Credit for Tax Payments May Reduce Income Tax Liability

This is the sixth of a series of articles on federal and California income tax filing. This information has been provided by the Committee on Taxation of The California Society of Certified Public Accountants—now observing its 50th Anniversary—in cooperation with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.)

Just like contributions and interest paid out (discussed in the previous article), certain taxes you have paid during 1959 can look very good to you when it comes time to make your federal and state income tax returns!

This is provided, of course, you itemize your deductions.
There are some taxes which only businessmen can deduct by calling them "business ex-penses." But the taxes we shall discuss here are those which everybody can claim,

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The Federal and California laws have many differences, so while preparing your return you should cheek the lists appearing in the instruction sheets for both, to make sure you don't overlook any items.

Items such as state gasoline taxes may be estimated on the basis of your total auto mile-age during the year. State and age during the year. State and local sales taxes may be estimated on the basis of how much you spend for clothing, meals eaten out, household furnishings and supplies other than food.

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Or, it may be easier to add up your total income, subtract the non-taxable items such as rent and /or house payments, utility bills, doctor bills, food, charitable donations, insurance, Federal and state income taxes at come taxes, etc., and then deduct 4% of the balance.

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Some monthly home mortgage payments, such as G.I. insured loans, include a certain amount for payment of the the annual property taxes. However, these monthly payments are actually just accumulated in an account by the lender until he receives the tax bill in the latter part of the year. The lender pays the tax bill out of this special account. Therefore, you should check with the lender to find out the actual amount

of taxes which were paid dur-

ing the year.

If you bought or sold property during the year, there will usually be an adjustment will usually be an adjustment for property taxes on the escrow-statement. For Federal purposes, whether you receive a refund of property taxes or an additional charge depends on whether the taxes have been paid yet and whether you are the buyer or the seller. However, for California purposes, the one who fornia purposes, the one who gets the deduction for proper-ty taxes is the person who owns the property on the lien date which is the first Mon-day in March.

The following items can generally be deducted on both the Federal and California returns:

Auto licenses, state gasoline tax (6 cents per gallon in California), property taxes, retail sales taxes, and state unemployment disability insurance (if paid to state).

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These items can be deducted on the California return

Federal admissions and amusement taxes, federal telephone and transportation taxes, federal tax on safety deposit boxes, and Social Se-curity tax paid for household

help.
The following items can never be deducted on either federal or Caliofrnia returns: Federal gasoline tax, federal income, gift and estate taxes; Social Security tax withheld from wages; "luxury" taxes on furs, jewelry, leather goods, etc., and federal stock transfer taxes.
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Although the federal stock transfer taxes can't be listed as one of your tax deductions, they can be deducted from the sales price of the securities sold. There is also one tax which you can deduct on your federal return, but not the California return.

Committee Named to Seek Area Site for Chest Service Center

Plans Series Of Gatherings

Area Youth Council The Area Youth Council Committee encompassing seven of the neighboring churches, met at the Torrance Seventhday Adventist church Monday evening to plan a series of combined youth gatherings to be held at two and a half month intervals during the year at each of the churches.

Particular attention will be given to the theme "Spotlight on the Bible" with the aim to show the young people that

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Center Relocation Committee
are: Miss Frances Dasarac,
Lomita; Jim Becker, Torrance;
and John Sonneborn and Rodney Smith, San Pedro.

Desperate need for relocating the Harbor Area Community

Youth Council ity Chest Service Center drew the attention of Welfare Federation board members at their first 1960 meeting last Thursday at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Glenn Koger, board chairman, reported that the present facility in San Pedro was "woefully inadequate and too far from the center of population in this area."

First board action to accelerate the relocation was the appointment of James Visceglia, Palos Verdes, to head a special board committee to explore possibilities of land acquisition for a new Center.

"At present," Koger said, "five Chest-supported services and the Community Chest are

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"The object of a enter," he added, "is to give the best possible service to residents of the Harbor Area — Torrance, Gardena, Lomita, Harbor City, Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes, San Pedro and Wilmington and to the Community Chest are in the Center, but many agenties he that the Center, but many agenties have indicated they would maintain offices in a Center if additional that the content of have as many agencies as pos-sible under one roof in order

Helping Visceglia on the Center Relocation Committee



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one of your itemized deduc-tions or may be used as a credit to reduce your federal tax. You have this option only if you choose to itemize all your deductions for the year.

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A A A Marymount Palos Verdes will conduct its annual scholarship an entrance examinations for eighth grade students of taxes paid to foreign countries and other states. However, in 1957 the law was changed so that now no credit can be taken for foreign taxes paid. But, taxes withheld on the total amount of dividends, rents and royalities from a foreign source may still be listed as a deduction where the tax is based on gross receipts.

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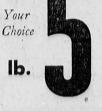
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