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INCOME TAX IN A NUTSHELL

Single persons who had income of \$1,000 or more for the year 1920; married couples who had income of \$2,000. March 15, 1921, is the date for filing returns and making payments. Collector of Internal Revenue for district in which the returns are filed. Full directors on Form 1040; also the law regulations. Four per cent normal tax on income up to \$4,000 in exemption. Eight per cent tax on balance of taxable income. Surtax from 1 per cent to 65 per cent on net incomes over \$5,000.

DID YOU MAKE IN 1920?

has begun on the collection of income tax for the year 1920. Sam, through the Bureau of Internal Revenue, is addressing to persons in the United States the question, "What was your net income in 1920?" The answer permits of a check. Every single person whose net income for 1920 was \$1,000 or more and every married couple whose net income was \$2,000 or more is required to file a return with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which he lives on or before March 15, 1921. The penalty for failure is a fine of not more than \$11,000 and an additional assessment of 25 per cent of amount of tax due. For willful failure to make a return the penalty is not more than \$10,000 or exceeding one year's imprisonment or both together with the costs of prosecution. Similar penalty is levied for making a false or fraudulent return, together with an additional assessment of 50 per cent of amount of tax evaded.

WOMEN MUST PAY TAX

Income tax applies to women as men. Husband and wife consider the income of both plus minor dependent children, and total equals or exceeds \$2,000 must be filed. A minor who has net income in his own right or more must file a separate return. To be allowed the \$2,000 exemption a married person must be living with his wife on the last day of the taxable year, December 31. Divorced, persons separated by agreement, widows and orphans, unless they are the sole support of others living in the same household, in which case they are entitled to the \$2,000 exemption granted to a family, are entitled to exemption.

TAX RATES FOR 1920.

Normal tax rate for 1920 is the same as for 1919—4 per cent on income up to \$4,000 of net income above exemption and 8 per cent on the balance of net income. This applies to citizens and resident of the States. In addition to the normal tax a surtax is imposed upon income in excess of \$5,000.

INSTRUCTIONS ON FORM 1040

Instructions for making out returns are contained on the forms, of which may be obtained from the collector of internal revenue. Persons whose net income for 1920 was \$1,000 or less should use Form 1040. Those with incomes in excess of \$5,000 should use Form 1040. Officers will visit every person in the United States to assist in making out their returns. The date of their arrival and the location of their offices will be announced by the press or may be ascertained upon inquiry at the offices of the collectors. This advisory service is at cost to taxpayers.

GLOOM GERM MYSTERY

New York.—An important development is expected this week in the laboratories of the Rockefeller Institute, where physicians, surgeons and research men are doubling their efforts to catch up with a Gloom Germ, which was sighted through a high power microscope two months ago and has since been trailed through all the maze of human emotions by these germ detectives.

The Gloom Germ, black sheep of the very respectable microbe family, opinionitis had seemingly disappeared from its haunts in this country for a period of several years, according to the physicians.

Some two months ago physicians who were investigating the bad epidemic of opinionitis which has made marked progress in gray matter commonly known as the human mind, caught sight of a busy microbe at work in the innermost recesses of the material under investigation. Dozens of searchers among the medical fraternity rushed to the eye-piece, and then began one of the most thrilling pursuits of a germ known in the annals of medical sleuthing. With amazing agility this member of the microbe underworld leaped from gray matter to gray matter, giving birth to what is now calculated as trillions of young germs in the two short months.

The search was continued, as the physicians preferred to capture this Master Gloom Germ.

While nothing authentic has been given out, it is understood from authoritative sources that the chief surgeon has finally located the Gloom Germ in gray matter purporting to belong to Getit Bad, a pessimist known in the lumber industry. Mr. Bad could not be found last night, and it was said he was attending a meeting of the Gloom Club.

The physicians announce that a report may be expected some time next week.

ANTIDOTE—Look pleasant; smile get out and enjoy life occasionally; keep busy; don't talk anything but cheerfulness; don't let yourself believe all the money in the U. S. has been lost in the bottom of the sea; look sour only when some pessimist comes around. Everything the U. S. had three months ago it still has, so why worry.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

January 16, 1921.
Self Control—How to get it; its rewards.
Leader, Miss Frankie Jackson.
Songs.
Prayer.
Scripture References, 2 Tim. 2ch. 5, May Russell.
James 1ch. 12.—Ereatha Palaski.
2 Cor. 13ch 5.—Robert Ewing.
Gal. 5ch 22-26.—Neva Prossang.
2 Peter 1ch 5-7.—Fay Cowan.
Piano Solo.—Miss Lorena McCauley.
Scripture Lesson, 1 Cor 9ch 24-27.
Talk, Self Control.—Mrs. Ed R. Wallace.
The rewards of Self Control.—Miss Nina Severson.
Temperance.—Miss Clara Mea Kinney.
Benediction.
Come and bring your friends. A very interesting programme and good music.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The ladies of the Church of Christ met and had their Bible study with Mrs. C. P. Pursley last Tuesday. Next meeting will be with Mrs. Lee Sanders next Tuesday at 2.30 p. m. The First chapter of Philippians will be the lesson. Reporter.

LEGION'S BIG MINSTREL

The local Post American Legion are planning for one of the biggest shows the Panhandle has been treated too in many moons. The boys are now rehearsing on a forty minute Minstrel show, having in it about fifteen characters, including of course, the "coons" and enough "white trash" to make it peppy, and between acts will be some snappy song hits of the time of the plot, some special music, a little fancy dancing and a general "jazzie" atmosphere.

This will be followed by a short sketch titled "The Battle of Rolling Bones" a reproduction of about eight darkies on a front line trench with their minds more occupied with the galloping dominoes than that of killing the Kaiser. There will be several minutes fun, also mixed in will be some "between act" stunts worthy of your attention.

The entire cast will be made up of local talent and after a few weeks practice, the boys will be in about the right condition for the race. The local post will give this as a benefit play to their finance in paying for their hall, talking machine and other equipment.

Watch for a later announcement of the date and more detailed information about the "big doins" that will be coming off real soon.

SANTA FE MAKING LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

The Santa Fe this week have an extra gang at work, laying additional side track at Miami. An extension is being made of the switch that now is thrown at the depot, which will be extended to the section house, and the east end of the switch will also be extended, making a very long switch. In the past the local track has been blocked at times because the switch was not long enough to let two trains pass.

We would like to say "sweet honey bunch" to Mr. Santa Fe and get them to build us a new depot right away. Miami needs, deserves and should have a new depot. There is not a business establishment in the city doing one tenth the business they do, but what has a better building than our depot. Miami has been waiting about seven years for one, since we first began to ask. Here is hoping the proper officials will soon visit Miami, make a survey of local depot needs and decide that we must have one.

BE CAREFUL WITH TARGETS

There are of course several kinds of targets, but the kind of late which is appearing most dangerous, is the little .22 caliber shooting irons that has been causing some damage, accidental loss of life and pretty serious accidents.

Only last week some boys hunting north of Red Deer bridge shot a window light out of the W. E. Stocker residence. This and other similar happenings should remind the parents that before boys are allowed to go out with rifles, they should be well instructed in their use.

NOTICE: The allotment of vegetable seeds for distribution by the government this year has been materially reduced. It is my desire, therefore, to place such as are available with those who care for and will use them. If any one wishes a package of these seeds and will drop me a post card, giving name and address, I shall be glad to comply with the request provided the supply is not exhausted.

Marvin Jones,
House Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

ANOTHER TRIUMPH FOR THE LIBERTY MOTOR

Ford-built Liberty Motors carried the four Army airplanes which on October 20th completed the 9,000 mile journey from Mitchell Field, Long Island, to Nome, Alaska, and return. The fleet was greeted over New York City by a flotilla of forty army planes which escorted it to Mineola. The returning planes touched their wheels to earth at 3:15 in the afternoon.

The Alaskan Flying Expedition, commanded by Captain St. Clair Street, undertook the journey to demonstrate the durability of modern airplanes and motors, and to effect the establishment of an aerial route to the Northwestern corner of the American Continent and Asia. Such a route would bring mail from Alaska to the States in two or three days, whereas the present method of transmission requires thirty days.

"Talk about service," said Captain Street. "Those planes and motors sure stood up. Why, the only trouble we had on the entire trip was caused by the worst bit of weather I've ever flown through or want to fly through. We had everything—rain, snow, hail and sleet, clouds, fog and mist. But we kept right on flying."

"The 230 miles of glaciers we traversed was a wonderful sight, but there would have been little hope for rescue had we cracked up in that wilderness. Altogether, it was a rough trip. I never want to fly through such weather again, but the planes stood it magnificently. Instead of battered hulks, flopping to earth after winded flight, they looked brand new. Even the turnbuckles were polished and the motors looked as if they had just come off the testing block."

"We never changed a spark plug. Never a cylinder missed on us the entire trip. The motors are in as good condition today as when we set out."

Before the flight, all the pilots asked for ships equipped with Ford made Liberty motors.

Due to the nature of the work which engaged the expedition, the fleet required a period of three months to complete the trip. Since all of the original motors completed the journey without repairs or replacements, this is believed to be a record for aerial navigation. It will be recalled that during the war, it

MICKIE SAYS

BY GOLL, YOU'RE YOU GURE ARE DOING NOBLE ABOUT PANNY'S HER SUBSCRIPTIONS IN ADVANCE WITHOUT WANTIN' FER US TO SEND OUT STATEMENTS FER STOP 'IN PAPER WHEN TH TIME IS UP IN I GURE APPRECIATE IT FER WITH PAPER GO DAWNSIDE STUCK UP IN WOODY ASSOCIATE WITH YA UNLESS YA GOTTA HAVE TH' MONEY, YANBS ALL



was generally the practice to overhaul the airplane motors after approximately each twenty hours of flight.

This is the second notable event in the Ford Liberty motors have figured prominently, the first being the trans-Atlantic jump of the Ford Liberty-equipped N C 4, a feat which commanded world-wide interest.

NOTICE OF FILING BIDS COUNTY DEPOSITORY

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals or bids from any banking corporation, association or individual banker, will be opened by the Commissioners' Court of Roberts County, Texas, on Monday, February 14, 1921, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the selection of a County Depository for the ensuing two years.

Such bids or proposals shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one-half of one per cent of the county revenue of the preceding year as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder, and that, if his bid should be accepted, he will enter into bond as provided by law; and upon the failure of the banking corporation, association or individual banker that may be bonded as such depository to give the bond required by law, the amount of such certified check shall go to the County as liquidated damages, and the County Judge shall re-advertise for bids.

Parties desiring to bid shall file their bids with the County Judge of Roberts County on or before 10 o'clock a. m. of February 14, 1921.

J. K. McKenzie,
County Judge, Roberts County, Texas.

GOT THE BLUES.

feel bad, gloomy and don't know what to do. See MICKIE, at the Pastime next Thursday and get a soul full of cheerfulness.

NO SPEED LIMITS FOR CUBAN TAXIS

Havana Cuba claims the distinction of having solved the problem of cheap transportation more satisfactorily than any other city.

Operating within a territory whose radius is little greater than a mile, eight thousand Ford Automobiles carry one or two persons between any two points in the circle for twenty cents. Under no speed limitations, the drivers are left to their own fate, rushing back and forth through the streets, but their feet and hands have become so highly developed that they can swerve out of one another's way more adeptly than can be imagined.

Besides, Cuban upholsterers have transformed the Ford. Mahogany replaces the metal of the tonneau, Whipcord for the body upholstery, fancy carpet for the floor, and many colored leather for the seats. In a single car may be seen five or six different shades of leather.

One of the strongest arguments we ever knew as to why a man should always take his county paper happened right in our own county not many years ago. A certain county commissioner did not take the Chief; did not come to Miami often, and knew or cared very little about county affairs, only to keep down taxes as he was a big property owner in the county. About election time the gentleman failed to attend one of the monthly meetings, but was on hand at the next, and to his great surprise, he was not a county commissioner, and had not been for several weeks. An election had been held and another man elected, and a new district formed. This had all been told through the Chief, but the gentleman knew nothing of it because he did not invest \$1.00 per year in his county paper, although he was a county official. It is certainly a paying investment to take the county paper in which you live, or in which you own property.

YOUR NEW RESOLUTION

Make your New Year's resolution one of saving. It will be the greatest resolution you ever made if you stay with it. Let us be your banker and make your deposits regular, and we will show you a real substantial surprise next Christmas. Resolve with us to make a deposit every week. We wish you success in 1921.

THE FIRST STATE BANK "The Guaranty Fund Bank"

B. F. TALLEY, President
W. L. MATHERS, V-Pres
H. E. BAIRD, Cashier
H. A. TALLEY, A-Cash.
W. L. WHITSEL, V-Pres.

STILL AT IT

Yes, we are still selling the very finest meats and lunch goods obtainable. We want your patronage, and are offering you first-class goods at a reasonable price. We are selling for strictly cash to everyone; have no bad accounts to eat up the profit, and have cut the price to where is a good thing for us all.

THE CITY MARKET

J. O. DUNIVEN, Prop.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

We extend to each of our Customers the very best wishes for a new and prosperous year. The old one has learned us more than ever the importance of saving, and we invite your account during 1921.

The officers and directors of this bank extend you every courtesy of a safe banking institution, and we are always glad to advise with you on business matters.

THE BANK OF MIAMI Roberts County Depository

Individual Responsibility over \$400,000.00
H. Russell, President.
J. F. Johnston, V-Pres.
Thos. J. Boney, Cashier.
Jas. B. Saul, A-Cashier.

