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INDUSTRY ANYONE?

To Sherman countians industry is something far away, something read about, something that laborers work at, something that is onerous, demanding, we never think of engaging in it or having it around as a constant companion.

Well, it may not be long before we will be engaged in industry. Of all the places in the booming northwest Sherman county it one of the most likely sites for industry to light. Industry needs power, water, transportation, all of which we have in quantity or soon will have. It also needs labor which we do not have at present and it needs customers which no place has in the northwest.

Within ten years the John Day dam will be sending out millions of kilowatts; there is a natural gas line right across the Columbia and another will soon cross the southeast corner of the county. There's power.

A major federal highway runs across the north end of the county and within a few years a four lane artery will run lengthwise of the county. There will be a bridge at Biggs to attract north-south traffic.

The county is surrounded by rivers. There are places in the county level enough for a big industry. Ocean shipping is but a few miles away and if Columbia river development is realized it could be within forty miles.

If we want a factory to alight in some of our wheat fields and start operation we will have to do something about it. Do We?

EXPENSE ACCOUNTS A rather fanciful writer in the public prints discoursed recently on what might happen if the governments Internal Revenue Bureau stopped giving an exemption for entertainment, if expense accounts were not allowed in the present size.

It is doubtful if it is stopped entirely for some firms use rather lavish entertainment to obtain sales. It is a form of polite payola. But certainly it is overdone and is used as a tax evasion. Big companies do entertain customers, real and prospective, always have, probably always will. It is a good way to show interest and get interest in the company and its products.

But it has gone far beyond the usual rules of entertaining. Company officials get a good part of their living through the entertainment fund, take long trips for their enjoyment and make it deductible by taking a customer or two along. We do not think that American business would falter if it were stopped and certainly the federal treasury would fill up much faster if a limit was placed on expense accounts.

JOHN DAY DEVELOPMENT There will probably be a bit of a lively hassle over the projected park at the mouth of the John Day river and the noise of it can already be heard. In fact, the county court was given a version of it last week.

To us it looks like this. Sherman county boat owners have almost abandoned hopes for a public park at the mouth of the Deschutes river despite the fact that the two county courts have asked the highway commission to start suit against the Deschutes Power company, which owns the power site near the mouth. It is not expected that the highway commission would expend much money in such a probably fruitless effort.

Equally as good a site, and to some a better one, can be found at the mouth of the John Day. To build a public park there it is necessary that the railroad and highway bridges have sufficient clearance to permit boats to enter from the Columbia, that approaches be built to permit boats to turn off and re-enter the highway with their trailers, that a park big enough for boat launching be made.

There are some so enthusiastic as to want the federal government to create a park the full length of the slack water on the John Day.

They say the government is going to buy the land anyway and had just as well turn it into a park. With this we disagree. Certainly the government will have to buy all the land it is going to flood and all that it may want to use in any other way. It does not have to buy any pasture land or farm land in addition, in fact, should leave as much as possible in private ownership. Stockmen along the John Day fear that when boatmen come up the river they will stop and build fires that could easily endanger acres and acres of grass that had better be used for food for cows than fuel for flames.

They are certainly correct. The slack water of the lower John Day could become a boatman's paradise and a cattleman's curse. Some way may be found to restrict the boatmen and yet give them use of the river and that is what they want.

SEED CATALOGUES Ain't they pretty? Look at those beautiful tomatoes, those big, fat beans, that golden corn.

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We wonder what grandpa did to keep his gardening interest alive in winter without seed catalogues. In his day garden seeds often came from congressmen and pamphlets and the very packets were printed in dull words, much less exciting than the pretty pictures of the modern seed envelope.

There was a certain economic advantage to getting seeds from a congressman but it was probably less than the political disadvantage. It was a crude form of payola that was stopped for the dual reasons that voters didn't always support the congressman and the seeds didn't always grow.

Nowdays our interest in gardening is tickled with gaily and properly colored pictures of the vegetables that may be grown. Hopes rise much faster while looking at a picture of a juicy carrot than when looking at the word "carrot," no matter how used to reading we may be or how accurate the mind at picturing the objects designated by words seem.

That is why seed catalogues are printed. Seedsmen know that when there is snow on the ground and man cannot work in the garden he can be persuaded to prepare for such work much easier than if the hoe and rake were leaning on a post awaiting him. He will buy seeds now that he would not buy if actually putting them into the ground would immediately result.

Just the same they are mighty pretty and with hours of work, battles with bugs, unlimited patience and luck something resembling the pictured vegetables can be produced by anyone who likes the sun on his back and is willing to pay for that pleasure by taking a hoe in his hand.

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OREGON'S CENTENNIAL ALBUM PAGE 48 ALBERT HENRY POWERS Master Logger TOP MINNESOTA LOGGER WHEN HE MOVED TO COOS COUNTY IN 1907, HE WALKED THE 48 MILES FROM DRAIN TO SCOTTSBURG WHEN FLOODS DELAYED HIM HE INTRODUCED STEAM LOGGING IN THE COOS-CURRY AREA AND USED A FAST BOAT TO MAKE THE 120-MILE CIRCUIT OF WIDE-SPREAD CAMPS ACTIVE IN CIVIC LIFE, A FOUNDER OF THE LOGGING CONGRESS, BANKER AND BUSINESS MAN, HE WAS SIMPLY "UNCLE AL" TO A THOUSAND ADMIRING LOGGERS

Some Hints About Ways To Figure Your Income Tax Deductions

You can get some relief from casualty and theft losses by taking advantage of the legitimate tax deductions you are allowed.

To help you prepare a correct return and take advantage of legitimate tax savings, this newspaper is printing a series of four articles prepared with the help of the state and national organizations of certified public accountants.

Today's article considers the problems you may have in claiming deductions for theft or casualty losses. Later articles will offer advice on other tax problems of particular interest to homeowners.

Time and Destruction There are a great many ways in which your property can be damaged or destroyed, as for example, by fire, storm, flood, or explosion. Generally, a casualty which will give rise to a deductible loss must occur with some suddenness. However, there are situations where the casualty occurs over a period of time and still results in a deductible casualty loss. For example, consider the damage caused by termites.

Say that you purchased your house in June 1957 and at that time a check by experts showed that there were no termites present. Then, in February 1958, you discover that termites have been eating your house from under you. Can you claim a casualty loss deduction for the termite damage? Yes, you can, even though the damage took place over a nine month period.

The casualty here, is the invasion of your house by the termites. However, it is probable that a casualty deduction will not be allowed where the termite damage did not occur over a relatively short period of time.

The Property Must Be Yours You must have ownership of the damaged property to claim a loss deduction. It is quite conceivable that severe damage to the property around your house may cause the value of your property to decline. Although the damage occurred suddenly, you cannot claim a deduction for the loss in value unless your own property was actually damaged.

You can claim a deduction for a drop in the value of your car due to an accident. This is true

regardless of whether you or another driver is to blame, unless the accident is a result of your willful negligence. However, if you are responsible for a car accident and have to pay for damage inflicted on someone else's car, you cannot deduct the payment as a casualty loss.

Proving a Casualty Loss Determining the amount you can claim as a casualty loss may be very difficult. Generally you are allowed to claim the amount by which your property decreased in value. In some cases, a repair bill will be considered sufficient to support your deduction.

The best thing you can do is gather together any information that may help support the amount you claim as a deduction. For example, if your house is badly damaged, a qualified architect can often give a reasonable estimate of the before and after value. The appraisal fee, by the way, is a deductible expense.

You can claim a deduction for the value of property that is stolen. The problem in claiming losses from theft is that you will probably have to show some evidence that the theft took place. Be sure that there is at least a police record of the theft and a report of any findings the police may have come up with. Also, you might keep track of newspaper accounts, insurance reports and so on. Theft losses are deductible in the year you discover that your property is missing.

You can get additional information on casualty and theft deductions from the instruction booklet issued by the Internal Revenue Service each year.

ADDING MACHINE TAPE At Journal Office

Frank Tubbs, Adams, Oregon wheat grower, and an Indian attendant are shown in the wheat booth at the World Agricultural Trade Fair in New Delhi, India. Various bread and pastry items, which are baked daily in a demonstration bakery are on display for the visitors. Pictures of many wheat products and foods are shown in the booth. Of interest also is a pasta machine which makes macaroni.

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS" BY C. WILSON HARDER The Federal Trade Commission has awakened to the fact that there is some hanky panky in the baking business, and has charged two bakers with giving discounts to favored customers. Huber Baking Company, selling over 4,000 accounts in the states near its home base in Wilmington, Delaware, is aware of this. Continental Baking, the nation's largest bakery combine, is charged with giving discounts to some chains of up to 75%. The steps taken by Continental Baking Company in the past few years are most interesting and would seem to explode the off-held theory that big monopoly type operations have a higher level of ethics, and are operated by a much smarter management group than independent businessmen. It was not too long ago that Continental was advertising its wonder bread over the radio with the startling story that "if your child has stopped growing, start feeding him Wonder bread and in just eight days he will resume normal growth." Eventually the FTC stepped in on this, but in the meantime the baking combine made themselves and their brand ridiculous in the minds of hundreds of thousands of people who just couldn't believe that this story that a child could be growing like a weed was true. Continental Baking story is an interesting one. If anything is ever needed to explode the myth of the higher competence of huge corporation methods over independent businessmen, this story should furnish it. And for this result, hundreds, or perhaps thousands, of good, honest independent bakers were the cost of business. It would be a pity if the FTC were to let this story go.

WHAT'S DOING Cal Horn, your Telephone Manager

Meet Audrey O'Connor, a service representative in The Dalles telephone business office. Like service reps everywhere, she answers questions or requests when people call in about their service. We wanted you to meet her because she's typical of the people we like to have working for you—bright, personable, and likes to help others. Naturally, she got plenty of special training before she took over her service desk. That's the way we like to do it... help people like Audrey build careers for themselves while they do a good job for you.

You know that wire that runs from your phone to the pole outside? It's called a drop wire. With lots of new phones going in, you've probably seen phone men hooking up these wires. Most always, they have a few small pieces left over. Do they throw these pieces away? Not at all! These "leftovers" are put together into lengths of wire we can use somewhere else. We do it by melting the leftovers down, along with other scrap metal and cable pieces. And you'd be surprised... just from this reclaimed metal alone we get hundreds of miles of new wire every year. So you see, just like a budget-minded housewife we make good use of our scraps!

LOCK magazine readers may have seen the article about the Los Angeles "Family Housing Conference" attended by 100 builders. These builders asked a panel of 28 home-owners (23 women and 5 men) for their opinions on everything from doorknobs to landscaping—to telephones. And the ladies agreed: a kitchen phone is "an absolute necessity". One woman added, "We have four telephones at our house, and when I put them in I was criticized by my husband, who does some traveling. We have one in the kitchen, the basement, living room, and one upstairs in my bedroom. But when my husband calls home on his trips, all three of us get on the phones and talk to him and he talks to all of us at once, now he says, '... it's worth it.'" Pacific Telephone

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE By authority of an Execution issued the 2nd day of December, 1959, upon a judgment, wherein Howard Dent, Jr. was plaintiff and Mildred Smith was defendant, said judgment being in favor of the plaintiff in the amount of \$644.92 together with interest thereon from the 16th day of November, 1959, at the rate of 6% per annum, and for costs and disbursements of the action, I will on the 17th day of February, 1960, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock P. M. on said date at the front door of the County Court House in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption and confirmation as provided by law, all of the right, title and interest of said Mildred Smith in the following described property situated in Sherman County, State of Oregon, to-wit: S 1/2 SE 1/4; SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 32, Township 3 South, Range 18 East, NW 1/4 NW 1/4; S 1/2 NW 1/4 and S 1/2 of Section 1 except county road, E 1/2; E 1/2 NW 1/4 and S 1/2 NW 1/4 of Section 5, NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 7, N 1/2; N 1/2 SE 1/4 SW 1/4; SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 8 except county road, and, All of Section 9 except county road. All in Township 4 South, Range 18 East and containing 2,152.26 acres. Done and dated at Moro, Sherman County, State of Oregon, this 12th day of January, 1960. George J. Geisler Jr., Sheriff of Sherman County, Ore. BURDA, HALSTEAD & CUSHMAN, Attorneys for Plaintiff 106 E. 4th Street The Dalles, Oregon 11-11c

PUBLIC NOTICE The annual meeting of the Sherman County Soil Conservation District will be held Tuesday, January 19, 1960 at 1:15 p. m. County Courthouse, Moro. Annual report of the district and other business will be held. An educational program on Soil Conservation has been scheduled. John Shipley, Chairman T. W. Thompson, Secretary 11c

WANT ADS

- FOR SALE: 1950 Chev. 2 door Sedan, good motor, new tires. \$175. Call JO 5-3223. 11-2p
- FOR SALE: Contract on valley home, 5%, payments current, one-third paid, good security. Journal office. 11c
- WANT to make \$15 to \$25 a day? We will train and finance dependable man or woman, over 21, for part or full time McNess Route work. Write McNess Co., Box 4014, Oakland 23, Calif.
- FOR SALE: 2 yearling registered Angus bulls of good quality. Ideal for cross breeding. \$500. One 4-year purebred Angus cow and 2 registered beef heifers. All 5 for \$975. CYS-8902 or Rt. 4 Box 82, The Dalles. 10-11c
- CONSIGN your livestock to your local auction The Dalles Livestock Commission, Inc. Livestock sales every Wednesday at noon. Special community auctions of household, machinery, poultry, etc. the 1st Saturday of each month starting Dec. 5th. Phone CY 6-4672, The Dalles, Oregon. 5c t/n
- STATE WIDE PAINT CO. complete painting and decorating service, spray or brush. Phone CY 6-3977 or CY 6-5293, 1205 E. 12th St. Vern Campbell and Jack Null, The Dalles, Or. 35t/n
- FOR Agricultural loans see The Dalles NFILA and the Mid-Columbia PCA, 4th & Court Street. CYpress 6-2468. 21-25
- Custom Slaughtering by appointment only. Meat cutting, wrapping, sharp freeze. Kenny's Market, Grass Valley, Oregon Call ED 3-2345 for appointment
- FOR SALE: Approx. 150 tons of Alfalfa-Grass Hay. Prefer to take cattle to pay. See Bill or Bob Rolfe, Grass Valley. 9c
- Moro LODGE NO. 113 I.O.O.F. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited. Floyd Haines, N. C. Leo Watkins, Secretary
- Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.S. Meets every second Thurs day each month. Visiting members invited. Moro, Ore. Imogene Hailey, W. M. Dorothy Heater, Secretary
- Taylor LODGE A. F. & A. M. Wasco Meets First and Third Tuesdays. Visiting brethren welcome. Vinton Watkins, W. M. Elton Medler, Secretary
- Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 174 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Mary Brackett, N. G. Helen Martin, Secretary
- HARLANDVIEW GRANGE Meets First and Third Mondays each month at 8:00 p. m. Helen Bruckert, Master Florence Bruckert, Secretary Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A. M. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. Ronald Powell, W. M. Clyde Gillmor, Secretary