

PROP WASH

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Airport Manager

Continuing good weather has increased transient air traffic, en route to the bowl games, Reno and other points south. Three plane loads of my friends from Wenatchee stopped for gas on way to the bowl games. Bad weather, mostly fog, across the Green Springs, has again proved that Kingsley Field has the best flying weather in the state. We

had 19 United Air Line schedules diverted through Klamath Falls from Medford. West Coast Airline people had double duty servicing the lines own planes and assisting with United arrivals.

Members of Klamath Chapter, Oregon Pilots Association, are still talking about the second annual anniversary dinner which brought out 80 members and guests. Past president Bud Cloake was given a standing vote of thanks for the successful year as president he concluded at the meeting. Lots of prizes and a good musical program by Sandy Ruonich.

Pilots are looking forward to the annual state meeting at Corvallis and installation of officers on January 9 when Klamath Chapter past president Ned Putnam goes into office as state president and Angelo Doveri of the local group will take the office of secretary. Ralph Scroggin, Lebanon, will serve as vice president and former governor Elmo Smith, Albany, director at large. A large delegation from Klamath Falls will attend, weather permitting.

We are still awaiting the decision on the application of West Coast Airlines to start temporary service between Klamath Falls and Reno during the winter Olympics at Squaw Valley. Reports from the congressional delegation working for the service indicate that the group has worked consistently in an effort to persuade the CAB to approve the service between January 5 and April 4. As the result of a brief made up by the local Pilots Association sent to the Nevada congressional delegation, the Reno Chamber of Commerce, city officials in Reno, and Nevada state officials, a barrage of wires and telephone calls were sent to the CAB from Reno and Carson City. If the service is not approved, work toward the service must be started all over again.

Klamath Sky Divers are making practice chute jumps on Sunday afternoons at Tulana Farms south of Worden when weather is good. The public is invited to watch.

Liston Aircraft reports a chartered trip to Phoenix, Arizona, recently.

Don Der Miner made a round trip to Los Angeles January 3 to return Mrs. Der Miner's mother to her home after a holiday visit.

The old terminal building is really coming down now. Work has been delayed again on the new terminal building but we are hoping that it can be resumed to permit the FAA offices, West Coast Airlines and my own office to be moved so that tearing down of the old building will not be delayed. We are all looking forward to opening of the new building, another fine addition to Kingsley Field, one of the Northwest's finest airports. With the new Satellite Restaurant and Space Rooms upstairs, Klamath Falls will have one of the finest terminal buildings between Portland and Sacramento.

Drain School Date Set

TULELAKE—Thursday, January 14 has been set for the Tulelake Farm Advisers Soil and Drainage School. This all-day farmer meeting will start at 10 a.m. It will be held in the Home Economics Building of the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fairgrounds in Tulelake.

Farm Adviser Ken Baghott states that outstanding soil and plant scientists from the University of California will be present to discuss and demonstrate soil drainage, fertility and alkalinity problems.

Dr. William Martin, extension soils specialist, will discuss the nature of fertilizers—how they affect soil and how the soil affects them, soil management and rotation problems and the place of organic matter in the soil.

Dr. Milton Fireman, extension soils and water specialist, topics will be soil salinity and alkalinity—causes of each and discussion of causes.

Clyde Houston, extension irrigation and drainage engineer, will discuss the basics of soil drainage—general field drainage and local soil drainage problems. Houston will also tell of the advantages and disadvantages of tile drains versus open drains, the proper use of irrigation water for maximum benefits of salt removal and plant growth and the dangers of over irrigation on soil properties.

This will be a public meeting and all interested farmers are invited to attend.

Lake Man Reappointed

LAKEVIEW—Fred S. Fisher was reappointed to the Lake County Welfare Commission by Gov. Mark Hatfield Tuesday. Fisher, a retired rancher, received his first appointment to the commission in January, 1940, and has been chairman since that time. He is chairman of the Lake County Library Board and active in all community affairs.

Other members of the Lake County commission are Mrs. Lora Conn, one of the original members, appointed in 1933; Mrs. Eva Arthur, appointed in 1955, and Mrs. Coral Hill, who received her appointment in 1957.

Judge C. H. Langslet of the Lake County Court and County Commissioners C. W. Ogle and J. D. Corum are also members of the welfare commission.

Polio Clinic Slated Saturday

KLAMATH AGENCY—The third in a series of polio-shot clinics sponsored by the Klamath Reservation Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held Saturday, January 9, at the Chiloquin Grade School, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

A charge of \$1 per shot will be made. To encourage family inoculation against polio, a special charge of \$3 is made for a family of any size. The Jaycees urge everyone to take advantage of this clinic as only one more is planned following this one.

France Grabs Red Paper

PARIS (AP)—The government today seized the pro-Communist newspaper Liberation because of comments on conditions in Algeria's internment camps.

The government said the issue was confiscated because it commented on a report by an International Red Cross committee.

The independent newspaper Le Monde carried a resume of the 270-page report Monday. It said the Red Cross committee had found conditions in the Algerian camps and prisons ranged from highly satisfactory to very unfavorable.

Income Tax Facts

Editor's Note: This is one in a series of articles on federal income tax filing. These articles are based on information provided by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Southern Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service.

HEALTH, WEALTH AND TAX DEDUCTIONS

When it's a question of health, very few people will skip on cost. In fact, many people will pay more than they can afford to be

GRANGE NEWS EASTSIDE

NEW PINE CREEK — The announcement that the restroom fund now stands at \$958.43 brought a big round of applause at the regular session of the Eastside Grange last Saturday night. Harvey Sanders, treasurer, reported \$683.43 in the fund. At the insistence of Clem Mulkey, chairman, it was voted by members to add half the Grange Bazaar money to that amount, with another \$85 already earmarked for that purpose.

Mrs. Clem Mulkey, chairman of the Home Ec Club, told about 50 members present that a card of thanks had been received for the donation sent to Boys' Town. She also reported that old books and magazines had been collected and distributed to old folks' homes at Alturas and Lakeview. She said new drapes have been ordered for the hall. The need for shoes and clothing for the distressed in Lake County was brought to the attention of the group.

Alice Allen, secretary, read a letter received from Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sells, former Lakeview residents now living in Portland. The Sells had enclosed their grange dues in their letter. They will transfer their membership when they are permanently located in the cottage they have purchased near the beach.

The meeting was followed by a social hour.

Heart Ailment Takes Playwright

HOLLYWOOD, (AP)—Leon Gordon, who started as an actor and later became a prominent producer and playwright, died of a heart ailment Monday at 65.

Gordon, who made his home at Dana Point, Calif., had been associated with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer 30 years. His productions included "The Green Years," "Mrs. Parkington," "The Forsythe Saga" and "Kim."

He was born in London and started his acting career on the British stage.

Bids Opened

SALEM — The Oregon Highway Commission will open bids January 21 on production of 10,000 cubic yards of crushed rock on Paisley Valley Falls project on Fremont Highway.

The Lake County bid is one of 24 projects, costing a total in excess of \$7,700,000 to be opened this date by the Highway Commission.

assured of the best medical help available. Taxpayers can get some relief from unusually high medical expenses by taking advantage of the liberal deduction provisions contained in the Internal Revenue Code.

Most of your medical expenses above 3 per cent of your adjusted gross income for 1959 are deductible. However, there are certain ceiling limitations. There is a deductible limit of \$2,500 for each personal exemption claimed, with an overall limit of \$5,000 on a separate return and \$10,000 on a joint return or for those filing as head of household.

People over 65 enjoy some additional benefits on medical deductions. The lower limit of 3 per cent does not apply, and if the taxpayer is over 65 and disabled, then the ceiling is raised to \$15,000. If both husband and wife are over 65 and disabled, the limit for their expenses on a joint return is \$30,000.

The most obvious medical expense is doctor bills. Among the less obvious expenses are hospitalization insurance premiums, cost of eye examination and glasses, and nurse's fees for nursing services.

Drugs and medicines are another source of medical deduction. You can deduct as medical expenses the cost of drugs and medicines in excess of 1 per cent of your adjusted gross income. This 1 per cent rule applies to all taxpayers regardless of age. You can deduct any drugs you buy whether they are ordered by a prescription from your doctor or not. Headache and cold remedies are just as deductible as penicillin, but such things as tooth paste, cosmetics, shaving cream, and so on are not deductible.

Many taxpayers are confused about their tax liability for payments received from hospitalization plans. These payments are not income, and do not have to be reported on your return. For example, say you were hospitalized in 1959. The total bill for the family doctor, the hospital and surgeon came to \$420. Your hospitalization paid \$300 toward these expenses. You subtract the amount you were reimbursed from the amount you paid, and claim the difference (\$120) as a medical

expense deduction.

Timing is very important in claiming medical deductions. When you go to see the doctor you have incurred a medical expense, but you can't get a medical deduction until you actually pay the doctor's bill. You may run into a situation like paying a hospital bill in December and not being reimbursed by your hospitalization plan until January. You can do one of two things. If you deduct your medical expenses and then the following year your hospitalization insurance reimburses you, the reimbursement must be reported as income. However, if your original deduction didn't reduce your taxes, then to that extent the reimbursement will be tax free. If, at the time you prepare your return, you know the amount of your reimbursement, then to that extent you could treat your payment as an advance and deduct only the medical expenses above the amount of the reimbursement on your 1959 return.

As you can see, you are probably better off to have your hospitalization plan payments made directly to the hospital whenever possible. In that way, you pay only the net amount you owe, which is the amount you are entitled to deduct from your income on your tax return.

The important thing that you must not overlook is that your hospitalization insurance premiums are also medical expenses, and as such are deductible.

You never make a profit or loss on hospitalization insurance. Some people will always pay in more than they get out, others will get back more than they pay. The fact that you paid \$134 for a year's hospitalization insurance for yourself and your family has no bearing on the amount you receive. In other words, if you had medical bills totaling \$400 which were paid by your insurance, the amount in excess of \$134 is not taxable as income.

Most medical expenses result from injury or sickness, but you don't have to be sick to incur a medical expense. If you go to the doctor for a checkup or consultation about your health, you have incurred a deductible medical expense . . . so long as your expense is for preventing, detecting or treating a physical or mental ailment, you can consider the expense medical.

Major sickness or surgery is usually followed by a long period of recovery. If you hire a nurse during this period or at any time, you can deduct the cost of the nursing services performed.

This does not necessarily mean

that you can deduct the full salary of the nurse during the period she works for you. Very often, a practical nurse will be required to perform many normal household duties during her two or three week stay at your house. You can only deduct her salary for the portion of her time actually spent performing nursing services.

If your doctor "orders" you to take a long trip around the world, with or without a nurse, for health reasons, don't start dreaming of a large income tax deduction. The expense of the trip is not deductible.

Sick benefits are not counted as income. Here is what you can receive free of tax from your employer or his insurance company:

1. Payment for medical expenses.
2. Payment for permanent injury (not based on time absent from work).
3. Damages for injury or sickness.
4. Payments under Workmen's Compensation Act.
5. Payment up to \$100 per week for loss of wages while you are absent due to injury or sickness, except that the first week's pay is taxable unless you are absent due to an injury or are hospitalized for at least one day.

If "sick pay" payments from your employer are included in the

wages shown on your withholding slips, you should subtract the proper amount from your income in the place provided on the first page of your tax return Form 1040 or Form 1040W. Attach an explanation as described in the instruction booklet you received from the Internal Revenue Service together with your income tax forms. You are entitled to exclude this amount from your income even if you do not itemize deductions, but not if you file Form 1040A.



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