

Hospital Halts Sale Of Cigaretts

Providence Hospital in Southfield has discontinued the sale of cigarettes, cigars and tobacco.

"In an effort to improve community health today," said Administrator Sister Gertrude, "Providence Hospital has decided to eliminate the sale of cigarettes and other tobacco in its gift shop and hall gift carts.

"Keeping in the tradition of providing good health care, we feel it necessary to engage in a campaign to help the people of the community develop good health habits.

The action was recommended by the executive committee of the medical staff and supported by the administrative council and the board of trustees.

An average of 120 packs of cigarettes were sold daily in the gift shop.



COMING DOWN — Township trustee Robert Anderson prepared to take the first shot at a building on the northwest corner of Acacia and Telegraph which is to be torn down because it extends into the right of way.

Building Near Corner To Be Razed In August

A building that has helped make the intersection of Acacia and Telegraph a high accident corner for several years is to be torn down by the end of the month.

This was announced recently by township trustee Robert Anderson after a meeting with Harold Meredith, property manager for the right of way division of the State Highway Department. The State Highway Department acquired the property in June 1958 for the widening of Telegraph Road. At that time, the owner agreed to remove the portion of the building that encroached on the right of way. However, a study in 1969 showed that about eight feet of the building still remained in the right of way and removal of this would make the building unsafe, said Arnold Winter, township assessor.

Torch Help

Forty-three per cent of those using the services of Travelers Aid Society of Detroit in 1969 were non-white. The agency is among the nearly 200 services supported through the annual Torch Drive.

Winter said the building forced people pulling out of Acacia to almost drive into the line of traffic on Telegraph before being able to see if any cars were coming and this was a traffic hazard necessitating correction.

Winter said "Anderson and I worked for about a year and a half on working out the legal entanglements in the case."

House Care Costs Aren't Deductible

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

Q I read that if you add a front porch to your house the cost is deductible. Is that right?

A No, the cost is not deductible. The cost, however, can be added to the basis of your house and taken into account in determining your gain or loss on any future sale.

Ordinary and routine maintenance costs around the house, such as painting and repairs are not deductible. Only when the expense adds to

the value of the house or increases its life do tax considerations arise.

Q I filed my return three months ago and my refund still hasn't come. What should I do?

A Write your regional IRS service center or call your local IRS office. Be sure to give your Social Security number, name, address, and when your return was filed. This information is needed to trace your return.

Most refund claims have already been processed and the checks mailed out.

Q I was married last month and plan to continue working for another year or so. Should I make any change in my tax withholding?

A You may want to file a new withholding certificate

with your employer claiming married status. This will reduce your withholding.

However, many married couples who both are employed elect to have tax withheld from each of them as a "single" person to avoid owing

large additional amounts of tax at the end of the year. If you plan to file a joint return for the year, as most couples do, your final tax liability will not be affected regardless of whether you or your husband claims your personal exemption.

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