

Exemption Deadline Set May 7

Veterans of the county have until 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, to file claims for the annual \$1,000 property tax exemption. It was stated by Mrs. Sara R. Bridges, veterans service officer.

Exemption requests must be renewed annually with the local assessor to insure continued eligibility for the exemption. Evidence of honorable discharge during wartime must be shown by veterans claiming the exemption for the first time.

THE \$1,000 tax exemptions are granted by the State to resident veterans, including

women veterans, of wars and campaigns. Eligibility is limited to veterans who do not own property with an assessed value of \$5,000 or more. However, under California property law, the veteran and the spouse together may own property up to an assessed value of \$10,000 and retain eligibility.

Under present law, veterans are eligible for the exemption even though they entered wartime service from another state. Ownership of the California property must have been a matter of official record no later than official March 5, 1962 (the opening day of

the exemption filing period) in order to qualify the veteran for this year's property tax exemption.

ALSO, A NEW provision was made in the 1961 Legislature which permits a veteran who has an unrecorded interest in real property, consisting of a contract of sale, to qualify for the veterans property tax exemption by filing a specified affidavit.

Further information is available from the Assessor's Office, located at 3031 Torrance Blvd., and at the Torrance Veterans Service Office, 1622 Gramercy Ave.

Fresh Orchard Colors Spark Fashion Scene

Complementing the subtle sophistication of the season's fresh fashions and fabulous fabrics are a potent crop of fresh-from-the-orchard bright pastels.

As appealing to the eye, as their namesakes are to the taste, come a wonderful bunch of apricots and peaches. Their range is varied — from silvery pale apricot (the barely-ripe look) to ready-to-pick peach hues and zesty, tangy orange/peach marmalades.

From the citrus crop come

exciting new pastels—such as lime, citron and lemon; sunny yellows as bright as grapefruits, and sun-ripened orange.

Blues have a real spring zing! Sky blues are clear and sparkly, there's a soft turquoise and a crisp turquoise. A new medium blue, is variously called French blue, Ming blue or cadet blue, is a for almost all women . . . easily accessorized with complementary pastels.

There are light navies and there are bright navies, and

there's a wonderful collection of nautical-looking navies that combine with gay, bright reds and crisp, sparkling whites for an "All-American" look.

Blacks, browns and some charcoal stay on the spring scene to give a new animation and contrast to whites, creamy taupes, silvery greys and other neutrals on the horizon.

Checks, tweeds, paisleys, dots and stripes are effectively punctuated in colorful combinations.

A newer, softer pink pops up on the spring scene with far less shock value than in past seasons. It is suggestive of the cool perfection of a strawberry parfait.

coats and suits, dresses and leisure wear, such fascinating addenda in color as tangerine, teal, pistachio, and grape are in gay array giving excitement to spring-into-summer fashions.

Much of the inspiration for the new spring colors stems from the oriental influences in fabrics; some imported directly, others "borrowed."

Popular art themes in classic and contemporary periods are pointed up in the clarity of the new colors.

Blue, for example—one of the more exciting color ranges — often suggests a piece of Chinese porcelain or a lovely item in pottery. Perfectly delicious color

combinations are ahead for spring. Picture the happy pairing of lemon-yellow with a robin's egg blue . . . or, white, pale grey or soft beige, color struck with a flash of bright tangerine, turquoise or bright navy.

The colors for the season invite dare-to-be-different combinations — with apricots and clear blues, crisp slashes of orange with bright turquoise, or other schemes that break through the barriers of traditional color clichés.

Colors seem to take on more sparkle, even though more gentle, thanks to the lacy, light, soft look of new fabrics.

New, Lovely Light Minks For Spring

This year, more than ever before, fur is a year-round factor in the fashion picture. No longer is the stuff of women's dreams relegated to frigid months.

Starting the Easter Parade and right through Indian Summer, we'll see mink sweaters, boas (barely a collar), boleroettes, stoles, huggies and little flared jackets in summery shades of mutation mink — from frosty white to deep grey.

According to fur designers in the New York mink capitol, they can thank mass air conditioning and the Emba Mink Breeders Assn. for the year-round trend. The mink breeders are responsible for the development of 12 natural mutation colors from white through shades of beiges, blues, soft browns, gunmetal grey.

Fur designers are also aware that these mutation colors flatter all complexions and hair coloring—for there is a color for everyone. What could be more flattering than natural white mink to set off a golden suntan, the universal summer complexion color?

Among the solar mink designs which can be had this year are a tiny tippet of Emba Autumn Haze, natural, brown mink, tied with a tiny velvet bow, by Schiapparelli. Another perfect mild-to-hot climate companion is Frederica's casual mink sweater of Emba Arcturus, natural lavender beige, mink collared and bound in a matching hand-knit rib. A shrug-capelet by Prezioso Furs in Emba Cerulean, natural blue mink, is available in two and three-skin widths. One of the most famous names in the fashion business, Mr. John has used Emba Lutetia, natural gunmetal mink, for a waist-length bolero worked "in the round."

Pelts are fashioned horizontally across this tiny jacket with a face-framing portrait collar.

Maximilian has used two shades of Emba mink for a tiny but flattering cardigan jacket suitable for days and nights, warm weather or cool, of Emba Tourmaline, natural pale beige mink, the waist-length jacket bound in Diadem, natural pale brown mink. The favorite stole has not been neglected for spring and summer wear. Billie Lebow has fashioned Emba Aeolian, natural taupe mink, into a sunburst stole. Starting at a centerpoint in the back the pelts are gradually widened towards the front.

Short or Long Gloves Are Smart

There's lots of news in the ups and downs of sleeves on all fashions, especially on dresses, calling for the smart accents of the new gloves.

The "little white glove" will remain good for spring—but there's lots more to the glove picture this season.

The "little glove," or shorty, gives way to the longer four-to-10-button lengths. Dress and suit sleeves are beginning to lengthen, but still remain close enough to the elbow to require longer gloves.

Color, for example, really comes into its own. There are ten top colors being shown, but many more choices than that are available. At the tip of the top are: apricot, lime green and vivid orange.

New Shoe Shapes

There are many new shapes in shoes for spring . . . all designed to flatter and feminize the female foot. Look for the mule, with an open, "new look"; a wide variety of strap-styles, with cut-out shanks; town shoes with such detail square lowered heels and flared-off toes; also backless and sling pumps and again, more open-toed shoes.

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