

Veterans' Benefits Are Exempt From Taxation

Salem—Most veterans' benefits are exempt from state and federal taxation, Vere A. McCarty, service division manager for the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, has reported. Items excluded in computing both federal and state tax returns, which are due April 15, include:

State bonuses; all Veterans administration benefits including educational assistance, compensation and pensions; GI insurance dividends; insurance proceeds paid on death of the insured; mustering-out pay and jobless benefits paid under the Korean GI bill; and social security benefits, workmen's compensation and sickness benefits. Interest earnings from GI insurance dividends left of deposit are taxable, however.

Armed Forces disability retirement pay is exempt from federal taxation, while Oregon taxes any amount in excess of \$3,000, with one exception: If the VA had at one

time been responsible for making the payment, then it is totally exempt.

Retirement pay for length of service is taxed both by the federal government and the state of Oregon.

Oregon servicemen on active duty enjoy a state income tax exclusion on the first \$3,000 of their annual military pay. This includes pay earned during annual National Guard summer camp or Re-

serve cruises or maneuvers of two weeks or more, but it does not include inactive duty or weekly drill pay.

Servicemen must pay federal taxes on their military income.

The news that Henry Clay had been nominated for President by the Whig party in Baltimore was the first dispatch to be carried by telegraph. The date was May, 1844.

A close range bird often sees best with one eye.

Twelve-inch records can be played on a portable, battery driven record player that is small enough to fit in a coat pocket.

Sir Richard Burton, the British explorer who died in 1890, spoke 35 languages and dialects.

American farms produced about one-third of the value of their lands and equipment in 1950, compared with only about one-sixth of their value in 1900.

A crash data recorder will tell the story of the last five minutes of an airplane's life.

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Local Dentists Named Delegates to Meeting

Drs. E. G. Ray, John Price, Frank Wilson, Norman Capsey, and John Dickson of Medford; Dr. Claude Lewis of Central Point; and Dr. Dick Camden of Rogue River, have been named to the house of delegates of the Oregon State Dental association and will represent the Southern Oregon District Dental Society at the 66th annual meeting of the association at Portland Masonic Temple, March 1-4.

Nearly 1,500 are expected to attend the meeting. The program will be based upon the latest oral health developments from nationally-known dentists from all over the United States.

School News...

Oak Grove School

The Oak Grove school fifth and sixth grades presented a Centennial program for the student body on Friday, which was enjoyed by all attending. The teachers and students dressed in the old time styles. The dresses worn by Mrs. Mary Carlson and Mrs. Marjorie Gandee were the oldest and most authentic.—Phillip Rupp, Steve Lamb.

The Junior Red Cross held a meeting at the club house on Hawthorne ave. on Tuesday, Feb. 17. The two representatives from Oak Grove are Wade Thomas and Carolyn Bailey.—Wade Thomas.

Valentine parties were held in each room on Friday, Feb. 13. Everyone was eating either a cookie, cupcake or a piece of candy.

The Philippine book drive was completed on Friday, Feb. 20. Our school went over the top for the amount set to collect. The committee is now busy getting the books ready to ship.—Pamela Lyon, Tom Humphries.

There are some interesting posters displayed in the arts and crafts room. The sixth grade has made pictures from toothpicks and glued them on colored paper. There are some horses, flowers, faces, airplanes and just about everything one could think of.—Laurel Shuler.

The fifth grade, in Mrs. Florence Connors' room, is starting the study of electricity. Paul Larson has brought a small electric motor for them to learn about.—Hugh Charley.

Mrs. Dora DeKorte's fifth grade made a mural with chalk on Oregon from then to now. Everyone in the room took part in drawing something. Some of the things of Oregon that were drawn are Oregon insignia, state flag, state bird, state flower, state tree, Old Oregon Trail, progress then to now, Oregon state and things grown in Oregon, Crater Lake, Horsetail Falls, and Mt. Hood.

We had the mural in the gym for the Centennial program. Now, part of the mural is in the cafeteria and in our room.—Charlotte Martin.

The second grade class has made some colorful hatchets honoring the birthday of George Washington. They are displayed bordering the blackboard.—Mary Keese, Karen Charley.

The mumps are keeping a number of students out of school. Miss Nancy Rutledge, first grade teacher, is also home ill with mumps. Mrs. Lois Seitz, fourth grade teacher, was absent because of flu last week.

Basketball room tournaments are being organized now. The boys will play each room during the noon hour. The captains are Billy Jones, 6th grade; Ben Taylor, 5th grade; Dane Hill, 5th grade; Bob Clark, 4th grade. The girls of each room are organizing their yell groups.—Roger Schmidt.



Over 180 members in Crater, Eagle Point and Phoenix chapters benefit our community and our nation by the study of the scientific, economic and mechanical aspects of modern farming. As members of FFA they learn through active participation how to conduct and take part in public meetings; to speak in public; to market farm products; to solve their own problems; to finance themselves; and to assume civic responsibility.

Future Farmers of America chose the week of George Washington's birthday each year for the observance of National FFA Week. Washington's first love was his farm, Mount Vernon. There he was one of the first in the nation to practice contour planting, crop rotations, fertilization, and other soil conservation and improvement methods. Today, through the guidance of the FFA, young men seek, like Washington, to do their very best to be trained, competent and foresighted.

The specific purposes for which the organization was formed are as follows: (1) To develop able, aggressive rural and agricultural leadership; (2) to create and nurture a love of country life; (3) to

strengthen the confidence of farm boys and young men in themselves and their work; (4) to create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations; (5) to encourage members in the development of individual farming programs and establishment in farming; (6) to encourage members to improve the farm home and its surroundings; (7) to participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of agriculture; (8) to develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism; (9) to participate in cooperative work; (10) to encourage and practice thrift; (11) to encourage improvement in scholarship; (12) to provide and encourage the development of organized rural recreational activities.



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