

Widow of Farmer Refunded Income Tax

Portland—(U.P.)—The widow of a Washington county farmer and the executor of her husband's estate yesterday were refunded \$473,783 in federal income taxes and interest.

U. S. Judge Claude McCulloch awarded the money to Mrs. Jessie Wilson and the estate

executor, the U. S. National Bank of Portland.

The taxes were assessed against timberman Sam J. Wilson in 1949, the year before he died. The sum was paid in 1954.

Then Mrs. Wilson and the bank sued, claiming they were wrongfully assessed.

New Laws Governing Outdoor Advertising Effective This Month

A new statute governing outdoor advertising becomes effective Dec. 31, the Jackson County

Chamber of Commerce has reminded area merchants. The statute is being administered by the Oregon state bureau of labor.

The law regulates advertising structure and signs which are visible from the highway outside incorporated cities.

Annual Permit
An annual permit is required for each structure and sign except signs advertising name, nature or service of a business which is within 300 feet of the business site, certain warning signs, rental or sales signs on the real estate involved, and signs on a farm advertising its products.

Permit applications may be obtained from the state bureau of labor, Salem. Permit fees are based on advertising area, starting at 50 cents for signs less than 50 square feet, to \$3 for signs in excess of 500 square feet. Fees for all advertising signs presently in place or in construction, are due December 31. Advertising copy may be changed without payment of an additional fee but reapplication must be made when a sign is moved or rebuilt.

Where Placed
Signs may not be placed on rocks or trees, and must be able to withstand wind pressure safely. They should not obstruct vision of motorists at intersections and curves.

If a sign does not comply with legal regulations within 30 days after notice, or if the name and address of the owner is not on the sign, it can be removed by the state and the owner charged for the removal.

The chamber advised highway sign owners to check provisions of the law applicable to their signs.

A limited number of sign applications are available in the Chamber office, and additional copies may be obtained from the bureau of labor, state office building, Salem.

Game Habit Study Earns College Degree

Pinckneyville, Ill.—(U.P.)—Robert Verts is earning a master's degree from Southern Illinois University by turning 900 acres of abandoned strip mining land into a potential public hunting ground near here.

As part of his graduate study, Verts is maintaining the land, developing it for wildlife and making a study of game habits and population. The area already offers a good supply of rabbits, quail and other small game to hunters who venture into the forbidding terrain created by "spoil piles" from mining operations.

There is only one level spot in the 900 acres—a plot of 50 acres in the middle which was planted with corn to provide food for the wildlife. Verts is making a study there of animal movement in and out of feeding grounds.

Besides the cover crop of shrubs and grasses planted by Verts, hardwood trees are springing up from natural seeding. Other cover is provided by hardwood and pines planted by the Truax-Traer Coal Company, owner of the land.

Brain Disorders Related To Balance

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Epileptic seizures and other brain disorders may be related to a delicate balance between charged hydrogen atoms in the blood and those in brain fluid, it has been suggested by University of California research scientists here.

Studies performed under a U. S. Public Health Service grant have shown that a slight change in the ratio of hydrogen ions in the blood and those in brain fluid will change the electrical potential between the two fluids.

There is a barrier between the blood vessels and the most of fluid that surrounds brain cells, and the hydrogen ions apparently cannot pass through the barrier on their own. In the barrier, however, may be tiny pumps which can force the ions through the barrier when necessary.

The possibility was suggested by Dr. Robert Tschirgi and his associates at the university medical center that when these pumps break down the delicate balance of the hydrogen atoms between the blood and brain is upset. They suggest that this unbalance may cause brain disorders.

TREAT AS EQUAL
Concord, Mass.—(U.P.)—A Lincoln woman, about to go away for a week, left her dog at a kennel here with written instructions as to diet and general care. "And still more important," she concluded, "please avoid all patronizing tones and anything that smacks of condescension."

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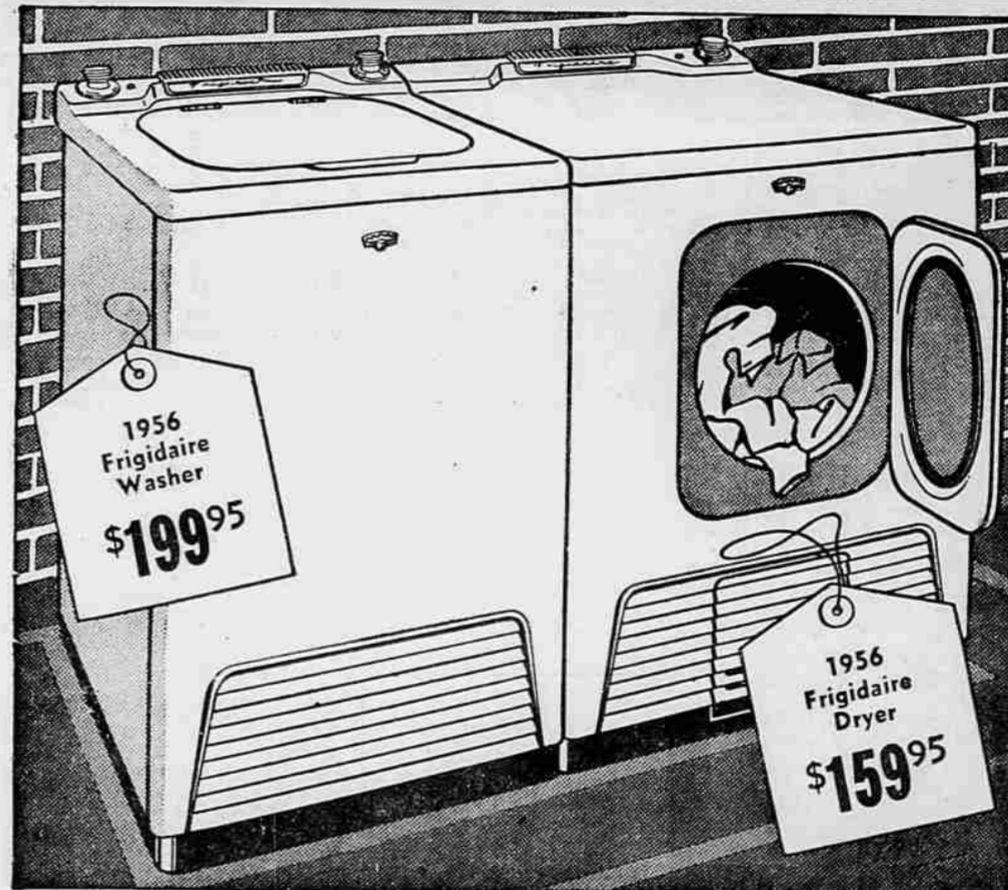
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