

New Tax Program for Oregon to Bring Some Levy Increase to Most Taxpayers

Salem—UPB—The tax program adopted by the Oregon Legislature will bring some increased taxes to most taxpayers. These increases will vary in accordance with their income.

Dean Ellis, chairman of the state tax commission, told United Press International that those in the group of taxpayers with two dependents in a joint return, whose total annual income is \$3,000, will pay the exact amount of state and federal taxes that they do now. Under present tax law this couple would pay \$7 in state taxes and \$59 in federal taxes or a total of \$66.

Under the revised tax schedule this could would pay \$8 in state taxes and \$58 in federal or a total of \$66.

A married couple with a total income of \$5,000 a year under present laws pay \$58 in state taxes and \$408 in federal tax or a total of \$466. Under the new schedule they would pay \$60 in state taxes and \$408 in federal tax, or just \$2 additional.

Under the rates to be in effect on 1959 incomes, payable by April 15, 1960, a couple having total earnings of \$10,000 now pay \$270 in state taxes and \$1,313 in federal income tax or a total of \$1,583.

Next April 15 they will pay \$311 in state taxes and \$1,304

in federal taxes or a total of \$1,615, or \$32 additional total taxes.

Single persons with no dependents will pay only slight increases in the three brackets of income. Those with \$3,000 income would pay a total of \$10 additional in state and federal taxes; those with \$5,000 income would pay \$19 additional and those earning \$10,000 would pay only \$14 additional total taxes.

Simplified Return

Tax Commission Chairman Ellis considers the simplified return, authorized by the 1959 Legislature, to be the most important of all revisions made for taxpayers on salaries and wages who take the standard deduction. They will be permitted to file their withholdings statement in lieu of a tax return.

The commission is authorized to compute the tax due, bill the taxpayer for any additional taxes or refund any excess taxes paid.

The maximum limit on deduction of medical expenses has been removed but the present requirement that only medical expenses in excess of five per cent of the adjusted gross income may be deducted. Anything above that spent for doctors, and hospital expenses can be deducted.

Ellis said that the Capital Gains Relief act passed by the 1959 Legislature is quite

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Council Adopts No-Shooting Bill

An ordinance prohibiting the discharge of firearms in Medford's Prescott park atop Roxy Ann butte was unanimously passed Thursday night by the city council.

The council also authorized City Manager Robert A. Duff to contract with Thompson and Stevens, consulting engineers in Portland, for development of plans for the proposed West Jackson st. swimming pool.

Adoption of the no-shooting ordinance became the latest step in current efforts to develop recreational facilities on Roxy Ann.

Other steps in the park's development are to be discussed at an organizational meeting of Medford parks and recreation commission members and representatives of interested service clubs called for next Friday at the Jackson county courthouse.

Spokesmen for local boy scout groups told the commission Wednesday of their interest in establishing a walk-in camp and a day camp on the slopes of the butte.

Duff told the council last night that Stevens and Thompson would charge a "standard" rate of 8 per cent for work on the pool. He reported that this firm won a national prize last year for its design of the new pool at North Bend. Since funds for the proposed pool here are limited, Duff said, savings may involve reducing bath house facilities to a minimum.

Chavez Ravine Families Camp Out

Los Angeles—UPB—The battle of Chavez Ravine, confined to the courts for two years, was out in the open—literally—yesterday as 12 persons evicted from their homes and another 30 friends and relatives camped out in protest over the ouster.

Although most of the families involved had lived rent-free in their small homes for the past six years during litigation, they protested bitterly when sheriff's deputies carried out the eviction Friday.

The land is part of that to be turned over by the city to the Dodgers for a new baseball park. The state supreme court upheld the right of the city to reserve the land, originally restricted to housing, for the Dodger contract.

Residents of the ravine argued they did not feel they were being properly compensated to their property. Some just didn't want to leave, they told reporters, to make way for a ball park.

Chaplin's Wife Expecting Seventh

Lausanne, Switzerland—UPB—Sources at Charlie Chaplin's estate yesterday confirmed that his wife, Oona, is expecting their seventh child late this year.

Chaplin celebrated his 70th birthday last month. Mrs. Chaplin, daughter of the late American playwright Eugene O'Neill, will be 34 in a few weeks.

He and the former Miss O'Neill were married 16 years ago. They are the parents of Geraldine, 15, Michael 13, Josephine 10, Victoria 8, Eugene 6, and Jane 2. Chaplin has two sons, Charles Jr., and Sidney, by a former marriage.

Portland Woman, Apparent Victim Of Slayer, Dies

Raymond, Wash.—UPB—Mrs. Bertina Stephens, 41, of Portland, died in a hospital here Friday, apparently the victim of a slayer.

Police said the woman was believed to have been searching for her runaway daughter and had been away from her home for about two weeks.

Her husband, James, said she left her home in her car to search for her daughter, Dianne, 15.

Stephens said he did not hear from or about his wife until she was brought into the New Riverside hospital here Tuesday, suffering from severe bruises.

Pacific County Prosecutor Herbert Wiseland said, "At this time the only thing we can conclude is that the injuries were inflicted by an unknown person or persons."

Police here said they questioned the woman after her admittance to the hospital but she was so badly beaten she could not tell them what had happened.

A spokesman for the Pacific county sheriff's office said Mrs. Stephens was accompanied to the hospital by an unemployed logger named Lou Glazier.

Stephens told officers their daughter had run away from home about a month ago. He said his wife left after hearing reports that the girl took a bus for Seattle.

Authorities were questioning Glazier in connection with the case.

Servicemen Electronics Unit Enlists Nine Men

Naval Reserve Electronics division 13-5, composed of men from southern Oregon, became one of the largest reserve electronic units in the country recently when nine new men joined the division, Stationkeeper R. D. Churchill has announced.

The five new recruits and three Navy veterans bring the complement to 73 officers and men.

New seaman recruits are William Allen, James Conger, Larry Hansen, Markey James and Dean Lamp, all of Central Point. Former Navy men joining the unit are Aviation Seaman Joseph Beeson, Ashland; Boiler Tender Second Class Fred Sutton, Central Point; and Boatsman's Mate Third Class Bob Montgomery, Medford.

Commanding Officer Lt. R. A. Schuchard, Medford, said the local reserve activity is at full strength and recently became the only electronics division in the 13th Naval district this year to receive permission to enlist an additional 12 men.

The unit's offices are located at 33 North Riverside ave., Medford.

Jets' Sonic Boom Causes Phone Flurry

Portland—UPB—Two jet F-102s stationed at McChord Air Force Base near Tacoma, broke the sound barrier Friday night and the sonic boom set off a flurry of phone calls to newspapers and radio stations.

A spokesman at the Portland air base said the two jet planes cracked the sound barrier flying above 35,000 feet. They reportedly were 20 to 30 miles north of here.

Murray said the first of the "321s," larger version of the Boeing 707 now in service, may be delivered as early as July. Scheduled service is expected to begin about 45 days after delivery.

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QUALIFIES AS PILOT

Navy Ensign William P. Culhane, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Culhane, 713 West 13th st., Medford, qualified as a pilot recently aboard the support aircraft carrier USS Antietam, operating in the Gulf of Mexico. Before he entered the Navy in 1957, he was graduated from Southern Oregon college.

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Quarles Died Of Heart Attack

Washington—UPB—An autopsy showed yesterday that Deputy Defense Secretary Donald A. Quarles died of a heart attack.

A Defense Department announcement attributed death to an "obstructive coronary sclerosis... a narrowing of the blood vessels" which cut off the supply of blood to his heart.

The 64-year-old government official who was in line to become President Eisenhower's next Defense Secretary, was found dead at his home here early Friday. He will be buried Tuesday in Arlington National cemetery after simple military services.

The loss of Quarles presented President Eisenhower with the task of finding a successor, and may signal a shake-up of the top civilian command at the Pentagon. Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy has said he wants to retire later this year but Quarles' death may delay this.

Arch Cape Tunnel Reported Repaired

Astoria—UPB—The state highway department reports that the Arch Cape tunnel on Highway 101 has been repaired. The tunnel was damaged April 23 when an out-of-control vehicle crashed into a supporting timber inside the south end of the tunnel.

Seven truckloads of timbers were reported used in the repairs.

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