left Sunday to spend several days in Klamath Falls with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Blankenship, who are the new parents of a baby son born May 23. The baby has been named Kenneth R.

Mrs. Schleigh was in Klamath Falls the week of the baby's birth, returned for the graduation of her son, Lester, May 27, and went back.

Mrs. Blankenship is the former Leona Schleigh and she and her husband both attended Phoenix grade and high schools. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Blankenship who live on Colver rd.

Miss Carol Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Anderson of Carpenter Hill rd., left Sunday for New York City, where she will visit her uncle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson. Miss Anderson graduated this year from Phoenix High school. Charles is attending Columbia University.

On her way Miss Anderson stopped in Omaha, Neb., to attend the graduation of a girl friend. She will be gone for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Furry returned home May 31 from Willow Lake where they spent a month vacationing. They report fishing was good most of the time, both in the lake and the near-by streams.

While there, among the relatives and friends who visited them were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kyker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Furry, Mr. and Mrs. George Bourne, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ferns, Bert Stancliff, Gary Denzer and "Pappy" Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Steele and family of North Bend were Memorial day visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Osa Waggoner and family and they all spent the day at Emigrant lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Campbell and family recently moved into a home at 311 Second st., Ashland. Campbell is a nephew of Mrs. Osa Waggoner.

The Thimble club met in the home of Mrs. Chester Parker Friday with 18 members present. A covered dish luncheon was served with Mrs. Harlan Glasscock assisting. Plans were discussed for the booth, a dart game, for the festival. Mrs. Jewell Parr and Mrs. Dorothy Thompson are in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wallace and family went to Cottage Grove last week end to visit Mr. and Mrs. Carl Raymond, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Wallace. They also went to Eugene, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. William Wells, sister and brother-in-law of Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Edna Raymond, mother of Mrs. Wallace. Mrs. Raymond came home with them to spend several days.

From Eugene they went to North Bend, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Steele and family. The Wallace girls, Linda and Sandra, stayed to visit at the Steele home for several days.

The executive committee of the Women's Association of the First Presbyterian church met Monday at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Walker Caldwell.

The organization will sponsor a net on Thursday at 2 p.m. in the church. Mrs. Walker Caldwell, Mrs. Enid Carter and Mrs. Horace Root will be hostesses and

Chance Seen for Elimination Of Transportation Excise Tax

BY A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Washington — Despite the general resistance to a broad tax cut from congressional leaders, there appears now to be an outside chance for elimination of the excise tax on transportation.

This would amount to a selective tax cut of 3 per cent for shippers of cargo by truck, rail or air, and a decrease of 10 per cent in the total cost of passenger tickets on trains, planes and buses.

Nearly half the members of the Senate have teamed up in sponsoring an amendment which will be offered to the upcoming bill which extends excise taxes beyond June 30 for another year. All Northwest senators favor the idea of killing the transportation tax, for they argue that it discriminates against the Pacific Northwest because the longer distances to the great eastern markets mean higher shipping costs and proportionately higher excise taxes.

Chief Advocate
Sen. George Smathers (D-Fla.), chief advocate of dropping the tax, pointed out that a carload of apples shipped from Winchester, Va., to New York city costs \$267.83, whereas a carload from Yakima, Wash., costs \$852.18. The Virginia shipper pays a tax of \$8.04 on his carload, while the Yakima shipper pays \$25.57 tax on his carload.

"So the apple grower from Washington state not only has a natural, understandable disadvantage, but the federal government compounds the disadvantage for him," said Smathers. "The disadvantage works in reverse when the eastern manufacturers try to ship to the West or the South. No wonder plants seek to relocate. This transportation tax helps to build an unnatural wall between regions, creating economic isolation."

Constitute Drag
The transportation tax was imposed at the outset of World War II "for the purpose of discouraging transportation of persons and of freight; it was to constitute a drag upon the civilian economy, and that is exactly what it is doing," Smathers said.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), discussing the issue

with Smathers in the Senate, pointed out that in Oregon large sawmills own their own trucking fleets, so they avoid the tax on shipments, but the smaller outfits that ship by common carriers must pay the tax. Smathers agreed that it discriminates against the little business.

Smathers said a series of "semi-theft and semilegal dodges and sharp practices" have come into use to avoid payment of the federal tax. Sometimes drivers of privately owned trucks, unbeknown to their employer, will take a backhaul of goods which if shipped by common carrier would be taxed. The senator said such things are hard to police, and so the tax is encouraging "wholesale law violations on an ever greater scale."

\$468 Million in Tax
The U. S. Treasury collected \$468 million in transportation taxes the past fiscal year, but Smathers argues that the net gain was only \$225 million because businesses can charge it off as deductions in computing income taxes.

A former economist of the Interstate Commerce Commission has predicted that if the tax were discontinued, the Treasury would make a clear gain of about \$24 million. He figures that repeal of the tax would enable common carriers

to regain about 20 per cent of the private carrier business, with a resulting increase in income tax payments.

The attitude of the Eisenhower administration will probably be the key to the outcome of this proposal. There may be enough strength in the Senate to pass it, regardless of the administration's stand, because the western and southern states, with two votes each, will have considerable strength. But the heavily populated eastern states could block it in the House if the administration urged against it.

Food Worker Jobs Now Available

Applications for the position of food service worker at the Veterans Administration domiciliary will be accepted from all male applicants and from female applicants entitled to veteran preference, according to Enid L. Brown, executive secretary for the domiciliary board of civil service examiners.

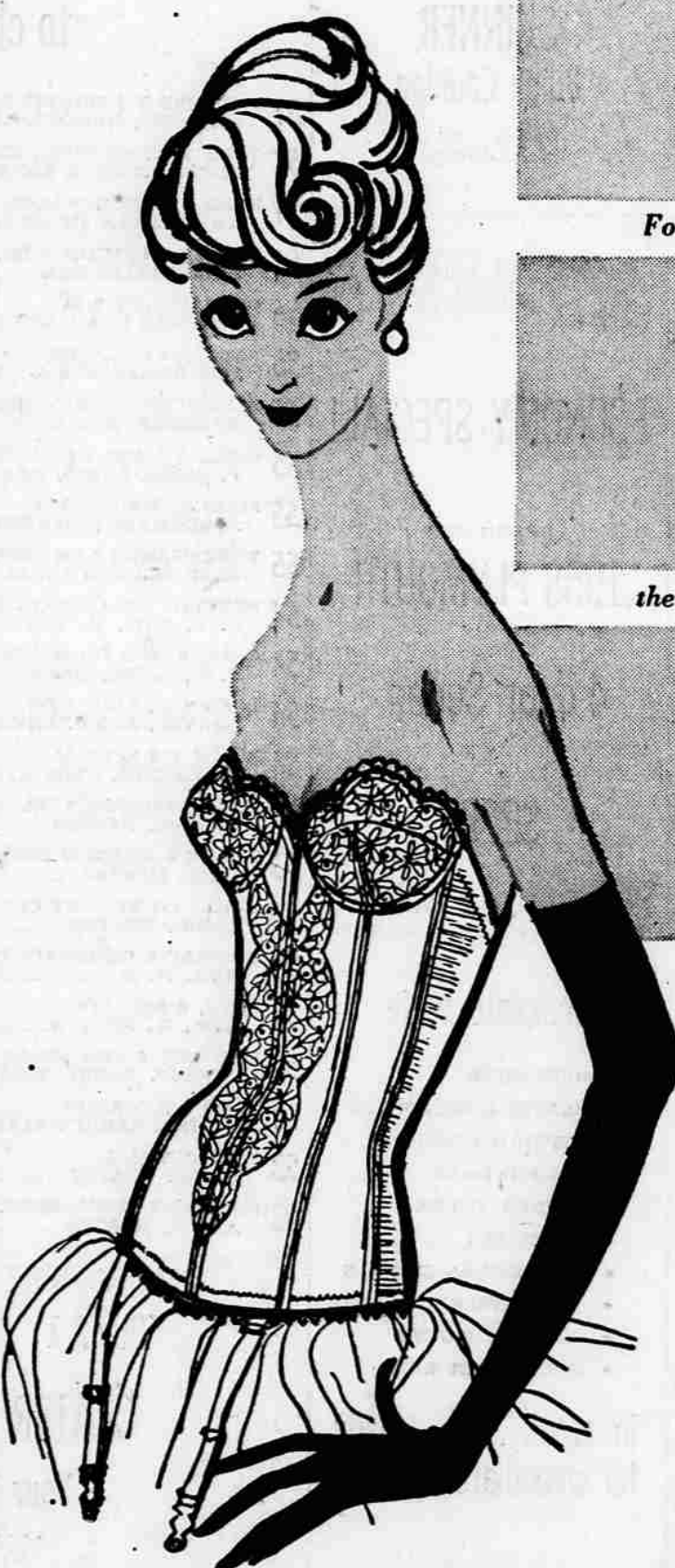
Civil service examination for the position was announced last week. Beginning salary is \$1.20 per hour. Information concerning experience requirements may be obtained at the local post office or the board of civil service examiners at the domiciliary.

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Industry Plans For Expansion Under Estimates

Washington — (UPI) — Government figures showed Monday that industry plans to invest less in new plants and equipment this year than was previously estimated.

These investments are an important factor in assessing the state of the nation's economic health. The fact that their curtailment is expected to be sharper than thought earlier tends to darken the recession picture somewhat.

The new statistics show, however, that while the de-

cline in such investments probably will continue throughout this year, the rate of the downturn will slow and that the sharpest phase is out of the way.

Statistically, here is the picture:

A joint survey by the Commerce Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission conducted in late April of investment in new plants and equipment was expected to be about \$31 billion.

This was four per cent below the rate estimated three months ago; 17 per cent below the all-time record output of \$36,962,000,000 in 1937.

The statistics also showed that the actual drop in such investments in the first three months of this year was at a heavier rate than federal experts estimated earlier.

British Slap Curfews On Most of Cyprus

Nicosia — (UPI) — The British slapped curfews on most of Cyprus Monday to halt a new outbreak of deadly feuding between Greek and Turkish Cypriots.

Four Greek Cypriots were killed in rioting touched off by the bombing Saturday night of the Turkish consulate's information office in Nicosia. Several persons were wounded, including two members of the British security forces.

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