

### Retirement Credit Figures Outlined For Income Tax

The 1954 Internal Revenue Code provides for a reduction in your income tax in the form of a credit for retirement income which is computed on Schedule K, page 4 of Form 1040 for 1955. Its purpose is to provide a limited exemption, by means of a tax credit, to all retirement income in order to conform the tax treatment of all retired individuals with those who receive tax-free retirement income payments from social security, railroad retirement and certain other sources. The maximum credit for an individual taxpayer is 20 per cent of \$1,200, or \$240, and if both husband and wife meet all necessary requirements, the credit can be as much as \$480.

The retirement income credit is primarily available to taxpayers who are 65 years of age or older

at the end of the taxable year. The credit for taxpayers under 65 is available only to those who receive retirement pay from a public retirement system, including pensions, annuities, and retirement pay from the Armed Services. The credit is not available to nonresident aliens nor to taxpayers filing on Form 1040A. In other words, if you are entitled to a retirement income credit, you should not use Form 1040A which is the return requesting the District Director to compute your tax.

You can qualify for retirement income credit, according to District Director R. C. Graunquist of the Internal Revenue Service, if you received earned income in excess of \$600 per year in each of any 10 previous years of your life. Earned income means generally, compensation received for personal services. If, before retirement, you were engaged in a trade or business in which both capital and services were an income-producing factor, 39 per cent of the net profit is considered as earned income. A widow or widower whose spouse received earned income shall be considered to have received earned income.

For the purpose of computing the retirement income, retired individuals are divided into two groups as follows:

1. Those who have not attained the age of 65 before the end of the taxable year. Retirement income in this group consists only of pensions, annuities, and retirement pay from the Armed Forces.

2. Those who are 65 years of age or older. Retirement income for this group consists of pensions and annuities, retirement pay from the Armed Forces, interest, rents and dividends.

The total amount of retirement income for the purpose of computing the retirement income credit, cannot exceed \$1,200. A relatively simple computation is necessary to determine the base figure for computing the retirement income credit. Add together all items of retirement income. If this amount is more than \$1,200 use \$1,200 as the gross amount before limitations. If you have not attained the age of 75 before the close of the taxable year reduce the \$1,200 by the amount of social security benefits; railroad retirement payments; annuity otherwise excluded from gross income and earned income in excess of \$600. However, the \$1,200 is not reduced by amounts representing a return of capital, workmen's compensation, nontaxable amounts received for injury or sickness or tax free payments received under an employer's accident and health plan. If you are 75 years of age or older at the end of the taxable year reduce the \$1,200 by all of the items listed above except earned income in excess of \$600.

If your retirement income is less than \$1,200 use \$1,200 and make the above computation and then compare the result with your actual retirement income. Your retirement income credit is 20 per cent of the lesser of these amounts.

There are some limitations on the amount of retirement income credit to be allowed in other words, the retirement income credit is not allowable in an amount greater than the tax.

**DIVORCE GRANTED**  
MARTINEZ, Calif. (UP) — Mrs. Janice Gilkey, 30-year-old bride of one year, was granted a divorce Thursday when she complained to Judge Harold Jacoby that her husband kept the house full of pet lizards, snakes and frogs.

Jacoby granted the husband, Douglas, 26, custody of the pets.



### Tulelake VFW Names Leaders

TULELAKE — The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8700 and Auxiliary 414 elected officers Monday, March 19. New post officers are Earl Trumbly, reelected commander; Peter Sorenson, reelected senior vice commander; Joe Stringer Jr., vice commander; Fred Sternberg, chaplain; Clarence Schott, quartermaster; Fred Sternberg, service officer, and Max Rozum, adjutant.

The auxiliary elected Mrs. Ben Wilson, president; Mrs. Earl Trumbly, senior vice president; Mrs. Joe Slezak, junior vice president; Mrs. George Birtwhistle, treasurer; Mrs. Della Frally, chaplain; Mrs. Max Rozum, conductress, and Mrs. V. F. McVey, guard.

Gloria Birtwhistle, auxiliary chairman of the essay contest, announced the following winners, Wilma Shindler, first prize of \$25 bond; Anne Potter, second prize of \$10, and Richard Flynn, third prize of \$5. Judges were Mel Lester, Mrs. Manuel Silva and Mrs. Carl Lesch.

Representatives of the VFW Post and Auxiliary at the PTA youth problems meeting in Tulelake were Commander Earl Trumbly and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Max Rozum and Mr. and Mrs. George Birtwhistle.

Installation of auxiliary officers will be held at the grange hall on April 16, an open meeting to the public. The VFW Post will announce their installation date later.

### James D. Gordon Dies At Modoc

James Dean Gordon, section foreman for the Southern Pacific Railroad, died unexpectedly at Modoc Point while at work about 2:30 p.m. March 22. Death apparently followed a heart attack. He was 59 years old.

Mr. Gordon was born March 14, 1897 in Waco, Texas. He has lived in this vicinity for eight years and has been employed for some time by the S.P.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Addie Lou Gordon, a daughter, Mrs. Ivan Lawrence, Reedley, California; two sons, Norman Gordon, Dallas, Texas, and James Gordon Jr., Reedley, California; also 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be announced by Ward's Klamath Funeral Home.

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**MIRACLE MILE FLOOR COVERING** was the winning name chosen from many entries for the new floor covering store located at 2720 South Sixth Street. A. G. Larimore, 5651 Delaware Avenue, submitted "Miracle Mile Floor Covering" for the shop which is one mile from town across the street from the Tower Theater. Larimore, center, is shown receiving the \$100 award from owners Roy Underwood, left, and J. Floyd Witt.

### Four Evening Classes Set For KF By Extension Division

Four evening classes in Klamath Falls will be offered to residents of Klamath County for spring term by General Extension Division of the Oregon State System of Higher Education. Spring term will start March 27.

On Tuesdays, beginning March 27, at Fremont Junior High School, Mrs. V. F. McVey, guard.

On Wednesdays, beginning March 28, at Klamath Union High School, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Dennis G. Hannan, Assistant Professor of Languages, Southern Oregon College of Education, will present First-Year Spanish (Conversational) (R12), and Dr. Alvin Fellers, assistant professor of English, Southern Oregon College will instruct Measurement in Education (Ed 424G). Fees for General Extension Division evening class are established by Oregon State System of Higher Education and correspond to those in effect on the campus institutions in the system. At a rate of eight dollars per credit hour or equivalent, the minimum fee is \$16.

### Girl Scouts Hold Fetes

DUNSMUIR—Five Girl Scout troops and six Brownie troops participated in a program of skills, dances and songs in conclusion of Girl Scout Week at the Dunsmuir Elementary School auditorium.

Scout leaders and assistants are Marjorie Schuler, Donna Harmon, Beth Silva, Jessie Herrin, Dorothy Baughman, Bea Christensen, Helen Rodgers, Isabel Brunel, Charlotte Samuelson, Beverly Young, Claudia Mather and Eva Ballew.

Brownie leaders and assistants are Bobbie Reynolds, Grace Harris, Shirley Edson, Alice Reid, Dorothy Conwill, Betty Todorovic, Carolyn Miller, Winifred Day, Lurline Lowe, Meadus Wright and Nadine McHenry. Mrs. Day and Mrs. Lowe were chairmen of the entertainment.

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## 'Bridey Murphy' Says Furor Over Case Wrecks Family Life

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Following is the first of two dispatches on the wave of interest in hypnosis and reincarnation that has risen since publication of "The Search For Bridey Murphy." A second dispatch will report on an experiment in hypnotic age regression similar to the one that produced the Bridey Murphy phenomenon.

**PUEBLO, Colo. (UP)**—Bridey Murphy is out of touch. Mrs. Virginia Tighe, 33, the Pueblo housewife who serves as Bridey's mouthpiece during sessions of deep hypnosis, has gone into hiding until the excitement dies down.

"The whole affair has wrecked our family life," her husband told the United Press.

Mrs. Tighe left town last weekend to get away from the telephone calls and knocks at the door that have made life miserable since word got out that she is the "Ruth Simmons" of the best-selling book "The Search For Bridey Murphy."

The book, which has gone through 10 printings totaling more than 200,000 copies and has been serialized in newspapers in 50 cities, has started a coast-to-coast fad.

Hypnotists, amateur and professional, can hardly rest. People are pestering them to be "taken back" to their previous existence. Men and women who a few months ago would have pooh-poohed any talk of reincarnation are having a second thought. Could it be true after all that the spirit passes from one body to another? Can a previous life be recalled in a deep hypnotic trance?

The fad is taken seriously by some, by others as a joke. A 19-year-old boy in Oklahoma killed himself to find out for sure if he would be reborn. In Denver, invitations to a costume party were inscribed "come as you were." The wags talk of a new TV program, "This Was Your Life."

**DIFFERENCES OF OPINION**  
Some dismiss Bridey Murphy as a deliberate hoax. Others, including many hypnotists who have had the same experience with their subjects, believe the "previous existence" recalled by Mrs. Tighe is the work of her imagination or perhaps the memory of a book she once read or of stories told to her in childhood.

In Pueblo, the Tighe's are interested in only one previous life—their own, the quiet one they

enjoyed before Mrs. Tighe went through a series of age regression experiments with a farm equipment dealer and amateur hypnotist named Morey Bernstein.

Under deep hypnosis Mrs. Tighe recalled events in her life dating back to the time she was one year old and then, faced to remember even farther back, began telling of life as "Bridey Murphy" in Ireland more than 100 years ago.

In his book Bernstein quoted the hypnotic interviews with Bridey and told of efforts he made to prove or disprove that such a woman actually lived between 1798 and 1864 in County Cork. He disguised Mrs. Tighe as "Ruth Simmons" in his book but her identity became well known around Pueblo.

**THE CURIOUS**  
Tighe had his home telephone disconnected after so many people called asking if they could talk to Bridey Murphy. Dozens of calls came from reporters all over America and in "a lot of foreign countries," Tighe disclosed.

"Frankly," he said, "we both wish we'd never heard of Bridey Murphy."

In New York, the publishers of Bernstein's book are quite happy they heard of her. Doubleday &

Co. had expected the usual rather limited response to a book about hypnosis. The first big demand came from California, and its popularity spread more or less eastward across the country.

Bernstein has sold movie rights on his book for \$50,000, but has turned down all offers to go on radio and television. Lately he has made himself scarce, and was last reported in Cuba, vacationing.

Dr. J. B. Rhine, the noted parapsychologist at Duke University, believes the Bridey Murphy case signifies a desire of the American people to know more about man's spiritual nature and destiny.

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### Moose Women Hold Meeting

MERRILL—Women of the Moose, Merrill Chapter No. 18 met recently with Senior Regent Evelyn Rush in the chair. Eight officers were present.

Standing committee reports were read and approved from chairman of Moosehaven, membership, publicity and social service committees.

A special meeting of importance for all committee chairmen and executive officers will be held at the Moose Hall, Monday, March 26 at 8 p.m. This is an important meeting for reports of special achievements of the chapter must be completed and sent to headquarters for approval before any chairman will be able to complete work for the year.

The auditing committee meeting will be at the home of Susan Williams, chairman on April 2 in the evening.

Several co-workers were reported to be ill and members were asked to send cards. Anna Hartlerode elected as secretary. The special prize was won by Lillian Geaney. Lucy Graham, Moosehaven chairman and her committee served refreshments to co-workers and members of the Loyd Order of Moose following the meeting.

The next chapter meeting will be on April 3 with a chapter night program by the homemaking committee followed by initiation of candidates.

### Moose Plans Easter Carlift

The Merrill Moose lodge will cooperate in this year's national Moose "Operation Easter Carlift" by placing six automobiles and drivers at the disposal of persons who desire transportation to church this Easter Sunday, according to Tommy M. Slaughter, civic affairs chairman of the lodge.

In every community there is a Moose Lodge, throughout America, Canada and Alaska, said Slaughter, free transportation to the church of their choice will be offered to persons who, because of illness, disability or similar special conditions, would otherwise be unable to attend church.

Carl A. Weis, national director of civic affairs for the Moose, estimates that more than 50,000 automobiles and drivers, from coast to coast, will be available for this giant "Easter Carlift."

Civic Affairs Chairman Slaughter, aided by his committee of three Moose members, Charley Brightman, Malin, George Williams, Merrill, and J. C. Haley, Tulelake has contacted every clergyman in the area in an effort to determine how many persons will require this free transportation. He urges all residents who would like to avail themselves of this service to contact him at 650 Second Street, Tulelake, or telephone him at 7-2000.

"Operation Easter Carlift" was inaugurated by the Moose three years ago because "the Moose, based on a belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, wants to bring the North American people closer to God, especially on Easter Sunday," said Weis.

Prominent radio and television personalities, and many national magazines, including "Look," have praised the Moose "Operation Easter Carlift." Clergy and press alike have lauded the project.

### League Plans Sewer Talk

"Why Klamath Falls Needs a Better Sewerage System" will be presented by George Barich of the chamber of commerce at the annual meeting of the Klamath Falls League of Women Voters. The meeting will be a luncheon at the Pelican Party Room, Wednesday, March 28 at 12:30 p.m.

Max Braden, Klamath County sanitarian, will speak on "The Technical Aspects of the Sewerage System."

A tape recorded panel discussion of Oregon State Constitutional Revision will be heard. Panel members are Mrs. J. Richard Nokes, Portland League of Women Voters, chairman; Senator Rudy Wilhelm Jr.; John C. Beatty, Portland attorney; Mrs. William D. Hagenstein and Mrs. Robert D. Weener.

"The First 164 Years," a panel discussion prepared by the League of Women Voters, will be heard on KFJZ March 26 at 3:05 p.m.

An election on sewer improvement bonds is scheduled to be held with the primary on May 18.

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