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Income Tax Lower This Year

Plans for the issuance early in December of forms for filing income and excess profits tax returns are being made by the bureau of internal revenue. Tax-payers will thus be given the opportunity of making out their returns immediately upon the closing of their books for the year 1919, when accurate knowledge of their accounts is fresh in their minds.

As a convenience to themselves and as a means of expediting the work of the government, tax-payers are urged by the bureau, in a statement issued November 14, to avail themselves of this opportunity. The period for filing is from January 1 to March 15, 1920.

If the tax is paid in quarterly installments, one-fourth of the amount must accompany the filing of the return.

Form 1041 will be used for filing individual income tax returns of \$5000 and less, and form 1040 for filing returns of income in excess of that amount.

The normal rate for 1919, provided for in the revenue act of 1918, is 4 per cent on the first \$4000 above the exemptions, and 8 per cent on the remaining net income. The tax for 1918 was 6 and 12 per cent respectively.

The surtax rates, which range from 1 per cent on the amount of net income between \$5000 and \$6000 to 65 per cent on the amount by which the net income exceeds \$1,000,000, are the same as for the year 1918. The exemptions of \$1000 for single persons and \$2000 for married persons and heads of families remain unchanged.

These rates apply to every citizen and resident of the United States. Alien non-residents receiving income from sources within the United States are subject to the full tax of 8 per cent on such income in excess of the exemptions.

Form 1041 will be used for filing returns of fiduciaries, form 1065 for partnerships and personal service corporations, and form 1120 for corporations.

Announcement will be made of the date on which the forms will be available at the offices of collectors of internal revenue and branch offices.

Oregon Grape Suspected

Oregon's state flower, the Oregon grape, has been getting in bad. Only recently it has been learned that under artificial conditions it acts as the host of the black stem rust of cereals that has proved so destructive to grains and grasses in the east and middle west. Now the office of cereal investigations, U. S. department of agriculture, is going to co-operate with the plant pathology department of the O. A. C. experiment station in establishing a barberry and Oregon grape garden where all kinds of native and introduced Oregon grape and barberry may be grown and studied. The purpose is to find out which species will carry the rust, under what conditions, how the plants grow and behave, and their botanical classification. The federal department will be represented by G. R. Hoernig, former student body president of the college, and the station by H. P. Bars, head of the plant pathology department.

Some merchants dress nearly as well as their clerks.

Conference to be Held in City

Portland has been selected as the meeting place for the state training conference of the Interchurch World Movement for Oregon. The Portland conference will be held December 10, 11 and 12. Announcement of this was made Saturday by E. Guy Talbott, field secretary of the Interchurch World Movement for the Pacific coast with headquarters here.

Two hundred and fifty church leaders, delegates from every county and representing practically every denomination in the state, are expected to attend. The object of the meeting is to bring together religious leaders of every county to confer with reference to plans for promoting church co-operation in the state and for taking part in the nation wide campaign.

Red Cross Funds Used in State

"Now that the Red Cross roll call is ended as per arrangement with the National Tuberculosis Association, the attention of the public spirited and humanitarian citizens of Oregon will naturally turn to the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals," said A. L. Mills, president of the Oregon Tuberculosis Association, under whose auspices the sale will be conducted in the state December 1 to 20 inclusive.

"Eight and a half million dollars derived from the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals during the past 11 years, have been instrumental in providing approximately \$100,000,000 worth of institutions in fighting tuberculosis all over the country. The annual maintenance and up-keep of these institutions is more than \$20,000,000.

"I wish to make plain that this is not a drive or a campaign, it is simply the means taken for the past 12 years to finance the great fight against tuberculosis. One of the distinctive features of the seal sale is the fact that 90 per cent of the proceeds will be kept right here in Oregon, only 10 per cent being sent to the national organization.

"Oregon has at all times 6000 open cases of tuberculosis and between 9 and 10 per cent of all deaths in the state is due to tuberculosis; that is of the normal death rate, those figures not covering epidemics such as the influenza of last winter. Thus it will be seen that Oregon has a really vital problem in its fight against tuberculosis. Oregon's program in this fight is essentially educational and the wisdom of this plan will be readily understood when it is known that from 70 to 90 per cent of all tuberculosis is contracted in childhood. Is not that sufficient argument for early instruction of our youth in the value of the observance of rules of health and hygiene?"

J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction for Oregon, is urging the support of the school children of the state, he having issued a letter to all county superintendents in which he says:

"We feel that the work of the Oregon Tuberculosis Association is so highly educational, and so closely connected with the work that the teachers are doing that we wish to endorse their work again this year, and to urge that the children in the schools throughout the entire state assist in the Red Cross seal sale. We hope you will give his most worthy work your full approval and that you will notify your teachers of your endorsement of the work."

Oregon's budget for the seal sale is \$44,260, which means the sale of five seals per capita to put the sale over successfully.

The various currency laws passed from time to time as one administration succeeds another, seem all to be in favor of the fellow who has the currency.

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