

Legislative Conference Eyes 'Image'

SALEM (UPI)—A legislature's "image" was a topic of serious concern here Tuesday at an all-day orientation conference for the 1963 Oregon assembly.

Old and new lawmakers were briefed on the intricacies of the legislative process — and on the difficulties of communicating them to the people back home.

"The average citizen doesn't accord the place in society to the legislator that he deserves," former Gov. Robert Holmes said in a panel discussion.

"The legislature has not had the image it should have," said former Rep. George Layman, chairman of the Constitutional Revision Commission. He said the legislative branch is pressed to catch up with the executive and judicial branches in efficiency and prestige.

The lawmakers were told the "image" problem will be particularly difficult this session because Oregon faces two unpopular alternatives — an increase in taxes or a cut in services.

The panelists also noted that newspapers and television and radio stations are limited by time and space in publicizing the views and activities of each of the 90 legislators.

The legislators were advised of ways to facilitate news coverage. They included issuing press releases, contacting members of the legislative press corps, and keeping in touch with newspapers and radio and television stations in the lawmakers' own district.

As one sample of an unfortunate image, a panelist cited the cast of a highly qualified legislator some years ago who drew sudden unwanted publicity over a whim—a bill to ban popcorn in movies.

Portland newsman Tom McCall said legislators could face unwarranted criticism over raising their own salaries and increasing taxes at the same session. He said the public must be made to understand that Oregon's legislative pay now ranks near the bottom nationally, and that the voters okayed a change.



RACE TRACK ROBBERY — Tropical Race Track cashier, F. Wait, tells how two armed men took \$108,000 in cash and checks from him and a guard shortly after the last race at the Miami track Tuesday. The men, dressed like workmen, locked the pair in a small room after grabbing two sacks full of money.

Cattlemen, Cow Belles Plan To Attend Meeting

A number of Klamath Basin cattlemen and their wives, members of the Klamath County Cow Belles, will attend the 66th annual convention of the American National Cattlemen's Association in Las Vegas, Jan. 28-31.

The programs will center on continuing efforts to beneficially and safely employ the products of modern scientific research, and a panel discussion on animal health and agricultural chemicals.

Among others scheduled for major addresses to the 2,000 cattlemen of 49 states are Homer R. Davidson, president, American Meat Institute, Chicago, Ill.; Prof.

Burdette Breidenstein, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.; Ronald Reagan, television and motion picture star; Interior Secretary Stewart Udall; Cushman S. Raedabaugh, Orlando, Fla., association president; and Sir William Gunn of the Australian Meat Board.

Expecting to attend from Klamath County are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Randall, Ray Michaels, secretary of the Warner Valley Stock Co., and Mrs. Michaels, Jack Nichols, president of the Warner Valley Stock Co., and Mrs. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hyde, and Mrs. William Goulin.

Superintendent Shows Slides

PAISLEY—Lake County School Superintendent Anne Sprague showed colorful slides of Lake County, with her own prose commentary, at the January meeting of the PTA in the school auditorium Wednesday evening, Jan. 9.

She also presented a filmstrip, "Your Child's Intelligence," a recent addition to the county film library.

Mrs. Harold Crocker, Mrs. Raymond Dooley, and Mrs. Lyle Swearingen were announced as the committee to prepare dinner for the January meeting of the rural teachers at the school Jan. 10.

Refreshments were served in the cafeteria by Norma Jean Carlson, Barbara Green and Neva Young.

City Briefs

JOHN H. EDWARDS of Fairbanks, Alaska, spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Lena Edwards, 1223 Oak Avenue, and his sister in Los Angeles. He recently returned to Alaska.

State gasoline and auto license and annual auto registration fees are deductible. But your auto title fees, auto inspection fees and, of course, fines are not deductible. On the other hand, your state or local poll tax is deductible. State and local sales taxes (and similar taxes) are deductible.

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Income Tax Primer (6) - Deductions

This is the sixth of eight articles in the Newspaper Enterprise Association Income Tax Primer, for readers who want more information than is supplied in the official instructions.

By **RICHARD A. MULLENS** and **CHARLES W. SCHOENEMAN**, Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

A great deal of time in filling out your return may well be spent in determining whether you are better off itemizing nonbusiness deductions on page 2 of Form 1040. Generally speaking, the alternative to itemizing is to claim the standard deduction of 10 per cent of line 9 or \$1,000, whichever is less. If your "line 9" (adjusted gross income) is less than \$5,000, then you have technically another alternative—that of using the "tax table." (The "tax table," usable only if you do not itemize, allows approximately the 10 per cent of the standard deduction, limited to \$500 for such married taxpayer filing separate returns.)

To decide whether the itemized or the standard deduction is more advantageous, know what deductions are available to you if you were to itemize.

All interest is such a deduction. Interest on your home loan is an example. Also, interest on your credit purchases is an itemized deduction.

If you are in business for yourself, business interest is deductible, but only on your Schedule C. Certain specific taxes imposed on you and paid by you are deductible on page 2—if not incurred in the operation of your business. Real estate taxes are deductible, but they must be paid on property owned by the taxpayer claiming deduction. Special assessments paid for local benefits such as sidewalks are not deductible real estate taxes. To be deductible, real estate taxes must be imposed on all property in the territory subject to the taxing authority.

Federal gasoline (and jewelry, liquor and cigarette) taxes are not deductible as taxes. They may, however, be deducted in certain circumstances as a business expense.

State gasoline and auto license and annual auto registration fees are deductible. But your auto title fees, auto inspection fees and, of course, fines are not deductible. On the other hand, your state or local poll tax is deductible. State and local sales taxes (and similar taxes) are deductible.

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tion. Medical and dental expenses may be itemized deductions, but generally are deductible only if and to the extent they exceed three per cent of your line 9 figure on Form 1040. Medicines are generally deductible only if and to the extent they are more than one per cent of your line 9 figure. And then medicine only becomes part of a medical expense which must exceed the three per cent figure. Taxpayers 65 or over, or with spouses, or dependent parents or in-laws 65 or over are exceptions to these limitations. There is a special IRS form available for use in figuring this—Form 2948.

One itemized deduction you may overlook is the one for care of children or disabled dependents. If you are a woman (or a widower or divorced or legally separated man) you can claim up to a \$600 deduction for care of persons for whom you are entitled to a personal exemption, and who are either less than 12 years of age, or who are physically or mentally incapable of caring for themselves regardless of age.

This deduction is only available, if care of the child or disabled dependent is for the purpose of enabling you to be gainfully employed or actively seeking a job. You are limited to one such \$600 deduction. You are not assured \$600; you must have expenses of \$600 or more to obtain full deduction.

Q—Is damage to your personal car from collision an itemized deduction even though you do not repair the damage?

A—Yes, it is a casualty loss deduction which can be itemized. But reduce the amount of damage by insurance payments received.

Q—Can a married woman claim a \$600 child care deduction?

A—Yes. But she must file a joint return with her husband for the year. And the amount of the \$600 deduction is reduced by the amount by which your line 9 income exceeds \$4,300.

Q—Can a charitable deduction be itemized?

A—Yes. If you do not claim the standard deduction, you can deduct up to 20 per cent of adjusted gross income (line 9 of Form 1040) for a contribution to any charity or any religious or non-profit educational, scientific or literary organization. You can claim another 10 per cent (of adjusted gross income) if contribution is to a church, an educational institution with a regular faculty or curriculum, a hospital, or to certain organizations engaged in medical research.

Make special efforts to keep canceled checks and other papers on charitable contributions.

Next: Income definition.

Tulelake Grange Hears Address On Venezuela

TULELAKE — "Booster Night," at the Tulelake Grange Jan. 10 brought out-of-town visitors and William Weitkamp Jr., as speaker on an interesting subject, Venezuela.

Visiting grangers were Mildred Largent, district deputy, Klamath County and her husband, H. B. Largent; Bert Mitchell, master of Shasta View Grange, Klamath Falls, and Mrs. Mitchell; Lois Stork, master of Midland Grange, Verda Urbach, Catherine Smith, Floyd Hoover, all of the same grange.

Young Bill Weitkamp, who spent more than a year in Venezuela as a member of the ACCION group, talked on his experiences, particularly in Caracas, illustrating the interesting information with colored slides.

ACCION activities are privately financed by firms and individuals with a goal of teaching im-

proved living conditions, to Venezuelans. He outlined what he observed of education, city and rural life, projects worked on, medical care, the lowered infant birth rate and other subjects.

Tulelake Grange Master Don Macken gave greetings, Albert

Scott reported on the CPS grange program and Mathias Wessel, German exchange student played two Chopin numbers. He will address the grange in the near future.

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