

Taxpayers Ask, IRS Answers

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the Newark office of the U. S. Internal Revenue Service and is published by the Courier-Gazette as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

Q—Over 65 Is it true I can deduct all my medical expenses this year?

A—Yes. Taxpayers are now allowed to deduct up to 3 percent of adjusted gross income for medical expenses in excess of 3 percent. The amount deducted when expenses are itemized.

Q—There is another change in the law. However, which will benefit taxpayers who itemize their expenses. This permits the deduction of one half the amount paid for medical insurance up to a total of \$500. Premiums not deductible under this provision are added to the taxpayer's medical expenses subject to the 3 percent rule.

Q—Premiums paid for supplemental benefits under Medicare are deductible under the provision created above, but not under the Social Security Act. However, from wages for Medicare benefits.

Q—How do I figure out what to deduct for state sales tax?

A—The 1940 instruction booklet contains sales tax tables you can use to determine your deduction. The tables show what deduction by state depending on the family's income and size.

Q—In addition to the amount shown on the table, a taxpayer can also deduct the sales tax paid on the purchase of an automobile.

Q—Does IRS have anything that would explain the taxes a small businessman has to pay?

A—There is a "Mr. Businessman's Kit" which can be obtained from local IRS offices. The IRS also has a publication called "Tax Guide for Small Business," which should be extremely helpful to you. It may be obtained by sending 50 cents to your IRS District Office or the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

Q—I may be able to claim my uncle as a dependent. What items do you include when figuring out support?

A—Support includes food, shelter, clothing, medical and dental care, educational and similar expenses. If items, provided as support are goods or lodging then the fair market value of these items should be used.

Q—Check the 1040 instructions for further information on dependency tests.

Q—My home was damaged by floods last year. Is there anything I can deduct for this on my federal income tax?

A—Yes, you may be able to deduct your loss as a casualty loss when you file your return. For details on how to determine what you may deduct, send a post card to your district director and ask for a free copy of Document No. 5174, "Disasters, Casualties, and Thefts."



FLAG RITE — Arcadia Post 2883, Veterans of Foreign Wars, presents flag to Boy Scout Troop 138 of the Park Presbyterian Church at ceremonies held at troop meeting. Post Commander William MacGregor is shown making presentation to Scoutmaster Gene Filburg. Observing from left are Fred Robinson, Lewis Frey, Vernon Coleman, Melvin Henkel and Herbert Bedette. Flag was donated to post by Mrs. Peter Orbakker.

BASKETBALL DRILL
The Midgetettes will schedule a basketball drill Friday at 3:30 p.m. in the Community Center gym, according to Coach Alex Eligh.

ICE SKATING
There will be ice skating on the Community Center rink every evening, weather permitting, according to Alex Eligh, director.

Anne Benne Bows 551 in Scattered League Match
Anne Benne rolled a 204-551 series to lead Edgett Burnham to a 3-1 win over Turkey Town in the Ladies Scattered League. Irene Kluesen hit 304-527 and Helen Adriaansen had a 320 as Marion Canning won three from the Rollettes. Split pickers included Joan DeWispelaere 5-7, Helen Lergner 2-7, E. Reeves 2-7, Beulah Teeter 2-9, K. Holton 5-10, E. VanHill 5-7 and S. DeCann 5-7.

Passamonte Registers 594 in Merchants Loop
A 223-594 series, by Vince Passamonte, Jr. and a 543 by his father led the Walters entry from Clifton Springs to a sweep over the Zampias in the Merchants League.

Dick Reeves Posts 223-602 Series in Masonic Loop
Dick Reeves pegled a 223-602 series to lead the Beads to a 3-1 over the Trestones in the Masonic League.

Dorothy Madden Rolls 546 in Arcadia Wheel
Dorothy Madden pegled a 546 series to lead the Beads to a 3-1 over the DeMays in the Arcadia Women's League. Patty Lyke had a 503 for the losers.

Port Gibson Equipment won two points from Duffy Mott Products while the Twigs were blanking the runnerup Duffy Mott Lab entry. Port Gibson holds first place with 60 wins.

BOYS RIFLE CLUB
The Boys Rifle Club at the Newark Community Center will hold its weekly meeting Friday at 3:30 p.m.

Midget All-Stars Nip Palmyra by One Point
The Newark Midget League All-Stars nipped the Palmyra All-Stars, 30 to 29, in the Center gym.

Jo Anne Perry Registers 535 in Lasing Cause
Jo Anne Perry rolled a 535 in a losing cause as the Stuart Jewellers lost all four points to the Black Russians in the Stuart Bowling League.

HOOP WORKOUT
The Sixerettes will hold a basketball workout Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the Community Center gym.

BASKETBALL DRILL
The Centerettes will hold a basketball drill Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Center gym.

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ready to provide the big push when needed," the chief concluded.

Midwinter Slump Traps Some Drivers
Armed by the repetition of typical wintertime traffic accidents on village streets caused by needless skidding or poor visibility, Chief of Police Donald Brown was prompted to remind local drivers that safety is their personal responsibility.

Dusty Loop Lists Twin Bill Tonight In Center Gym
Two Dusty League games will be scheduled tonight in the Center gym.

Dick Bowker Lists 602 in Elks Loop
Dick Bowker rolled 206, 180 and 216 games for a 602 series and Proctor Hoskins added a 557 to lead the Hoskins entry to a 3-1 win over the Funsters in the Elks League. Clarence Vanderbrook lined a 223 middle game in his 578 series for the losers.

Bob Jordan Records 216-536 Loop Series
Bob Jordan pegled a 216-536 series to lead the Hydrants to a sweep over the Drivers in the Fairville Couples League.

Sam DeBlancere the Sirens coped three from the Pankers on a 491 by Charlene Frank, the Axes lost three to the Nozzles and in the other match the Ladders blanked the Pumpers.

Standings: Columns 109, Squares 109, Compasses 105, Pillars 101, Gages 102, Gables 97, Wardens 94, Trowels 92, Levels 92, Plumbs 90, Angles 77 and Trestles 65.