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Income Tax Deductions In County Average

How much did I contribute to charity during the past year? How much did I pay in local taxes? What did my medical and dental expenses amount to?

These are some of the questions that Colorado County residents are asking themselves these days while going together their 1971 income and expense figures for that upcoming confrontation with Uncle Sam.

Local taxpayers who itemize such deductible expenditures on their income tax reports would like to know how their deductions compare with those taken generally by people with incomes similar to their own.

Some guidance, in answer to these questions, comes from the Commerce Clearing House, an authority on business and tax law, using data compiled by the Internal Revenue Service.

It does so in a report based upon earlier tax reports, detailing just how much the average taxpayer in each income category has been deducting for contributions, interest, taxes and medical costs.

It shows that among families throughout the country with incomes equal to the Colorado County average, approximately $1,830, equivalent to 20 percent of gross income, is the normal deduction.

Although local families with incomes that are higher than this average have a larger amount to deduct, it represents a smaller proportion of their earnings.

For those in the $25,000 to $30,000 class, for example, deductions amount to $4,250, equivalent to about 15 percent of adjusted gross income whereas the $1,420 that can be deducted by those in the $6,000 to $7,000 category represents 22 percent.

Of the $1,830 in deductions generally listed by families whose earnings are close to the Colorado County average, some $260 is for contributions to charity, $608 for interest paid on loans and installment debt, $600 for state and local taxes and $362 for medical and dental costs.

These are purely guideline figures, cautions the Commerce Clearing House. It is not to be assumed that such deductions would automatically be approved by the Internal Revenue Service. Proper records must be available to support all claims for deductions.

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Stienke, Krenek, Lehrer, Shorter Complete Basic

Four men from Eagle Lake and Garwood have completed eight weeks of basic training with the U. S. Army at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Included were: Army Private Ervin H. Stienke, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin H. Stienke of Garwood; Army Private William P. Lehrer, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Lehrer of Garwood; Army Private Jerry W. Krenek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Krenek of Garwood; and Army Private William Shorter Jr., 25, whose parents live on Route 1, Eagle Lake.

They received instruction in Drill and Ceremonies, Weapons, Map Reading, Combat Tactics, Military Courtesy, Military Justice, First Aid, and Army History.

All four received their training with Company E of the 1st Brigade 1st Battalion.

Pvt. Stienke is a 1968 graduate of Garwood High School, and attended Wharton County Junior College. The soldier was engaged in rice farming at Garwood before entering the army.

His wife, Kathleen, also lives in Garwood.

Pvt. Lehrer is a 1966 graduate of San Marcos Baptist Academy.

Pvt. Krenek is a 1968 graduate of Garwood High School.

Pvt. Shorter is a 1965 graduate of Hungerford Consolidated High School.

Nada PTC Completes Plans For Field Day

The Nada P.T.C. held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday Feb. 15th in the school library. The opening prayer was given by Sister Roberta, and the pledge to the Flag was said. Minutes and bills were read by the secretary and approved.

Mrs. Walter Braden, athletic chairman, gave her report on the Field Day, and said that all schools invited were coming. Besides the trophies for 1st and 2nd place it was decided to give ribbons for 3rd place winners.

It was voted by the club to send $25 to the C.E.F. It was announced that the girls will have a track meet on Thursday, March 9th. The P. T. C. would pay the entrance fee of $4.00.

Concessions for Field Day will be hamburgers and hot dogs. Prices would remain the same. Entrance fee per team entering the Field Day will be $3.

Several rules concerning dress and players were set up by the club. Mrs. Anthony Kallina would see about getting a coach for a team. Alois Sittner said he will ask the K. C.s to help get grounds in shape and do any necessary repairs that are needed.

Brenda Kallina will be in charge of seeing the first aid kit has all the necessary supplies needed.

The 4-H Club will give a program on drugs in the parish hall on March 2nd.

Attendance prizes were won by: first to the 2nd grade; second to the 7th grade.

The meeting was closed with prayer led by Sister Roberta.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Anthony Kallina, Mrs. N. J. Schneider and Mrs. Frank Waligura. - Mrs. Leonard Staff, Reporter.

Insurance Back In Headlines

Insurance again made headline news on three fronts here.

President Nixon's Phase 2 inflation controls, the State Insurance Board said, will mean lower premium rates for hundreds of thousands of Texas motorists.

Lawmakers threatened to "put the state in the insurance business" unless rates are reduced for a few catastrophe pools designed to provide coverage and other difficult risks. - AP Wires.

An American Insurance Association executive offered to "guarantee" that no fault auto insurance in Texas would bring a minimum cut of 25 per cent in bodily injury and property damage coverage rates.

New homeowners' insurance rates are expected to be issued May 1, effective June 1. A federal price commission order of a 37.5 per cent cut in the board's "trend factor" (aimed at keeping rates up with normal inflation) may mean a reduction of 2.1 per cent in the Central Inland Territory. Usual rating formulas would have meant an increase of 5.9 per cent there.

While most fire and extended coverage rates will go up, the rise will be lower than expected due to new federal limits.

The State Insurance Board proposes to cut catastrophe pool rates for non-beach property about a third. Insurance companies strongly resisted. Legislators at a rate hearing retorted that the state may have to get into the insurance business.

Under the pool, authorized last year by the legislature, insurance companies are required to join in providing coverage for areas of the coast which cannot buy policies in the regular market.

The state Board of Insurance is studying effects of various no-fault insurance plans which provide compensation from a driver's own policy regardless of whether he was at fault in an accident.

Mrs. Bricker Named Teacher Of Year

Mrs. Nancy Jane Bricker, wife of Edgar Lee Bricker, was elected "Teacher of Year", in Lanham Elementary School, of the Nederland Public School system.

Mrs. Bricker attended high school in Nederland, and received degree from SWTSU, at San Marcos, and from the University of Houston. In addition to her teaching in Nederland, she has taught in Colorado and Wharton Counties.

Mrs. Elsie Tubbs and Thomas Tubbs of Houston; Cosina and Carol Burkhart of Conroe and Mrs. Elmo Sens spent Friday through Monday with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Tallas in Kenefick.

Alpha Delta Phi Plans Car Wash For Library Fund

Alpha Delta Phi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority met Thursday night in the home of Mrs. Jimmy Clipson. All 21 members were present to answer roll call.

Pres. Dorothy Baker called the business meeting to order. Following the committee reports, plans were made for the chapter's next major project. This will be a car wash at Johnny's 66 station, and all proceeds will be donated to the new library fund.

After completing the plans, Mrs. Richard Clipson presented the program for the evening. Her topic was "Art," and she briefly described the life of a French artist Maurice Utrillo. Several of his prints were seen, and Mrs. Clipson described each one.

The hostess served sandwiches, chips, dips, and cake. The next meeting is scheduled for March 9 in the home of Mrs. Leslie Meinardus. Mrs. Bob Cook will present the program.

There's no justice. - If you make out your income tax correctly, you go to the poorhouse. If you don't, you go to jail.

WCJC Stage Band To Open AAJC Meet

The award winning Wharton County Junior College stage band has been selected to provide music for the opening session of the 52nd annual convention of the American Association of Junior Colleges in Dallas, Monday, February 28.

The WCJC stage band is directed by Dr. W. W. Wendtland and included among musicians are Stewart Holub of Sheridan, Jerry Kosik of East Bernard, Stephen Peters and James Powell of Columbus.

Girl Scout NEWS

TROOP 314

Recently we elected new officers. They are the following: Patrol leaders, Debbie Brune, Denise Rucks and Penny Szymanski; Scribe, Ann Duncan; Treasurer, Judy Ashby; Reporter, Kathy Frenzel; First Aider, Julia Thomas; Sergeant-at-Arms, Sylvia Barela and Photographer, Lisa Matchenki.

For the past few weeks, we've been taking a Child Care Course from Mrs. Rodgers. On Monday, February 28, we completed the course and received the Child Care Badge.

Friday, February 25, we went to Farmer's Market in Houston.

At our meeting on February 21, we chose Patti Mathis to go down to the City Hall to have her picture taken with the Mayor and other scouts.- Reporter, Kathy Frenzel

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Capital NEWS

By Bill Boykin

Status of Rice Exp. Station Topic at RC&D Meet

The bi-monthly meeting of the Coastal Resource Conservation and Development Area's Executive Committee was held at Wharton in the community room of the Wharton Bank and Trust, Thursday, February 17. Representatives from the 4 counties in the Coastal RC&D Area, Colorado, Jackson, Matagorda and Wharton were present.

Chairman W. A. Donaldson of Bolivar opened the meeting and led a discussion of the role of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Counties, Colorado, Matagorda and Wharton Counties and the SWCD's in these counties are members of the Houston-Galveston Area Council. Jackson County and the Jackson SWCD are members of the Golden Crescent Council.

Glyn Kinsey, Soil Conservation Service representative to the Coastal RC&D Area, reviewed accomplishments during the past year. A status report on the location of the Rice Experiment Station sites was presented. These sites branches of the Beaumont Rice Experiment Station will be located in each county.

The balance of the morning was devoted to the development of the Annual Plan of Work for 1972.

Attending from the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District were District Directors Arthur Koehn, Henry Sunderman and Emanuel F. Hennecke. Also attending was SCS District Conservationist Erwin A. Pavlik.

The April meeting of the Coastal RC&D Area will be held at Edna, on Thursday, April 20.

PCA President To Attend Conf.

K. E. Simank, president, El Campo Production Credit Association, will participate March 1-2 in the PCA Presidents - Managers Conference in Houston's Hotel Sonesta.

El Campo PCA last year loaned almost $30 million to farmers and ranchers in Calhoun, Colorado, Jackson, Matagorda, Refugio, Victoria and Wharton counties.

And there was that dumb girl in the commodity house who thought spot hides came from a leopard.

MARKET REPORT

The market was steady to slightly stronger with the close of last week at the Co-operative Producers Commission Co. Cattle receipts over the entire state were shorter. In talking with some of the larger cattle dealers in the state, George Hagan and Dempsey Calhoun report that the general opinion is that we have probably seen the highest calves for the year. Some of the factors in this opinion, they said, is that they are getting resistance from the housewife in buying meat products and also there has been some talk of the government putting a price ceiling on fresh beef.

With cattle receipts lighter over the entire area it looks like a good time to take a look at your herd if you have any to sell, said Hagan and Calhoun.

Last Thursday the company handled 346 head of cattle with good to choice butcher calves bringing 34 to 38 and yearlings 34 to 37. Heifer et packer cows went from 24 to 28; commercial packer bulls 27 to 31. Heavy Hereford and Angus steer calves sold 38 to 48 and yearlings 34 to 42 while crossbred steer calves brought 36 to 47 and yearlings 32 to 40.

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Carol Elaine Dye and Frederick Burton Claassen Wed

MRS. FREDERICK BURTON CLAASSEN

Mr. and Mrs. Lorell Howard Dye of Eagle Lake announce the marriage of their daughter, Carol Elaine, to Frederick Burton Claassen. The wedding vows were exchanged in a candlelight ceremony in the First Baptist Church Saturday, February twenty-sixth at seven o'clock in the evening.

Colonel and Mrs. Clayton Baxter Claassen, USAF, Ret., of Houston are parents of the groom. The late Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Middleton Burton of Galveston were the groom's maternal grandparents.

The Reverend Raymond Woodruff performed the traditional wedding vows before an altar lighted by twin standards of spiral candelabra garlanded in pittosporum and pew foliage holding deep ivory candles. A massive stone urn filled with varigated pittosporum and green yew centered the altar table. An identical urn filled with the same foliage and centered with triple candelabrum was placed above the pulpit.

The bride wore a floor length gown of soft yellow silk chiffon fashioned with flowing sleeves and gently scooped neckline. She carried a bouquet of mixed spring flowers and ivy. Fresh daisies were scattered through out her hair secured with soft yellow satin.

Attending her were her sisters, Linda Nell as maid of honor; Deborah Ann and Nita Kay as bridesmaids. All were identically dressed in floor length gowns of azalea banded through the midriff with multi colored embroidery on black velvet. Each wore matching slippers and carried a stylized flower created by a circlet of elegance carnations around cardonne.

Serving as Best Man was the groom's brother, Clayton B. Claassen, Jr. of St. Louis, Missouri. Groomsmen were cousins of the groom, John S. Curry and William E. Pinckard III of Houston.

Flower girl was Miss Margery Elizabeth Curry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sealy Curry. She wore a dress of dainty pink with fresh azalea blossoms in her hair. She carried a basket of mixed spring flowers.

Mrs. Clara Mae Nash, organist, played favorite selections prior to the ceremony.

Mrs. Dye selected for her daughter's wedding, a gown of aquamarine chiffon enhanced by lace trim on the bodice and sleeves. She wore a Japhet orchid corsage.

Mrs. Claassen selected a gown of silver blue for her son's wedding. She wore a Japhet orchid corsage to compliment her ensemble.

Following the cremony, Mr. and Mrs. Dye entertained with a reception at their home.

Spring flowers with complimentary candles graced each serving table. The wedding table, covered in a floor length cloth of organza over satin held all silver appointments to serve coffee, wedding cake, partysandwiches, salted nuts, mints, seasoned bread sticks and hot sausage biddies. The wedding cake was centered with the same ornament that was used on the bride's parents' wedding cake.

Following the reception, Mr. and Mrs. Claassen departed for a honeymoon through the western states to Southern California where they will make their home.

Mrs. Claassen attended Baylor University and has recently been affiliated with the firm of T. W. Smith Company, Inc. of Houston.

Mr. Claassen is a graduate of Menlo School of Business Administration, Palo Alto, California. He has been residing in Houston where he was with the Metal Goods Division of Alcan Aluminum Corp.

Special guests here for the wedding were the bride's paternal grandmother, Mrs. Royal Keller and Mr. Keller of Memphis, Tennessee. Also present were the bride's aunt, Mrs. Jack Lewis, Sr. of Memphis, Tennessee; also her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. James Adams of Eagle Lake. Other out town guests were present from Houston, Galveston, Arlington and St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. Helen White Buried Here Tues.

Mrs. Helen White, a resident of this community for some time, was buried here in services held on Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. White was born May 2, 1880. Other information was not available at press time and will be printed if provided to this office next week.

The Rev. James Watts, rector of the Episcopal Church in Columbus, officiated at the funeral services held at 10 a.m., from the chapel of the Hill-Bauer Funeral Home. Interment was in the Lakeside Cemetery.

THREATENING CHARGE

A charge of seriously threatening the life of another was filed in county court Tuesday against Abel Cantu.

He is charged with threatening the life of Eagle Lake police officer Russell Sullavan over the phone after Sullavan and other officers arrested a number of youths involved in a ruckus at the Teen Canteen last Saturday night.

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Last Rites Held Mon. For Jo Ann Mann

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28th for Jo Ann Mann, 26, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Flowers of this city and J. L. Briscoe. She died at the St. Joseph Hospital in Houston at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26th after a long illness.

The Rev. Mac Relma Burger, pastor of the Eagle Lake Mission Church officiated the services in the chapel of the Hill-Bauer Funeral Home. A group from the Eagle Lake Mission Church, accompanied by Ann Brooks at the organ, rendered favorite hymns.

She was placed to final rest in the Lakeside Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were Mike Scott, Jerry Scott, Ray Scott, Horst Stewart, R. W. Maertz, and Bob Hudson.

She was born on January 3, 1945. She was a receptionist at the Holiday Inn, Eagle Lake, prior to her illness.

She and her fiance, Bill Esterling, had planned to be married this month.

Surviving are her parents; her fiance, Mr. Esterling; two brothers, Jay L. Briscoe of Dallas and Sammy Briscoe of Houston; three sisters, Mrs. Vera Gent of Big Springs, Mrs. Doris Hooper of Rockland, and Mrs. Ramona Rutledge of Houston; a number of aunts and uncles and other relatives and friends.

All join in extending sympathy to the family in their loss.

REFLECTIONS ON International Sunday School Lesson

(Matthew 16:13-22; Ephesians 2:19-22)

In every generation there have been critics of the church. Most of the time these critics have been enemies of church speaking from the outside. Recently there have been more of the critics who were friends of the church speaking from the inside. Some are now talking as if the days of churches as we know them are very limited. Perhaps the whole concept of churches should be re-examined in light of the Bible.

The account of the founding of Christ's original church is recorded in Matthew, chapter sixteen. Jesus was teaching in the area of Palestine near the pagan city of Caesarea Philippi. While Jesus was teaching one afternoon he asked his disciples who people were saying he was. The disciples responded that people were comparing Jesus to various great prophets of the past. Then Jesus asked who the disciples thought he was. In a moment of inspiration Peter responded for the group. "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," he replied. At that moment of insight Jesus chose to establish his church.

The church was to be composed of those who could confess with the disciples that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Through the message of the church concerning God's redemptive love for men, people would be freed from the binding power of sin. Not only this, but the church would withstand even the most violent opposition from the forces of evil and would continue victorious across the ages, Jesus promised. It was Jesus who founded the church, and he alone who defined the responsibilities and the future of the church.

Some are predicting the immediate death of the churches as we know them. Perhaps some reforms need to be made to bring the churches back to the purpose Jesus defined for them. Few could argue with this. But the promise of Christ is secure. The chief method of Christ's doing his work in our world will always be his churches. It is through them that he will bless the world and proclaim his message to the world.

The churches still have the responsibility of conquering the power of evil in the world today. Jesus pictured the church as marching triumphantly against the gates of hell. Rather than be indifferent to all of the things evil is destroying in our world we need to set out through our churches to counteract the power of evil by proclaiming the message Christ gave us to the world and by using every means possible to overcome the forces that limit and destroy the lives of people today.

SHERIDAN NEWS

(Mrs. G. H. Holub)

Sheridan PTS To Sponsor Spaghetti Supper Mar. 10

The Parents and Teacher organization in Sheridan will promote another fund-raising project in the form of a spaghetti supper in the Sheridan school cafeteria March 10th with serving to begin at 5:30 p.m. Games will follow at 8:00 p.m. The price of a large plate will be $1.50 with a 75c plate available to children under six years of age. Folks from the Sheridan community and surrounding communities are invited to attend and help to make the project a success.

Highlights of the February meeting included: reading of the minutes, a report of a $440.30 treasury balance, the decision to promote the spaghetti supper, and awarding of the room count prizes to the sixth grade and the eighth grade who led for first. Miss Annette Tise and the eighth grade girls presented the program.

Hostesses for the refreshments following the close of the meeting were Mrs. J. D. Ashley, Mrs. Jim Ross, Mrs. Marvin Hench, and chairman of the hostesses, Mrs. J. B. Ross.

McClendons Welcome Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie McClendon of Angleton are the proud parents of a baby girl born at 9:02 a.m. Feb. 3 in the Angleton - Danbury hospital. Ethel Belinda weighed seven pounds and eight and one-half ounces at birth. Mother and daughter left the hospital for home Sunday, Feb. 6th. Mrs. McClendon is the former Sharon Potter of Sheridan.

Mrs. Ethel Potter of Sheridan is a proud grandmother, welcoming her first grandchild.

James Moores Parents of Son

Mr. and Mrs. James Moore of Sheridan welcomed a new member into their family, an eight pound, five ounce baby boy born at 11:23 a.m. Feb. 14th in the Youens Memorial Hospital in Weimar. The Moores named their new son Kirk Owen. Mrs. Moore, the former Maxine Kinchelow of Sheridan, returned to her home in Sheridan with Kirk Owen on Feb. 16th. This is the first child for the young couple. Mr. Moore has been teaching in the Sheridan school since 1969 and has been coaching the Junior High teams since he began teaching here.

CONVALESCING

Case Allen Holluh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert H. Holub of Sheridan returned to his home in Sheridan Wednesday following surgery on Feb. 21st. Case sustained cartilage damage to his nose in an accident last year and has been waiting for corrective surgery.

WEEK-END GUESTS

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Frnka during the week-end were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Frnka of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. John Frnka of Pasadena.

Mrs. Jimmy Frnka, the former Miss Janet Gibson, has joined Koch Chemical Co. of Houston as their marketing representative. Prior to this position she was associated with Union Carbide Corporation in the chemical and plastic sales organization for nine years.

Paul Barrow To Preach First Sermon Sunday

Paul Lee is a graduate of Eagle Lake High School and attended Prairie View A&M College.

He will deliver his first sermon at 3:30 p.m. this Sunday afternoon at the Providence Baptist Church at 1208 East State Street in Eagle Lake.

The public is invited to hear Paul Lee Barrow preach his first sermon since he was called a few weeks ago to preach God's word. He is the son of Mrs. Thelma Johnson and stepson of A. J. Johnson, and a member of Providence Baptist Church, the Rev. Coby Shorter, Jr., pastor.

ROCK ISLAND NEWS

Mrs. M. I. Nicewander

Mrs. Winnie Hand and Mrs. Laura Starkey returned to their home in Houston Saturday after a few days here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Nicewander and two daughters, Mary and Patty of Woodville were visitors here in the Nicewander home Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Billie Bates of Kyle, Texas has been a guest here this week with Mr. and Mrs. Otis Pomroy.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Rich and children, Steve, Cindy, and Mike, of Houston, were here this week-end with Mrs. Rich's mother, Mrs. Caudie Hosman, who was happy to announce that she became a grandmother again on Feb. 14 when a seven and one-half pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hosman of Eagle Lake. He was given the name of Thomas Clay.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Grindt Jr. and children of Houston were visitors this week with the L. M. Grindts, Sr. and the Walter Wieds.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Moore and sons, Scott and Todd of Pasadena were here this week-end with home folks.

Miss Lavonne Johnson and Joe Garrett of Austin spent the week-end here with the H. A. Johnsons and the M. O. Spann families.

Harvey Birdwell Honored On 68th Birthday

Harvey Birdwell was honored on the occasion of his 68th birthday with a surprise dinner given at his home on Sunday, Feb. 27. Hostesses were Mrs. Birdwell and daughter Carol.

Twenty-six guests enjoyed a delicious menu of barbecued turkey with all the trimmings, cakes, iced tea and coffee.

Those attending included Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Birdwell, Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Linnenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Birdwell, Richard Birdwell, Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Raabe, James and Harold, Mrs. N. L. Birdwell of Eagle Lake; Mr. and Mrs. David Frank of Columbus; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Zigo, Misses Cathy and Shirley Yarborough, Roy Yarborough, Jr., Miss Patricia Meader, John Birdwell of Bay City; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Birdwell Jr. and Rebecca Ann, and Terry Jones of Houston.

Mr. Birdwell received several nice, useful gifts.

A Will Is Important To Texas Estate

(Dorothy Schomberg, HD Agent)

Having a properly drawn will is of immense importance. A will enables an individual to designate the manner of distributing his property after death. Without a will one's property will be distributed, but only according to the laws of descent and distribution. Since it is not possible for the state to write a separate law for each individual, one law applies for everyone. The distribution plan which this law provides is often not what one might personally prefer, therefore the law allows an individual the right to change the distribution plan by making a will. With a properly drawn will one's preference can be expressed and carried out after death.

Dying without a will creates several problems for survivors. It generally costs more money to die without a will than it does if there is one. These extra costs arise in various ways and are easily understood. Delays in estate administration resulting from no will require extra attorney services to handle estate affairs. He in turn requires an increased fee in such circumstances. Court costs and other administration fees often constitute substantial expense items for the estate.

While these extra costs amount up, the law requires these expenditures as safeguards to assure an orderly and faithful performance by those appointed to handle the estate affairs. With a will it is possible to eliminate many of the legal steps that would otherwise be required.

Without a will it is impossible to take steps to minimize the impact of estate and inheritance taxation. Generally if one relies on the state's "will" and does not make a will for himself, he may not achieve the savings in death taxation to which his estate might be otherwise entitled.

This extra cost factor is one which a prudent person dare not overlook. The exact amount of death tax levied upon a particular estate is dependent upon the amount of money involved and the manner in which the estate is distributed. When one realizes the heavy impact of such taxation can perhaps be lessened it is essential that appropriate steps be taken to avert an unnecessary loss.

Everyone in Texas eighteen years of age or older is eligible to make a will.

This is a fact sheet printed by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service entitled "Better Estate Planning -- The Importance of a Will in a Texas Estate" by Eugene M. McCraw, J. D., L. L. M., College of Business faculty, Extension Consultant, Texas A&M University.

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TOPS Has Presentation Ceremony

TOPS Battle of the Bulge February 23rd meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the TOPS pledge.

Elenor Burns was this week's best loser with a five pound loss. Carolyn Rosprim was second with a three pound loss. There were eight Tops, one turtle, and eight pigs attending the meeting.

A new contest was suggested and agreed upon. It will be a team effort with 5 points awarded for exercising, 5 points for keeping a calorie chart, and 5 points for avoiding your own weapon No-No all week. The losing team will provide a low calorie luncheon for the winners.

A presentation ceremony was held. Charlene Rohrsheck, June Kallina, Mary Miller, and May McClothlin received a Topsy charm, Mary McClothlin received a Topsy charm representing a loss of twenty pounds, Carolyn Rosprim received a charm representing a loss of fifty pounds. Congratulations ladies!

The new scales arrived but proved to be unsatisfactory. It was voted to return them.

TOPS meetings are held each Wednesday morning from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. All over weight ladies are invited to join. For more information call 234-2678 or contact any TOPS member.

Clyde Black Top Rookie Policeman

Officer Clyde O. Black, Houston Police Dept., was recently honored by the 100 Club of Houston as "Rookie Policeman of the Year." Officer Black was cited for his work in capturing robbery and auto theft suspects, and was presented with an engraved watch and plaque.

Officer Black is the son of Mrs. Edna Malone Black of Eagle Lake, and C. O. Black of Houston.

You are invited to an Informal Coffee to meet Mrs. Ben Barnes
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