

# Internal Revenue Planning Table for State Sales Tax Deductions



**FIREMEN MEET**—Approximately 100 firemen from various communities in southern Oregon attended a dinner and school fire seminar in Central Point last week, sponsored by the Central Point city fire department. Part of the group is shown as they listened to Lecturer Edward F. Boatright, public relations director for the American Fire Alarm company, and ex-assistant chief of the Portland, Ore., fire department. The meeting was held in the banquet room of the Pioneer Club, Central Point. The firemen viewed color films on the Chicago parochial school fire, which occurred two years ago this week, and the Los Angeles school test fire. Members of the Medford police department and state forestry department also attended, in addition to other interested persons.

**Policy Would Reduce Payments For Some People**  
 Deductions To Be Without Question

Washington—(UPI)—The Internal Revenue Service is getting ready to announce a new national policy which will mean lower taxes for some taxpayers. The service has drawn up and plans to publish soon tables showing "normal" amounts taxpayers may deduct on their federal income tax returns for state sales taxes.

Many taxpayers will find they have been deducting less than these "normal" amounts. Present thinking in the IRS is to allow without question deductions up to the "normal" amount.

Taxpayers listing more than "normal" amount may be asked to prove their claim.

**For Those Who Itemize**  
 The tables of estimated sales tax would be for use only by taxpayers who itemize their deductions. About one-third of all individual taxpayers do this. The others take the standard deduction of 10 per cent of income allowed by any taxpayer who does not itemize.

Experts at Internal Revenue headquarters in Washington have prepared a separate table for each of the 34 states which levy a sales tax. The taxes range from 2 to 4 per cent and there are other variations. For example, in the District of Columbia, which charges 2 per cent on most items, the tax on groceries is only 1 per cent.

The tables have been made up on the basis of income and dependents.

**Would Reduce Friction**  
 A taxpayer would read down the left-hand column to find his income bracket. Then he would read across to the column showing how many dependents he has.

One reason for the tables is that taxpayers rarely can prove down to the last dollar how much they have paid in sales taxes. The result is that they estimate the amount. Difficulties arise when an Internal Revenue examiner's judgment on this point differs from the taxpayer's. To reduce this kind of friction, and the taxpayer's uncertainty about how much will be allowed, the service drew up the tables. Their use also will speed up checking of returns.

**Open House Slated At Central Point**

Central Point — An open house dedicating the new Central Point city hall will be held Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The new \$14,444 city hall was completed recently. City offices were moved to the new building June 24. The building includes facilities for a city library, and also has a main city office room, vault, small private conference room and utility room.

It was added on to the city fire hall and former library built in 1956. The library facilities have been converted into space for the city police department.

City officials will conduct tours as part of the Saturday open house. At 2:30 p.m. William Abbott will make a dedication speech.

Hamburg, Germany — (UPI) — A West German freighter was fired upon by a French warship off the Algerian coast today, its owners reported.

## 2 Rail Unions OK Merger Plan

**Proposal Will Be Submitted To Membership**

Cleveland, Ohio—(UPI)—The board of directors of two of the oldest railroad unions have approved a merger which would put 140,000 men under one banner, it was announced today.

The merger would join the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen. The action was announced in a joint statement by W. P. Kennedy, BRT president, and James A. Paddock, president of the ORCB.

The proposal will now be submitted to the membership for approval.

**One of Oldest**  
 The BRT, which has 110,000 members, is one of the oldest railroad unions in the country, having been founded Sept. 23, 1883. The ORCB, with 30,000 members, was founded July 6, 1868.

In the statement, Kennedy and Paddock said the "key principle of the merger is the maintenance of the right of each craft and class of employee represented by the combined organization. This will insure that the wages and working conditions of all members will be fully protected."

The proposal was expected to be submitted to the membership early next year as soon as a subcommittee works out final administrative details.



**CONFERS ON JOB**—President-elect John Kennedy today conferred with Byron "Whizzer" White, Colorado attorney and former All-American football player, a post in his new administration. They are shown outside the Kennedy home in Washington following their meeting. (UPI Telephoto)

## Kennedy Offers 'Whizzer' White Administration Job

Washington—(UPI)—President-elect John F. Kennedy today asked Adlai E. Stevenson to serve in his administration as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Washington—(UPI)—President-elect John F. Kennedy today offered Byron (Whizzer) White, Colorado attorney and former All-American football star a post in his new administration.

Both Kennedy and White agreed, however, that the proposal at this stage did not involve a specific job. White has been mentioned as an appointee for attorney general or solicitor general.

White said Kennedy for about 20 minutes at the home of the president-elect and arranged to be in touch with him in Washington next week after Kennedy returns from a week end in Palm Beach, Fla.

White, 43, was director of nationwide volunteer activities for Kennedy during the recent campaign.

He said he would think over Kennedy's offer and let him know "in a few days."

**Brother Possible Appointee**  
 White and Robert Kennedy, the president-elect's brother, had been the two men most prominently mentioned for the post of attorney general, Robert Kennedy, who apparently can have the post if he wants it, has not yet decided what he should do.

Before his conference with White, the president-elect met with Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.). He then paid an unexpected 15-minute call on his wife and new son at Georgetown University hospital where John F. Jr. was to be christened late in the afternoon.

## Suggestions for Awards Are Sought

Recommendations for safety awards for 1960 will be received by the Medford Safety Council at a meeting at noon Friday at the Rogue Valley Country club.

Safety awards will be presented at the council's annual awards banquet in late January. Plans for the banquet will be discussed at the meeting.

Council members also will be asked to vote on a recommendation that members of the T-Man committee be honored at the awards banquet. Previously, members of the special "safety warden" committee have not been formally recognized for their efforts even after they leave the committee.

Officers for 1961 will be elected at Friday's luncheon. Ralph Matthews is now president of the Safety Council.



## Ending Hospital Money Problem Is Up To Public

Editor's note: This is the last in a series of articles on the Sacred Heart hospital story—its history, its problems and possible solutions to the problems.

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The Sacred Heart story is, among other things, the story of a hospital in financial trouble. Many of the troubles are peculiar to Sacred Heart alone, and many are common to all hospitals everywhere. It was financial troubles, ever-increasing in magnitude, that caused the Sisters of Providence, who operate the hospital, to announce in October that the hospital would close. It was only when a possible way out of these troubles had been found, that the Sisters said the hospital would remain open.

In announcing the closure of the 50-year-old institution, Sister Luke, hospital administrator, outlined the most pressing of these problems.

**Problems Outlined**  
 They are: a high, increasing debt; a continued operating deficit; increased patronage of Rogue Valley hospital; and high costs of improvements and construction. Sister Luke also cited bad debt experience and shorter patient stay, as other reasons for the closure.

While some of these problems are similar to those faced by other hospitals, they have double meaning to Sacred Heart because of the recognized need for the hospital to be replaced.

The fact that there was no money with which to finance a new structure, and that there was even some doubt as to the necessity of having two hospitals in the valley, prompted the closure announcement.

**Problems Not Solved**  
 The change of heart by the Sisters did not mean that the financial problems had suddenly been solved. On the contrary, it did mean that they could be solved. The solution, the Sisters have made quite clear, is as much up to the community as it is to themselves.

It was the community, in Oregon Ranks Fourth In Highway Mileage

Salem—(UPI)—Members of the Legislative Interim Committee on Highways were told today that Oregon is fourth in the nation in the percentage of total completed mileage of the inter-state road system.

Washington—(UPI)—The Air Force has advised Sen. Maurice Neuberger (D-Ore.) that it has released \$250,000 for construction of a ground air transmitter receiver at the North Bend, Ore., Air Force station.

**WEATHER**  
 FORECAST: Fair tonight, increasing high, cloudiness Friday. Low tonight 20-25, High Friday 35.

**Our Skies Tonight**  
 Sunset today 4:39 p.m.  
 Sunrise tomorrow 7:29 a.m.  
 Moonrise tonight 9:24 p.m.  
 Last quarter Dec. 11

**BRIGHTEST STAR**  
 Sirius, rises 9:08 p.m.  
 Venus, sets 5:12 p.m.  
 Jupiter, sets 5:12 p.m.  
 Saturn, sets 6:20 p.m.  
 Venus, sets 7:11 p.m.  
 Mars, in the east 10:19 p.m.



## Scientists Expect To Recover Capsule Of Discoverer XVIII

Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.—(UPI)—Scientists tracked orbiting Discoverer XVIII satellite today confident they can recover by the push of a button its capsule loaded with samples of human and plant life.

The Air Force said it would decide today whether to attempt recovery of the gold-plated, 300-pound capsule on its 17th polar orbit this afternoon or wait until Friday after its 31st orbit when it has traveled nearly a million miles.

**Near-Perfect Orbit**  
 "Right now it looks like we'll certainly leave the capsule up there for the extra day," a spokesman said after it was launched into a near-perfect orbit Wednesday with a more powerful rocket engine.

The push of a button at a Sunnyvale, Calif., tracking station will send the capsule hurtling through space toward a 250-by-50-mile "ball park" recovery area near Hawaii.

where three previous capsules have been recovered in recent months.

Planes trailing snagging devices will try to catch the capsule as it floats back to earth on a parachute. Ships will stand by to pluck it from the water if the planes miss.

**Carries Tissues**  
 Only one previous Discoverer capsule has been kept in space longer than 17 orbits before recovery was tried. That was Discoverer's XVIII's capsule which was recovered last month after remaining in orbit for 31 passes.

The capsule aboard Discoverer XVIII carried tissue from the underside of a human eyelid, human bone marrow and blood cells as well as algae and spores to study effects radiation would have on human space travelers.

## Attempts To Save Man's Life Fail

A 63-year-old Medford man died on his birthday yesterday of an apparent heart attack despite efforts to save him by Medford Police Officer Milton B. Hanson.

Dead is Alfred Alexander Correll, 236 South Central ave. Officer Hanson gave the man mouth to mouth resuscitation and applied closed chest massage for 10 minutes, but to no avail.

Officer Hanson had been summoned about 11:15 a.m., to 921 North Central ave., on a report that a man was suffering from a heart attack at that location. When Hanson arrived the man was still alive, he said, and he attempted to save him.

The body was taken to Conger-Morris Funeral home.

## Murder Trial in County Set Over Until Jan. 23

The trial of Keith Duane Adams for first degree murder was set over until Jan. 23 this morning by Circuit Judge James M. Main.

Adams is charged with strangling his ex-wife in Medford Aug. 4.

The extension of time was granted Robert R. Dickey, court appointed attorney for Adams, following arguments today on a motion filed Wednesday afternoon. The motion had requested the trial be scheduled Feb. 13, 1961.

In his motion, Dickey cited the additional work load at his office since the appointment of his associate, Loren L. Sawyer, as district court judge. He explained that the Adams case required the majority of his time.

District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder opposed the continuance, believing that it would jeopardize the state's case since he would no longer be prosecuting attorney because his term expires.

In his statement Reeder said that "I intend this as no reflection on the ability of Mr. Holmes (Alan B. Holmes is district attorney-elect and will assume office Jan. 3), who will then be district attorney. My point is that I have put a lot of hard work and long hours in the preparation of this case. I am and have been ready for some time to try this case, and I doubt if my successor will be in a position to take over a vigorous prosecution of the case."

Reeder continued that "a prosecution of this magnitude requires some continuity on the part of the prosecuting attorney. Mr. Holmes will hardly have adequate time to prepare the case properly on behalf of the state."

Reeder said that he would make his services available to Holmes in the trial of the case if he should request it.

"It is my opinion that Mr. Adams should come to the bar of justice and be put on trial for the crime which he was indicted for—that is, for first degree murder."

This is the second time that the trial date has been continued. The date was previously scheduled for Nov. 21 and a continuance was granted by the court to allow further time for psychiatric examination.

The trial had then been scheduled to begin Monday, Dec. 12.

## Final 1960 Population Count in County Is 73,962; 646 More Than Early Report

The population of Jackson county on April 1 this year was 73,962, according to the final 1960 census bureau report.

The total compares with the last preliminary report of 73,316, for a gain of 646. The final count represents an increase of 15,452 persons since 1950 when 58,510 were counted.

Medford's final count for April 1 was 24,425, an increase of 57 people from the preliminary report of 24,368.

The final count in Ashland was 9,119, or 127 more than the preliminary report of 8,992; Central Point had 2,289, up 15 from the 2,274 in the preliminary report; and Jacksonville had 1,172, or 11

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 Christmas Greetings  
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