

Income Tax Tips

Editor's Note: Choosing the federal income tax form which will provide the greatest possible saving is discussed in this article. Prepared by the tax information committee of the Oregon Association of Public Accountants, in cooperation with the National Society of Public Accountants, this series is being carried as a reader service.

SELECTING PROPER TAX FORMS

While it may seem like an odious comparison, filing the federal income tax return is like playing golf in some respects. The form you use helps determine the score. The best possible form helps achieve the lowest possible score.

In filing your 1957 return you

have a choice of forms—1040-A, short form 1040 or long form 1040. You cannot be sure which is the most advantageous until after you have filled in that form, taking advantage of every deduction that fits you, then make your decision on the following basis:

1040-A—Employee's optional return: If your total income was less than \$3,000 and consisted of wages reported on withholding statements (Form W-2) and not over \$100 of other wages, dividends and interest, you may use form 1040-A. If you had income from other sources, you may not use form 1040-A but must file your return on form 1040. If you use form 1040-A you have a choice. You can figure your tax from the table in the instruction sheet, which allows \$600 for each exemption and about 10 per cent of your total income for charitable contributions, interest, taxes, casualty losses, medical expenses, and other miscellaneous items.

If you owe a tax you must send it in with your return. If you have a refund due, you will receive a check. Also, you can just ignore lines 11, 12 and 13 of the 1040-A form and Uncle Sam will figure your tax and send you a bill or a refund check.

If you owe some tax, this is a good way to get some extra time in which to pay it.

You and your wife may file a joint return on form 1040-A if your combined incomes do not exceed \$5,000. You and your wife can file a joint return even though one has no income.

1040—Short Form: If your adjusted gross income is less than \$5,000 and your itemized deductions are less than 10 per cent of your adjusted gross income, you should use short form 1040 and find your tax on the table in the instructions.

1040—Long Form: If your adjusted gross income is over \$5,000, you must use this form and either take a standard deduction or itemize deductions. If your itemized deductions are over 10 per cent of your adjusted gross income, it will be to your advantage to use this form, regardless of the amount of income.

To assure any benefits of the split-income provisions, you and your wife should file a joint return. Both you and your wife must sign a joint return. One spouse cannot file a long form 1040 and take all the deductions and the other spouse file a form 1040-A or take the standard deduction or use the tax table.

You are expected to pay your income tax on the basis of the lowest figure possible; therefore, you should choose the form that results in the lowest tax for you. Consultation with your public accountant may help you determine which form provides the greatest "tax break" for you.

State Traffic Toll Hits 464

Oregon's 1957 traffic death toll was edged up to 464, two more than originally tallied at the end of the year.

The higher toll involved the death of a person injured in an October crash and the delayed report of a December fatality, the Department of Motor Vehicle's traffic safety division reported today.

The October death, the division said, illustrates the fact that injury in a little publicized traffic accident can mean months of hospitalization before eventual death or recovery.

The month-by-month death toll now shows January, 27; February, 29; March, 36; April, 32; May, 33; June, 45; July, 30; August, 47; September, 45; October, 42; November, 58; and December, 40.

Officials said it appears the January death toll for this year will almost certainly equal and may top the 27 recorded for that month last year. Through January 22, 22 deaths had been reported.

SOX DISPENSER

EL RENO, Okla. (AP)—Bob Evans got tired of having to hunt around for his socks in the drawer, so he has come up with a gadget—"sox box." It's a little wooden box that works like a candy machine except that socks come out of the bottom, and they're free. Evans designed the 16-inch long box to hang on a wall and the wife just rolls the socks up and loads the box from the top. Hubby gets a fresh pair from the bottom.



RUTH GUSTAVSON, center, newly arrived from Minneapolis, has accepted the position of Klamath County home extension agent, left vacant some months ago. She received her degree in home economics from the University of Minnesota and served in her field for seven years before coming to Oregon this month. She recently spent a week's orientation period at Oregon State College. With her are, left, Mrs. H. V. Borton, chairman of the Klamath County Home Extension Alumni, and right, Mrs. Lane Smith, chairman of the Klamath County Home Extension Advisory Committee.

P.T.A.

ROOSEVELT

"A tonic for the January doldrums" provided the peppy program at the January 16 meeting of the Roosevelt P.T.A. As a presenter, Mrs. Charles Larkin gave a delightful review of "The Dinner Party" by Gretchen Finletter. Marianne Gallagher and Sally Hanville did the "Charleston," and an "almost style show" was presented demonstrating the appropriate costume to wear on various unusual occasions.

Models were Mrs. W. F. Scott, Mrs. Robert Harvey, Mrs. Noel Flynn, Mrs. William Ganong, Mrs. Robert Veatch and Mrs. Robert Kent. Mrs. Frederick Ehlers was commentator. Mrs. Art Moore played the accompaniment for the models.

Mrs. Arthur Farr, vice president, gave a report on the meetings of the family life study group. The next meeting will be February 12 at 1:15 p.m. Mrs. Art Moore will speak.

Room count was won by Mrs. Scroggin's fourth grade and Mrs. Howe's sixth grade. Refreshments were served by the fifth grade mothers with Mrs. Wendell Smith as chairman. A Founder's Day program is planned for February 18 at 2 p.m.

4-H NEWS

DORRIS

The 4-H Club met January 18 at the home of Benny Adamec. Fourteen members were present. Mrs. Henry Newhouse presented the calendar of events to be accomplished this year and announced she would try to get the farm adviser to help with the club work, later on in the summer.

Adeline Green, Helen Addington, James and Garcey Cavenor are new members. Betty Hodnot was a guest.

Refreshments were served. Ron Adamec, News Reporter

OLENE DAIRY CLUB

The meeting of the Olene Dairy Club was held January 5, at the home of Alvin, Roth, Donald and David Born.

Alvin Born and the club's leader, Rex High, gave a very interesting report on pellet feeding to dairy animals, and how successful this new method has been on dairy cattle in the Klamath Basin and in the state of Oregon. Mr. Ray Peterson, who was to talk to us on this subject also, was unable to attend.

The record books for last year were handed back to the members.

Civil Service Posts Open

Examinations are now open for the following positions, the United States Civil Service Commission announces: Field representative (telephone operations and loans), paying entrance salaries of \$5,440 to \$6,390 a year, for duty with the Rural Electrification Administration of the Department of Agriculture located throughout the United States; and for engineer (various branches), chemist, electro-metallurgist, and physicist, paying \$4,480 to \$12,600 a year, located at the Redstone Arsenal and the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, Huntsville, Alabama.

To qualify for the field representative positions, applicants must have an appropriate experience or a combination of education and experience. For the engineer and scientist positions, applicants must have had appropriate education and experience (for some engineer positions, experience alone may be qualifying but the adequacy of such experience will be tested by means of a written test). Education alone may be qualifying for the lower grade positions.

Further information and application forms may be obtained at many post offices throughout the country, or from the U.S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D.C. For field representative positions, applications should be filed with the Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D.C. For the engineer and scientist positions, applications must be filed with the Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama. Applications for both examinations will be accepted until further notice.

Local Insurance Women Meet

The Insurance Women's Association of Klamath Falls held their last meeting in the Pelican party room Tuesday, January 21, with Fred House, of the General Adjustment Bureau of Portland, as guest speaker. House spoke on various phases of inland marine coverages.

Mrs. Shirley Smith presided at the meeting which was attended by 16 members and two guests, who were Ed W. Carrington and George W. Channel from the local General Adjustment Bureau.

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Ex-Navy Man Plans Protest Trip Into Bombing Areas

NEW YORK (AP)—A World War II Navy commander plans to sail a 30-foot ketch into the Pacific nuclear bomb test area as a protest against the tests.

Now a 51-year-old architect, Albert Bigelow of Cos Cob, Conn., said three other men will sail with him and remain in the test area "come what may."

The tests are scheduled for April. Bigelow and his companions plan to set sail from San Diego, Calif., Feb. 10. Their ship is named the Golden Rule.

"Primarily we're doing it from conscience," Bigelow said. "The tests are inhuman and unappealing. They make us appear as mobsters before the world."

He added: "They only increase tensions instead of lessening them."

SMALL RETURN

LAUREL, Del. (AP)—It takes a lot of chickens just to make "chicken feed" in the broiler business, according to a University of Delaware poultry extension specialist. Silas McHenry says you need 30,000 broilers to reach a net income of only \$300 a month. The \$4,800 annual costs include in addition to the birds and poultry house, miscellaneous equipment, taxes, insurance, repairs, painting, labor and interest on the loan.

Bigelow is a pacifist and a Quaker. The expedition is being sponsored at an estimated \$20,000 cost by Nonviolent Action Against Nuclear Weapons, a committee of leaders of American pacifist organizations.

He will be accompanied on the voyage by William R. Huntington, 50, St. James, N. Y., who also is an architect and a Quaker. Both men are grandfathers. Two other persons to sail with them have yet to be chosen.

Bigelow and other pacifists tried to force their way into the Nevada Proving Grounds during an A-bomb test last August and were arrested for trespassing but received suspended sentences.

What will Bigelow's party do if the Navy simply tosses a line aboard the ketch and tows it out of the test area?

"There are the high seas," he replied, and the Navy has no right to interfere with a passing vessel.

Bigelow, who will be the Golden Rule's skipper, commanded three Navy combat vessels, including a destroyer escort, during World War II.

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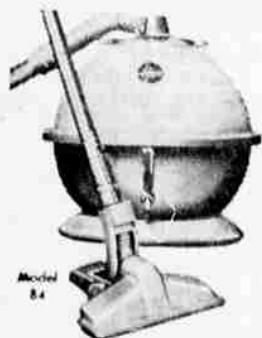
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