



SENATOR JORDAN

REPORTS

From WASHINGTON

Washington - The very serious problem of what should be done about making financial payments to local governments in lieu of property taxes on property controlled by the Federal government is now being given careful study by the Congress.

1. Cases where the Federal government acquired industrial or commercial real property after June 30, 1950.

2. Cases where payments of special assessments are levied after the effective date of the act in urban or suburban areas, if such assessments were also levied on real property owned by other taxable persons.

3. Cases where the interest of the Federal government in real property is leased or sold to private persons under conditional sales contracts, if such property were owned by a taxable person.

It is virtually impossible to write into the law a firm formula that would be fair in such matters. For this reason, it seems only fair and reasonable that a board be established to examine situations and problems case by case.

It is also only reasonable that local governments should be required to show that Federally owned property has deprived them of taxes they would otherwise collect.

The Federal government has never paid local taxes on the property it owns or controls. Until World War II, there was little need for the Federal government to be concerned about this sort of thing, because outside of its military installations and post offices and other Federal buildings, it owned or controlled relatively little property that would be subject to real estate taxes were it owned by individuals.

During the World War II period and since, the picture has changed a great deal. Today, the Federal government owns or controls considerable property, and local governments in many cases are deprived of badly needed tax sources as a result.

S-910 provides for limited payments in lieu of taxes to local governments under the following circumstances:

AROUND THE FARMS IN CHOWAN

By C. W. OVERMAN, Chowan County Agent

The Community Progress Program has been accepted by all ten white communities for 1959. All have entered the 1959 Community Progress Contest.

Communities are in the process of holding their organizational meetings. At these meetings they elect their officers, select projects, and select project committees. For each community so desiring we are printing enough copies of their projects so that a copy may be distributed to each family in the community. It is very important that communities progress with this as fast as possible so that a unified effort may be made to accomplish as much as possible in the various projects selected.

A Special Swine Growers Meeting will be held at the Chowan Community Building at Cross Roads on Thursday night, February 26, at 7:30 o'clock. Swine producers, including F.F.A. and 4-H members and other youth, tenants and laborers working with swine, feed dealers, hog buyers and anyone else interested in swine are invited to attend this meeting. See details in another article in this paper.

Landscape Home Grounds is an interest of many rural families in Chowan County. Upon request, extension agents have visited several farm homes assisting with landscape plans. A landscape plan involves more than just setting shrubbery around the dwelling and other places. A careful selection of shrubbery is necessary for future satisfaction.

This involves a selection of plants that will not grow too high under windows, along porches and other places of low stature. Higher growing shrubbery may be used along yard borders, for screening areas, or individual plants. Extension Circular No. 392 gives some very good information on plant selection and landscaping the home grounds. Persons who are interested may contact the County Agent's office for a copy of this fine bulletin.

This bulletin divides the recommended plants into several groups. It lists shrubs of low growing character and of high growing character, evergreen and deciduous plants, vines and other ground covers, also shade trees and their placement. As far as time permits, we will be glad to assist people with working out their landscape plan. Landscape planning could well be accomplished at a community meeting of those who are interested. Here, each one would bring a sketch of the home grounds with a sketch of the dwelling and other buildings and shade trees, drives and walks sketched on it. Windows should be indicated so that lower shrubbery may be placed under them. Together with the agents discussing and showing plants to use in different places, each family could prepare their own landscape plan. The agent then could assist with any special problems which each one might have. If your community is interested or any group is interested, please contact us.

TAX FACTS #4 - Deductions That Cut Your Tax Bill

(This is one of a series of articles on federal income tax filing. The articles are based on information provided by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants, in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service.)

THE big question facing the small taxpayer at this time is whether to itemize deductions or take the standard deduction.

Before you give up and file a "short" form, take the time to add up the family expenses that could be deducted. If the deductions total more than 10 per cent of your adjusted gross income, it will pay you to file a "long" Form 1040.

Here is a list of the more important items to watch for while you compile the list of family deductions:

Interest on Loans - The interest you paid on loans is deductible. This includes any mortgage, automobile, appliance, home improvement or personal loans you may have had. Interest on installment purchases is also deductible. Evidence, such as a statement from the lender, should be obtained to show the amount of interest that you paid during the year.

State and Local Taxes - Most taxes, other than federal taxes, are deductible. These include, state and local real estate, personal property, income, retail sales, gasoline and poll taxes. You can deduct auto license fees, but not auto inspection fees. If you don't have an exact record of some of these taxes, you can make a reasonable estimate.

Charitable Contributions - Gifts to charitable, religious, educational, scientific or literary organizations are deductible. Generally, these contributions are deductible up to 20 per cent (in some cases 30 per cent) of your adjusted gross income. In adding up your donations, don't overlook the old clothes, toys, books or furniture you may have

contributed to a local charity or church. The fair market value of these gifts is deductible.

Medical and Dental Expenses - Unless you or your wife has reached the age of 65, your medical expenses are deductible only to the extent that they exceed 3 per cent of your adjusted gross income. Include in your medical deduction the cost of doctor, nursing, dentist's X-rays, and hospital services. You may also deduct premiums for health, accident and medical insurance.

Casualty Losses - You are entitled to deduct your uninsured home losses from fire, theft or storm. Damage to an automobile is deductible if the accident was due to faulty driving but not negligence on your part.

Child Care Expenses - Widowed, divorced or legally separated taxpayers, and in some cases any taxpayer, who must pay for the care of a dependent while they work can deduct up to \$600 of this expense. Check carefully the requirements in the official instruction book before claiming a "baby-sitter" deduction.

Miscellaneous Deductions - If you had certain expenses in connection with your employment (other than travel and reimbursed expenses), you may claim them as miscellaneous deductions. Examples would be tools, uniforms, union dues and employment agency fees. "Periodic" alimony or separate maintenance payments ordered by the court are also deductible under this heading.

CIVIC CALENDAR

Continued From Page 1, Section 1 night at 7:30 o'clock.

A mission study will be held at the Macedonia Baptist Church Tuesday night, March 3, at 7 o'clock.

Chowan High School Parent-Teacher Association will meet in the school auditorium Monday night, March 2, at 8 o'clock.

The 1959 Easter Seal campaign in Edenton will continue until Easter Sunday, March 29.

Chowan County Commissioners will hold their March meeting Monday morning, March 2, at 10 o'clock.

Advance Home Demonstration Club will hold a benefit supper at the Advance Community Building Tuesday night, March 10, at 6:30 o'clock.

Edenton Women's Club will sponsor the fifth Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside Friday and Saturday, April 17 and 18.

Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will observe Past Masters' Night Thursday night, March 5, at 8 o'clock.

Annual Methodist laymen's rally of the Elizabeth City District will be held at the Perquimans High School in Hertford Friday, March 6, beginning with a supper from 5:30 to 7:15 o'clock.

Lenten services will be held in St. Paul's Episcopal Church each Thursday night until Easter.

The Rev. John Broome of Bel-

haven will preach at the Lenten service tonight (Thursday) at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 8 o'clock.

Chowanoke Chapter No. 54, Degree of Pochontias, will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Red Men hall.

A dance will be held at the VFW home on the old Hertford road Saturday night from 9 to 12 o'clock.

Edenton's Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock at the Edenton Restaurant.

Edenton Chapter No. 302, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet Monday night, March 2, at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Temple.

Edenton's Rotary Club will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House.

Edenton Woman's Club will meet Wednesday afternoon, March 4, at 1 o'clock in the Parish House.

Chowan Tribe of Red Men will meet Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Junior-Senior High School and Elementary School Band Parents will conduct a home-made bake sale Saturday, February 28, Annual Family Life and Career Week will be observed at the Edenton Negro High School the week of April 6-10.

National 4-H Club Week will be observed February 28 to March 7.

William H. Coffield, Jr., Post No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Trees Must Live If ASC To Share In Planting Cost

Many North Carolina farmers are apparently going to be in for a big disappointment when they start to collect for trees planted under ACP and Soil Bank Conservation Reserve contracts.

The contracts state that a satisfactory number of the trees must be living at the end of the first summer. In addition, Soil Bank tree planting contracts require that a satisfactory stand of trees must be maintained on the land during the term of the contract. Inspectors for the North Carolina Forest Service say that a great many areas planted in trees this year are already failures and definitely will not qualify for government cost-sharing.

The foresters say the failures are caused by: (1) Improper care of seedlings before planting, and (2) poor planting procedures. Fred Claridge, state forester who is responsible for inspection of these tree plantings, says that each planting will be carefully checked. Those plantings not meeting survival requirements will be turned down for payment.

if the planting failure is caused by conditions that could have been controlled by the landowner. The landowner is responsible for meeting all of the planting requirements, Claridge reminded, regardless of who does the actual planting.

Lady-Like In a store a man who had gone to make a purchase noticed that nylons were being sold in one of the departments and decided to get a pair for his wife. He was a dignified, middle-aged man and soon found himself buffeted by a crowd of frantic women, also after nylons.

He stood it as long as he could, then with head lowered and arms outstretched, he barged through the crowd towards the rapidly diminishing stock of hosiery. "Here!" cried a shrill voice, "can't you act like a gentleman?" "I've been acting like a

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