

Employers Have Until Jan. 31 To Report Wages

All employers who withheld income taxes during 1947 must furnish each employee with a withholding receipt not later than Saturday, Jan. 31, Collector of Internal Revenue Harry C. Westover stated today.

Withholding receipts on U.S. Treasury Form W-2 must indicate the employee's name and address, the gross amount of wages earned during 1947, and total income tax withholdings from those wages. The employer's name and address must likewise be shown.

"Severe penalties are provided under the law," Westover said, "for willful failure to furnish withholding receipts to employees. Without these receipts employees are unable to file accurate income tax returns or take correct credit for the amount of tax they have already paid the Government."

Employers who do not have adequate supplies of Forms W-2 should communicate with their nearest revenue office.

Jan. 31 is also the deadline for employers to file their 1947 annual Reconciliation Form W-3, together with all copies of withholding receipts on Form W-2A; and to remit taxes withheld from their employees during the fourth quarter of last year.

REMOVE FIRE HAZARDS

Burn the greasy rags that have been used in working around the car. Don't leave them lying around the garage. They constitute a serious fire hazard.

BOWRON AIDS BOROUGH SYSTEM IN CITY MEET

"Adoption of a borough system of local government in Los Angeles would be a move toward decentralization rather than to maintain even the degree of centralization which currently exists," representatives of 46 incorporated cities in Los Angeles County were told last week by Mayor Fletcher Bowron.

Bowron's representative, Gifford Miller, addressed the Harbor City Chamber of Commerce two weeks ago on the same subject and met a cool reception both from Harbor City listeners and visitors from the Shoestring Strip territory.

Speaking before the regular monthly meeting of the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities at Sierra Madre, Bowron said that "There has been a very general misinterpretation of my proposal in that some people believe it is my desire to absorb the Los Angeles metropolitan area into the City of Los Angeles. Such is not the case. My proposal is for the establishment of a borough system with the presently incorporated City of Los Angeles.

"One of the great difficulties which confront the cities of Los Angeles County arises out of the fact that there are so many completely independent political jurisdictions performing identical functions in contiguous areas with no effective machinery for overall planning of the total area. The plain fact is that some governmental functions in a metropolitan area like this must be centrally planned and administered, as is evidenced by the Metropolitan Water District, the several joint enterprises handling sewage treatment and disposal, the Flood Control District, and the Smog Authority.

"It seems to me that the best approach for a solution of these problems is to provide a mechanism for cooperative action by the affected cities, small and large, if they desire to retain any degree of control over the situation. A good many of our metropolitan problems should remain within the control of the cities and this requires cooperative planning and administration. It is not suggested that these matters should be dominated and controlled by the City of Los Angeles, but rather that the venture should be genuinely a cooperative one." Mayor Bowron pointed out that the Los Angeles County Division of the League and its directors provide an immediate tool at hand for the exploration of such ideas.

Right Guide

This column is designated to give official VA answers to veterans' readjustment problems. Send questions to **RIGHT GUIDE**, 1380 Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles 25, California.

The Old Year . . . and the Veteran.—The year 1947 saw a number of important developments in the affairs of the nation's eighteen and a half million war veterans and their dependents.

The most important development was the establishment of a red-letter day on the calendar of every World War II veteran—July 25, 1947—which marked the end of World War II for determining eligibility for most veterans' benefits.

The July 25 date placed a limit on the time World War II veterans have to apply for education and training, G.I. loans and readjustment allowances.

In the legislative field Congress authorized:

1. Increased subsistence allowances for disabled veterans in training under Public Law 16 if they have a disability rating of 30 percent or more.
2. Extension of the deadline for purchase of autos for amputee-veterans until June, 1948.
3. Extension until September, 1948, the time in which veterans have to apply for unused furlough pay under the Armed Forces Leave Act. Applications may be obtained at any first or second class post office.
4. Conversion of terminal leave bonds into cash.

The Veteran in School.—During 1947 the number of World War II veterans taking advantage of benefits under the G.I. Bill reached new highs. In the VA Branch 12 area (California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii) the record fall enrollments in schools and colleges brought to more than 200,000 the number of veterans enrolled in educational courses or on on-the-job training.

The New Year and a New Administrator.—The Veterans Administration, which is charged with the administration of federal benefits for veterans and their dependents, will start the new year with a new Administrator.

General Omar N. Bradley, who was responsible for rebuilding and expanding the VA in order to care for the 14 and one-half million veterans of World War II, will become Chief of Staff of the Army after two years as Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

General Bradley will be succeeded by General Carl R. Gray Jr., railroad executive and veteran of both world wars. General Gray was responsible for organization of the Military Railway Service during World War II and his units took part in the campaigns in North Africa, Italy, France and Germany.

Families Feud Less; Divorces Drop In County

Family relations improved remarkably in Los Angeles County during 1947, with only 28,485 suits for divorce, annulment, separate maintenance and child custody being filed, according to final figures compiled by County Clerk Earl O. Lippold's office.

In 1946 the total for such actions was 35,731. The figures indicate a sharp downward trend for another reason, according to data provided by the county clerk showing that many of the suits were dismissed before trial, or that the parties became reconciled. Actual divorce decrees granted in 1947 totaled 19,068, against 22,604 in 1946. Annulment decrees in 1947 were 1927, as against 2218 for 1946. Only separate maintenance actions gained.

REORGANIZATION OF CUB PACK 228 SLATED FRIDAY

A call to all boys and parents of Cub Scout Pack 228 to come to a reorganization meeting tomorrow night, Jan. 23, at 7:00 o'clock in the Methodist church, was issued by the Pack committee. These not members of any pack also are invited.

MOONLIGHT RAINBOWS

Rainbows can be formed by moonlight just as they are formed by sunlight, but the colors are very faint and difficult to distinguish.

Your Kitchen Counsellor

by HARRIETT SMITH
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MAKE GOOD COFFEE EVERYTIME



Every good cook intends to make good coffee, but our telephone queries indicate that lots of women fail to accomplish this aim. So let's talk about making good coffee every time.

MATCH THE GRIND TO THE POT

Coffee making equipment may be made of a variety of materials—glass, enamel, aluminum or steel. Any of them should be quite satisfactory when the maker is used correctly. Correct use means following the special directions for the particular coffee-maker and matching the right grind of coffee with the brewing method of the equipment. With a filter or drip pot, a fine or pulverized grind should be selected. Percolators require an all-purpose or medium steel cut grind. And the boiling method takes a more coarsely ground coffee.

Of course, coffee should be fresh and freshly made for top-notch flavor. The packers recommend that the coffee be purchased in amounts to fit the need and that it should not be stored for more than a short time. They warn us, too, to keep the can or jar tightly covered after the seal is broken.

MEASURE FOR FLAVOR

The strength of the beverage is up to you, but here's a very important tip. If you want it stronger or weaker in flavor, make changes in the proportions of ground coffee and water.

Don't try to alter the flavor by brewing for more or less minutes. The time is predetermined by the type of pot that is used.

Once you discover the measure that suits your taste you can make it the same every time. If you're new at the game or not quite pleased with your coffee, try this measure—2 level tablespoons of coffee for one measuring cup of water—and then add or subtract as you need.

CHECK THE WATER TEMPERATURE

All good coffee making methods use water a trifle under the boiling point and the pot is covered to hold the heat. Even "boiled" coffee is made by bringing the water and coffee just to the boil and the flame is lowered so that the temperature is kept right or turned off and the coffee allowed to steep.

Keeping the temperature at the correct point extracts the maximum amount of the stimulant and good coffee flavor, and there is a minimum of tannin. That's what you want, so don't let the coffee boil.

There's one more tip about the water and it's another packer recommendation. Start with fresh cold water and make the coffee as soon as the water boils. The coffee flavor will be fresher and finer if the water is used before long heating drives off some of the oxygen.

MAKE BETTER COFFEE

Probably, it isn't necessary to mention the care of coffee making equipment. But scrupulously clean coffee pots make better coffee.

They should be washed in soapy water after each use, rinsed in very hot water and dried thoroughly. An occasional scouring to remove stains may be needed, and don't forget the pouring spout or other crevices.

Fine flavored coffee is a pleasure to make, to serve and to drink. It's easy to make good coffee every time if one is consistent in the way it is done.

SYNTHETIC RUBBER PRODUCTION NEEDED GROUP IS TOLD

Synthetic rubber production of 275,000 long tons a year, for the next two years is believed the minimum requirement for national security, Dr. R. P. Dinmore, vice president in charge of research and development for the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio told the Chemical Engineers' Club in a rubber symposium meeting held in Washington Jan. 14. There will also be required a stockpile of natural rubber which may be as much as 800,000 long tons, he said.

"If legislation permitted Rubber Reserve to cut these additional (plant retirement) charges to around 1 cent per pound, as the industry recommends, the rubber could be sold at 15½ cents to 16 cents per pound. On the other hand, if private industry produced the GR-S, profits on the major raw materials and the rubber would have to be added, and there seems to be little hope of equaling or bettering a government cost. The probabilities are that the costs in private plants, for some time forward, would be at least 1 cent per pound higher," he pointed out.

BEE STINGER

The stinger of a honey-bee continues to bore deeper into the human skin even after the bee itself has been pulled away and the stinger is no longer attached to it, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Air Parcel Post Service To Be Started

Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson has announced that plans have been completed by the Postoffice Department for the early inauguration of air parcel post service between the United States and those countries in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the Near East where agreements can be worked out for the placing in operation of such service, according to Postmaster C. Earl Conner.

The points it is anticipated agreements for this new service can be jointly agreed upon are the United Kingdom, Continental Europe, Bermuda, Newfoundland, Azores, Iceland, Senegal, Gold Coast, Belgian Congo, Union of South Africa, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Syria and India.

Ratification of the agreements with the respective foreign countries instituting the new service and the effective dates will be announced as soon as they are worked out and accepted between the United States and the individual nation involved. These announcements will include the rates of postage to be charged, the weight and size limitations and any other details necessary to send air parcel post overseas.

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