

MEHAMA

Mrs. John Teeters

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hollis and children, Shelly and Craig, of Castle Rock, Wash., came Saturday, Dec. 20, for a few days visit at the home of his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tracy.

Winifred Branch and Mrs. Charles Bouche drove to Seattle for a few days visit recently. Mrs. Branch stayed with her sister, Maude Price and Mrs. Bouche visited with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kerzie.

The Sunday school of the Mehama Community Church held their Christmas program during the evening services at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21. A very appreciative audience was present. Cookies, punch, and coffee were served following the program.

Mrs. J. Clifford Walker left Monday evening, Dec. 22, for her home at San Clemente, Calif., after a few weeks visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Shafer.



Hi
Just Want to Say
"Merry Christmas to
You!"



ROAD HOG

One-Stop Permit System Opens Doors January 2

When Oregon's new "one-stop" permit system opens for business Jan. 2, citizens will gain easier access into some of the state's most confusing processes, state permits.

The 58th Legislative Assembly recognized Oregon's need for better state permit information and passed SB 903, sponsored by Gov. Bob Straub and Senate President Jason Boe.

The three part system, located in the Executive Dept.'s Invergovernmental Relations Division (IRD), features information, "one-stop" permit review, and consolidated hearings.

Information is the key element of Oregon's new permit system, which begins operation in January 1976. Presently no office in state government maintains information on the entire range of state-issued approvals (permits, licenses, certifications, etc.). IRD will fill this gap, providing a central information service. Permit information will be available quickly through a toll-free phone and also in publications distributed at local government offices.

The one-stop review process allows submission of a master application form which IRD circulates to each permit issuing agency. Agencies must determine within a limited time whether a project requires any of their permits. IRD then forwards to the applicant a specific application form and pertinent regulations for each permit required. The review process is entirely optional to applicants.

At the request of the applicant or affected agencies IRD may consolidate informational hearings required by several agencies for one project. This feature of the new one-stop system is intended to save applicants time and money.

SB 903 also directs IRD to work closely with federal and local permit issuing agencies. Although these permits are not included in the one-stop review process, IRD will offer information on these as well as state permits.

"I'd like people to consider us an ally. With the 'one-stop' permit system, we're in an excellent position to offer them some positive support within the state permit process," Wm. H. Young, IRD administrator, said.

Key element of the "one-stop" system is a central information service, long missing in state government. Anyone needing information concerning state permits, licenses, fees or certifications can call IRD toll free at 1-800-452-5347.

The second element is an optional "one-stop" permit review. Rather than contact state agencies independently, an applicant may now stop at IRD in person or by phone.

GATES

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Arriving home on Sunday, Dec. 21, was Melody Barnhardt. She will return to Jordan Valley, where she is teaching, on January 4.

Having an early Christmas on Sun., Dec. 21, with Eda Stafford was her sister, Ruby Frich. They were joined by their brothers, Richard and Oscar Nystrom.

Visitors at Velma Carey's on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 21, were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carey, from Milwaukie, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carey, from Albany.

Dorothy Arthurs and Dorothy Newberg did some Christmas shopping in Salem on Wed., Dec. 17.

Dorothy Newberg spent Wed., Dec. 17, through Fri., Dec. 19, at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Peie and Penny Peterson in Salem. She was watching after Butch and Mary Ann while Tina had eye surgery.

Thought for the day: Cherish now your loved ones dear, for Christmas comes but once a year.

Riddle of the week: Why is the figure 9 like a peacock? Because without a tail it is nothing.



Christmas cheer in full measure to friends and patrons. Thank you for letting us serve all of you during the past year.

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Gates, Oregon



Monthly Recreation New Federal Income Report for Dec. Tax Forms Reflect Changes in Laws

Sweet Home Ranger Dist. Longbow Organizational Camp offers a low elevation recreation experience during the winter. There are six three-sided sleeping quarters with eight bunks each, and a sheltered dining area that can seat 50 people. There is a large fireplace, but you must bring your own firewood.

Reservations are necessary and a fee of \$10 per day is required. Please contact Sweet Home Ranger Dist., telephone 367-5166, for reservations and further information.

Two low elevation trails a short drive from Longbow Camp provide excellent winter hiking. They are Trout Creek #3405 and Rooster Rock #3399.

Ski touring is in full swing on the district. Two favorite tours are Heart Lake Road #1373 at Tombstone Pass, and Lava Lake Road #1349 east of Tombstone Pass. A large meadow provides an excellent snow play area at Lost Prairie Campground. There are no hills for sledding, but it is a good area for small children.

Detroit Ranger District Roads—None of the district roads are open. Tourists can expect district roads to be closed by snow during the winter months. Access to many forest roads often depends on the snow melt. Highway 22 is usually plowed and graveled but winter storms can make it very hazardous. CARRY TIRE CHAINS AT ALL TIMES.

Trails—All trails are closed with snow.

Campgrounds — All campgrounds are closed by snow.

Special Items — The district is sold out of Christmas tree permits. We are still issuing firewood cutting permits for specific areas. Check with the district before you start out to make sure the area is free of snow. The snow level on the

For the first time, some individuals who had no taxes withheld from their wages will be able to get money back by filing a federal income tax return, according to the IRS.

The money will be paid as an earned income credit for workers earning up to \$8,000 a year and maintaining a household with a dependent child. The credit is 10% of a worker's earnings — up to a maximum of \$400 — and decreases as income rises above \$4,000. This is a provision of the Tax Reduction Act of 1975 enacted by Congress.

In addition to the earned income credit, other features of the federal income tax forms for 1975 include the following: —A higher standard deduction of 16%, to a maximum of \$2,600, for married persons filing jointly (\$1,300 for married individuals filing separately), and \$2,300 for single persons and heads of household.

—A \$30 tax credit for each person claimed as an exemption.

—A five percent tax credit, with a \$2,000 ceiling, on the purchase of a new principal residence built or under construction before March 26, 1975, and acquired and occupied after March 12, 1975.

Another "first" is a line on Form 1040 for deduction contributions to individual retirement plans, generally available to individuals who do not qualify for pension plans at their job. Taxpayers who have an individual retirement account or annuity must attach Form 5329, Return for Individual Retirement Savings Arrangement, to their tax return, whether or not they contribute to their retirement plan during the year.

An additional change for 1975 is the increase in the tax table to cover incomes up to \$15,000. The tables make tax computations easier for taxpayers who do not itemize deductions. However, taxpayers are still encouraged to compare their itemized deduction against their allowable standard deduction to see which method results in a lower tax. Medical bills, charitable contributions, and other tax deductions sometimes enable taxpayers who itemize to realize a significant reduction in taxes.

Congress is considering proposals to change several tax law provisions. If changes are made that affect 1975 income taxes, the IRS will provide the supplemental forms and information that taxpayers will need to meet any new requirements of the tax law.

district as of December 15 is at 1000 feet.

Ski Trails — The following district trails are being used as cross country ski routes: Pamela Lake Trail 3439, Grizzly Peak Trail 3428, Elk Lake-Battle Axe Trail 3340, Twin Lakes Trail 3433, Maxwell Butte Trail 3391, Square Lake Trail 65, and the Pacific Crest Scenic Trail 2000 to Three Fingers Jack. There are also two forest roads that are used as ski routes: Road 110 to Fay Lake, and Road 1371A to Potatoe Hill.

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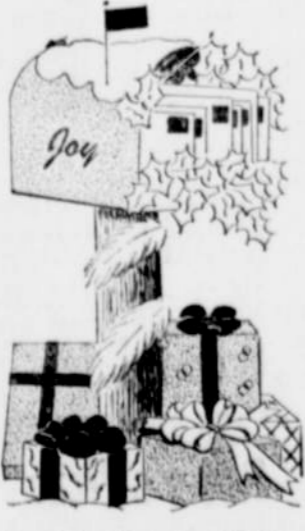


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