



Your Money's Worth

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MAKING OUT WITH EXPENSE ACCOUNT RULES —1
(This is the first in a series of nine articles.)
The tightening up of expense account rules for 1963 and on has caused more uncertainty, confusion, complaints, criticism of the Treasury and general unpleasantness than any other tax law change in the last ten years.
Let's cut through this whole mess at the start with one question and one answer.

Question: After all the emotional outbursts and popping off, what do the stricter rules mean to the countless hundreds of thousands of salesmen, businessmen and professionals who must work with an expense account in order to earn their livelihood?
Answer: Surprising as it may seem, the vast majority of us will be able to deduct about as much as we ever did, before the new rules, if we keep reasonably good records, and at times possibly deduct even more.

For instance, there are tighter rules on deducting entertainment expenses, but in this series I'll show you how all of the rules make it reasonably simple to qualify for deduction.

You'll see how treating your business associates to lunch or dinner or cocktails is almost sure to qualify as deductible.

You'll learn that the travel cost of your combined business-pleasure trip will very likely be deductible in full, as before, despite new rules which seem to prevent this.

You'll find that Internal Revenue Service Commissioner Caplin is sympathetic to deductions on the cost of entertaining wives who accompany their husbands to entertainment which is deductible for the husbands, as I will explain later.

Exceedingly important is timing. Your expense account outlays from Aug. 1, 1963 on must meet all the new rules I will explain. But the Treasury realizes that most of us have had nothing really firm to guide us until this date. So it has instructed revenue agents to resolve in your favor any reasonable doubts about whether amounts you spent between January 1 and July 31 are deductible under the new expense account rules.

Let me ease your minds about another worry. Many of you are wondering whether the Treasury's new rule against deducting "lavish and extravagant" entertainment means that there is now some dollar limit on how much you can spend for a restaurant meal or night club entertainment. Here's your answer — there is no such dollar limit.

Even more significant than the absence of a dollar limit is the Treasury's willingness to accept as a reasonable deduction the tab you have to pay at a first class restaurant or a top-notch night club if that's what your business situation reasonably calls for. This means that a \$15 or \$20 meal in a quality restaurant shouldn't be barred as lavish or extravagant if a prominent business or professional man entertains an important customer or client.

Here is more good news. There are many expense account deductions which will continue to be deductible precisely as they have been in the past. Among the deductions not affected at all by the new rules are:
Supper money furnished by an employer to an employee working overtime.

Christmas parties, annual picnics, summer outings, and other recreational, social or similar activities primarily for employees (but you can't discriminate in favor of highly paid employees and employees who are officers, or stockholders and others who own 10 per cent or more of the business).

Business meetings of employees, stockholders, agents or directors primarily to discuss business.
Entertainment in a clear business setting such as a hospitality room at a convention; entertaining business and civic leaders at the opening of a new hotel or theatrical production, etc.

The key to the deductions lies, as stated above, in keeping satisfactory records. Later in this series you'll find out exactly what kind of records will do the trick.
Next: Quiet Meals.

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POSES AGAIN—Chief Iron Tail, Seneca Indian, right, Big Tree, now 98, and the Sioux Indian chief, wearing feathered head dress, Chief Iron Tail, posed for artist James Earl Frazer for the Indian profile 50 years ago, did in 1914 for the famous Indian nickel. (UPI)

The Medical Roundup

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Worrisome Pain in Breast Not Necessarily Cancerous

Women wonder, when cancer has been found in one breast, why they don't have it in the other, or how the doctor can tell that they do not have it in the other. Often the woman gets worried when she gets pain or soreness in the remaining breast.

Alvarez: This often happens when the primary disease is a cystic mastitis. In this condition, the breast feels as if it were full of buckshot because it is full of little cysts or globules of fluid. These represent enlarged milk glands.

Commonly, a woman with cystic mastitis has some pain in her breasts, perhaps, more or less all the time for years. When a woman has pain it is natural for her to be uneasy, for fear she has cancer. Actually, cancers of the breast

commonly grow so silently without producing any pain, that when I hear of pain I suspect mastitis rather than cancer.

Through the years, I have seen a few women with such a rapidly growing and malignant type of cancer in one breast that even before they came to me, they already had cancer in the other breast. But such cases are rare, and usually I could recognize the situation the minute I examined the woman. Such a breast looks as if it were inflamed, swollen and perhaps reddish in color.

Safest Thing

Occasionally, perhaps years after having had one breast removed for cancer, a woman will return with a nodule in the remaining breast. In most such cases, the wise surgeon promptly removes the breast. It is the safest thing to do, and often if puts an end to the woman's worry.

Because in recent years I have seen so many women who were miserable both mentally and physically because of a cystic mastitis, I have sometimes asked a surgeon to perform what I think is an ideal operation. He cuts through the crease under each breast; he lifts the breast up and scoops out all the breast tissue, leaving the skin, the fat under it, and the nipple.

In all the cases in which I have had this done, the woman has been very grateful because she has not only lost her worry, and she doesn't have to go back into the hospital every few months to have a suspicious nodule cut.

An Anti-Virus Drug

One of the most hopeful statements I have read in a long time is that a drug has now been found which will combat a virus, and a very important virus, the so-called Herpes simplex virus which can attack the cornea (clear window in the front of the eye), and can thereby produce blindness. Herpes simplex of the skin of the chest wall makes shingles.

I read that already, the new drug has healed the ulceration or improved the condition of 91.8 per cent of the 3,200 patients studied with an ulcer on their cornea.

The drug will soon be available throughout the United States on a prescription basis. The discovery was made by Dr. H. E. Kaufman, of the University of Florida College of Medicine.

Now that one virus has conquered, hope arises that others will also be brought under control.

June Allyson Delays Wedding

Hollywood — (UPI) — Actress June Allyson announced and canceled marriage plans within 12 hours this week end, but later indicated she still plans to marry as soon as legal matters are straightened out.

Miss Allyson, 39, widow of Dick Powell, said she had planned to marry Glenn Maxwell, 35, a Newport Beach, Calif., barbershop owner, in Las Vegas in a ceremony attended by her daughter, Pam, 14, and son, Ricky, 13.

The blonde actress told United Press International Saturday that "Glenn and I had planned to be married today but we've called it off. Probably indefinitely."

Miss Allyson wept for a few moments and added, "I would like to announce some happiness but sometimes it seems I never will."

But later she said she and her attorney, Bill Cruikshank, discussed the impending marriage. She said her funds "are naturally tied up in the estate of my late husband Dick Powell, who died of cancer last Jan. 2."

"Bill tells me that if I marry right now, I will lose my widow's allowance from the estate... it would be silly not to postpone it for a while due to these legal complications," she said.

The attorney said, "We will get these matter straightened out as soon as we can and then she can go ahead with her plans."

Senate Tackles Military Pay

Washington — (UPI) — Senate action was expected to be completed this week on a military pay raise bill as the full Senate Armed Service Committee worked on it today.

Chairman Howard W. Cannon (D-Nev.) of the subcommittee which drafted the bill to give pay increases to almost everyone in the military service and those retired or in the reserve, said the measure could go before the Senate Tuesday.

The House already has passed its version of the bill. It reduced President Kennedy's \$1.2 billion original request by \$15 million and excluded enlisted men in their first two years of duty from the proposed benefits.

Cannon's committee adjusted pay-scales approved by the House to weigh the increases in middle pay echelons for officers and enlisted men. Its purpose was to induce those men to stay in the service when many have been leaving for civilian life.

If the differences in the two bills can be adjusted in a House-Senate conference committee this week, President Kennedy's approval could make the pay raises effective early next month.



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