

IRS Approves Loss Claims

An amendment to the federal tax law signed July 1 by the President allows taxpayers who suffered disaster losses before June 30 of this year to claim those losses on last year's tax return, the Internal Revenue Service has announced.

The change in law was enacted to give relief to victims of the floods that recently ravaged the Midwest and Eastern portions of the country. Under the old law, a disaster had to occur before the end of the income tax filing period, usually April 15, in order for taxpayers to claim the losses on the previous year's returns.

Simultaneously with the announcement of the change in law, the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service said that the July 15 deadline for claiming disaster losses has been extended. Regulations giving specific details and dates will follow in the near future, the IRS said.

The change means that taxpayers who suffered losses in sections of the country declared disaster areas by the President in the first six months of 1972 may file amended returns for 1971. For many taxpayers that would mean a quick tax refund, the IRS said. Form 1040x is used by individuals and Form 1120 X by corporations to file amended returns.

In many of those areas hit by floods, the IRS is providing service seven days a week to assist taxpayers in ascertaining the amount of damage and preparing their amended tax returns.

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CAT Takes Final Steps in Plan to Aid Senior Citizens

At its regular board meeting, the Community Action Team, Inc. took the final steps in its plan to assist the Columbia County Council of Senior Citizens in the development of a comprehensive plan for services, and to assist local government bodies in the development of a comprehensive plan for services to meet the requirements of the new Federal Revenue Sharing program. To assist the Senior Citizens in their planning, the City-County Council on Aging has been contracted to provide the assistance necessary for the Columbia Council to complete its comprehensive plan. The new requirements of the 1972 amended Federal Older Americans' Act call for each coun-

ty or district to have a comprehensive plan before any federal funds are released. The City-County Council on Aging was selected because they have just completed such a planning process for Portland. Although the needs are much different in Portland than Columbia County, the process of planning is the same.

For the local government planning process, the firm of Grant-Morgan has been selected to assist. The scope of their work will depend on the degree of involvement that each of the counties' cities and county government wish to assume. A special meeting will be held July 20 to begin securing local government commitments to

the idea of planning for the new revenue sharing system.

In other business, the board was informed that the Board of Directors of the St. Helens Community Center, Inc. decided to dissolve. They felt that with the development of HELP, Inc. and the Youth had less work to do than in the past. The St. Helens Senior Citizens are now on their own, as is the Child Development Groups, both of which were created and sponsored by the Community Center. They do feel that some problems still exist, and they therefore recommended that the grant given them by CAT, Inc. be re-directed to HELP, Inc. They felt that HELP, with a part-time staff person added to their staff, could meet these needs. The Board of CAT, Inc. acknowledged the work and success of the St. Helens Community Center and approved the reallocation of their grant to HELP, Inc.

In a final order of business, the board took under consideration whether they should continue or not their membership in the State Association of Community Action Agencies. There is some question as to whether the State Association is of benefit to our agency. The board will discuss this at their next meeting.

In the area of staff reports, Amanda Kammer reported that she has completed the funding application for CARC. Mrs. Kammer has been on loan to that group for the purpose of helping them prepare a Grant Application to develop a new program. Mrs. Kammer also reported that she has all but finished the Grant Application for Rent Supplement for the Housing Authority. Mrs. Kammer is also on loan to the County Housing Authority. She reported that the major thing that needs to be done is for the cities of the county to write an agreement with the Housing Authority to cooperate with it

Funds Needed By Red Cross

As of Thursday, July 6, \$7,387 had been contributed locally toward the \$10 million nationwide Red Cross appeal for disaster relief funds according to Carrol Brissenden, chairman of the Oregon Trail chapter. Over \$1,700 of this amount has been received in the last two days which Brissenden hopes is an indication that the magnitude of the need is beginning to become realistic in the public's mind.

Nationally, some \$4 million in donations have been received to date. This information was received in a report that stated "more than 50,000 families in the flood ravaged mid-Atlantic states will require individual assistance from the American Red Cross, and the cost of the relief operation is now expected to exceed \$15 million."

Among the 600 national disaster workers who are helping thousands of Red Cross volunteers with assisting victims in the mid-Atlantic scene are at least a dozen from the Cascades division of Red Cross headquartered in Portland. The disaster trained specialists are being moved from one location to another as need dictates.

Aside from still operating nearly 90 emergency shelters for families whose homes are gone, Red Cross is helping families to replace lost clothing and essential household furnishings, assisting with minor home repairs and medical costs, paying rent on new living quarters for those who need this aid, and replacing eye glasses, dentures, artificial limbs and braces, prescription drugs and giving other health and medical assistance.

With its reserve funds depleted, Red Cross is now dependent on a generous response from the public to its emergency appeal for funds.

BLM Makes Payment To Oregon Counties

Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management has mailed checks totaling more than \$33.7 million in payments to 18 Oregon counties that share the revenue from timber sales from reforested Oregon and California Railroad grant timberlands in western Oregon. The payment represents the counties' share of revenue collected during the eleven-month period from July 1, 1971 to May 31, 1972. A final accounting of additional funds due these counties from June collections will be made in August. Columbia County received, as its share of the revenue \$700,486.62.

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