

Itemized Deductions Average \$3,230 Here

How do income tax deductions claimed by Birmingham residents compare with the amounts claimed by taxpayers in other areas?

How closely will returns be scanned this year for excessive deductions? More closely than before, according to information trickling out of the Treasury Department. Up-to-date electronic computers and a larger staff of examiners will make it possible.

With approximately 25 million taxpayers itemizing their deductions, the Government has compiled tables to show the average amounts that are claimed in each income bracket.

WHEN A NORMAL amount is listed in a return, the chances are that it will go through without being questioned. However, when it is higher than usual for a particular income, it is likely to be caught by the gimlet eye of an examiner. In that case, the entire report may be set aside for a thorough review and the taxpayer called upon to support his claims with proper records.

What are these critical amounts that may not be exceeded with impunity? The totals, as they concern Birmingham and other communities, are detailed by the Commerce Clearing House, which reports on matters of tax and business law.

Gets Federal Grant

A federal grant of about \$68,000 was accepted March 15 by the county. It will cover half of the cost of underground water, sewer and steam lines at the Oakland County Service Center, on Telegraph Road.

Engineering for the underground facilities will be done by Hyslop and Bobbio, Inc., Detroit at a cost of \$30,000.

Both actions were approved by the county board of supervisors.

FOR THE AVERAGE Birmingham family, whose gross income is approximately \$18,872 a year, according to the most recent data, the deductions should not be more than \$3,230 to conform to the national.

Making up this amount are contributions, \$556; interest charges, \$1,027; tax payments, \$975; and medical costs, \$662.

For those with family incomes of \$7,000, the normal deduction drops to \$1,280. It consists of \$239 in contributions, \$439 in interest, \$418 in taxes and \$284 in medical expenses.

THE TREASURY Department warns, however, against using these standards as absolute guides. It points out that a taxpayer might be assessed an additional amount in taxes even if his deductions are average, if he couldn't produce proof.

On the other hand, deductions of larger size may be safely claimed if properly substantiated.

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On North Trail of New Troops

A number of new units of the Boy Scouts of America will be organized in the North Trails District as a result of a recent Together Dinner held in the Birmingham Community House. Representatives of seven churches and other institutions interested in sponsoring troops, packs or posts were present at the meeting with scoutleaders. Pictured are (from left) Geniel Cochran of

Madison Heights and Patricia Hinds, 30100 Everett, Southfield, both representing the Church of Latter Day Saints, Bloomfield Hills; Rex Filkins, 2112 Manchester, Birmingham, Boy Scouts of America; Paul McFarland of Detroit, from the First Baptist Church of Detroit, Southfield; and P. J. Warner, 15845 Fourteen Mile Road, Birmingham, Boy Scouts of America.

Legal Notices

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At a session of said Court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 17th day of March, A. D. 1963.

Present, Hon. Donald E. Adams, Judge of Probate.

Marie Tikhonova, Administratrix with Will Annexed of said estate having filed in said Court her Final Account and petition praying for the examination and allowance thereof, allowance for, and termination of the legal notice of said estate, and the discharge of said Administratrix, with Will Annexed.

And it is further Ordered, that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered or certified mail with return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

And it is further Ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

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Supervisors Split Duties Of Counsel

The duties of corporation counsel and clerk of committees will be split, the county board of supervisors has agreed. The two posts have been combined since 1958.

Delos Hamlin and the bylaws committee have indicated an interest in expanding the clerk's duties to include the county's public relations field. Hamlin is board chairman.

Enough legal business for the county exists to keep the corporation counsel busy, Hamlin said.

Robert P. Allen, who succeeds former corporation counsel Norman C. Barnard, will serve in this capacity only. The clerk of committees post remains unfilled. Allen, who was appointed Tuesday, will get \$12,000 per year.

Barnard was recently made a probate judge.

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Car Jumps Curb; Pedestrian Killed

SOUTHFIELD—A car that jumped the curb on Evergreen, south of 12 mile, resulted in the death of a 24-year-old Southfield man March 14.

Dead on arrival at William Beaumont Hospital was Robert A. MacMartin, 18227 Webster.

Police said MacMartin was walking south on Evergreen at about 8:18 p.m. when a car driven by John G. Berner, 16 of 1776 Glenwood, Lathrup swerved from the northbound lane. The car struck MacMartin.

Berner told police he was driving about 45 miles per hour when the left wheels suddenly left the curb. The streets were wet and slippery, police said.

Committee Seeks To Change Law On Point System

The permanent committee representing Michigan law enforcement agencies has proposed that the measure now before the legislature to increase the minimum age for obtaining a driver's license to 18 be amended to retain the present minimum of 16 but apply the 12-point control system to drivers of this two-year age range.

The committee represents the Michigan associations of chiefs of police, sheriffs, circuit, records and municipal judges, justices of the peace and prosecutors and the state police and the attorney general's departments.

THE PROPOSAL to increase the minimum age to 18 is designed to bring all licensed drivers under curfew controls. At present drivers under 18 are taken into probate court where the controls do not apply. As a result, young drivers guilty of traffic violations are not punished like drivers 18 or over and a small percentage become willful repeaters.

Meeting at state police headquarters, the committee pointed out that capable young drivers should not be deemed operators' license but the measure should be revised so that the 12-point system would apply to those who are an enforcement problem.

Troy B of E Protests Bill On Buses

The Troy board of education Tuesday voiced its opposition to a state senate bill that would require public schools which provide bus transportation to include all private school students who reside within the district.

Supt. Rex Smith estimated the cost to district schools at \$800,000 though he said he had no exact figures on the cost of additional bus service to his district.

THE BILL requires transporting private and parochial school children up to eight miles outside of the district, provided the district already has bus service for public schools. It was sponsored by 30 senators and Gov. Romney has indicated his basic agreement with it.

State Senator Sen. Farrell E. Roberts (R) of Oakland has predicted, since the Bloomfield Hills protest, that the bill may not get out of committee or will be substantially amended.

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