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Changes In Income Tax Law

Will Touch Many For First Time This Year

Thousands of Maryianders who never before paid a Federal income tax will have to dig down into their pockets between now and March 15 for the benefit of the United States Treasury, the Bureau of Internal Revenue warns.

And almost all of the more than 200,000 persons who paid a Federal income tax in Maryland last year will find that the new schedules will cost them more money.

According to M. Hampton Magruder, collector of internal revenue for Maryland, the following are the principal changes effective in the tax on 1940 incomes:

The requirement to file a Federal income tax return will be based solely on gross income.

Every single person with a gross income of $800 or more, and every married couple with a gross income of $2000 or more, will be required to file a return, whether or not their net income justifies a tax.

The personal exemptions which may be claimed against net income are reduced to $800 in the case of single persons, and $2,000 in the case of married couples, or heads of families.

Taxpayers with a surtax net income (net income less personal exemption and credit for dependents) of more than $6,000 will pay surtaxes at a higher rate.

Every taxpayer, after his income tax has been computed, will pay an additional ten per cent of it as "defense tax."

The most important change in the income-tax provisions, bureau officials insist, is that regarding the obligation to file a return:

Basing that obligation on gross income will mean that every regularly employed single person making $16 a week or more; in fact, everyone whose total income amounted last year to $800, will have to fill out and file income-tax blanks.

And every married person making $40 a week and, therefore, having a total annual income of $2,000 will be in the same boat.

"Of course, a great many persons having to file returns will not need to pay taxes, but nevertheless the obligation to file returns remains," a bureau official said.

An unmarried person who is, nevertheless, the head of the family, can claim a personal exemption of $2,000 when he calculates his tax, but like other single persons he must file a return if his gross income exceeds $800.

Figured as gross income are an individual's salary, his gross income from rents and other investments, any profits on the sale of property, gross receipts from services (a doctor's fees for example), or the income from produce sold off a farm.

If the taxpayer is engaged in a business of buying and selling, the gross income is the total of sales or receipts, less the cost of goods sold, before any allowance is made for selling expense or other deductions.

To Prohibit Sunday Sale Of Intoxicants

A bill to prohibit the Sunday sale of alcoholic beverages throughout the State has been introduced in the Senate of the General Assembly at Annapolis.

The bill as presented would ban all Sunday sales of any kind of alcoholic beverages in the entire state between the hours of 12 midnight, Saturday, and 6 a. m. Monday. The measure is drawn to permit amendments, which would remove certain localities from the restriction.

Woman Struck By Car

Mrs. Louise Reimer, aged 48 years, the mother of five children, who resided near Kirkwood, Del., was killed almost instantly, Tuesday morning, of last week, when struck by a car driven by James Edward Wilson, aged 29, of Kirkwood, Del.

Mrs. Reimer was crossing the road to get into the automobile of Mrs. Harry Kirk, of Chesapeake City, when the accident occurred.

Wilson was arrested on a charge of manslaughter. He was arraigned before Magistrate J. Howard Crossland, of St. George's.

Elkton To Build City Hall

The Elkton Town Council has had plans and specifications prepared by Martin & Jeffers of Wilmington, Del., for a new town office building to be built on the site of the old courthouse at the corner of Main and North streets. Bids will be received up until Monday, Feburary 10 calling for one-story building with colonial architecture.

Briefly Noted News

The fourth Quarterly Conference will be held Tuesday evening, February 4, 7:30 o'clock in Rising Sun Methodist church.

Louis R. Jones has disposed of his filling station at the corner of Bridge and High streets, in Elkton, to J. Murray Bartley.

Mrs. Charles Reynolds has been appointed nurse at the National Fireworks' First Aid Station, near their plant just north of Elkton.

Forty-one members and guests were present at the College Club meeting, entertained by Mrs. Harvey Ewing and Mrs. Charles Crothers.

The careless handling of a pistol at target practise, near Earleville, resulted in its accidental discharge, the bullet passing through the hand of Nelson Nichols and then lodging in the finger of William Daniels.

Rising Sun firemen were called to the home of Mrs. Myrtle Fristoe and family, on Main street, about ten o'clock Monday morning, where they extinguished a blaze in a chimney before any damage resulted.

A small still, located on the Ashton farm, near Darlington, Harford County, was blown up by Federal officers Paul Coakley and George Barr, assisted by Deputy Sheriff Earl Francis, about noon on Wednesday.

Rev. A. W. Konrad has accepted the pastorate of Grace Bible Chapel, near Calvert. Rev. Konrad and wife were missionary workers in Albania, north of Greece, but were forced to return to the United States because of the war.

The card party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl Tyson, in this town, on Wednesday evening last, by the ladies of the Eastern Star of Port Deposit, was attended by about fifty persons and proved a very enjoyable affair.

The winter's heaviest snow blanketed the ground with about a five-inch mantle of white on Sunday night and Monday morning. Travel conditions on the highways were made slippery and dangerous, resulting in numerous skids and accidents.

Edward M. Taylor, who has been connected with the Conowingo Power Company for some years, has resigned and accepted a position with the National Fireworks Company plant. Ewing Lort, of Elkton, has been added to the electric company's force at the Elkton office.

Attended Convention And Banquet

Mr. and Mrs. Willis L. Ely attended the Pennsylvania Threshermen and Farmers Mutual Casualty Insurance Company convention in Harrisburg, Pa., on January 21 and 22. On the evening of the 21st a banquet and entertainment was held in Chestnut Street Theatre, attended by about 900 persons.

Among the speakers were Governor James, U. S. Senator Davis, Hon. Wm. S. Livergood, Secretary of International Affairs of the State of Pennsylvania, and others.

On the 22nd a meeting of the agents was held and the new addition to the home office was dedicated.

Files Divorce Suit

Mrs. Rose Gayan Haffacker, thru her counsel, has docketed suit in the Circuit Court at Elkton, for an absolute divorce from her husband, Samuel Haffacker, on the grounds of abandonment and desertion. She stated that they were married on Dec. 15, 1935, in Morris, Ill., and resided together in Streator, Ill., up to about two years ago, when the defendant without just cause or reason, deserted her.

Fruitland Orchards Win Awards

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Milburn, Fruitland Orchards, near Elkton, were awarded the highest number of premiums at the Maryland State Apple Show at Baltimore last week. They were also awarded the sweepstakes for the best plate of apples for the show.

Watch Dog Shot

The fine watch dog "Buster", belonging to Mrs. Emma Donache and family was shot by someone, and injured, but not killed. Just why anyone would shoot the animal is not clear.

In this connection of the indiscriminate shooting by boys with air rifles, we have recently received several complains of broken windows and the case of an expensive glass tourist sign on East Main St., by irresponsible small boys. The result will be a ban on these dangerous playthings if there is not some restraint or regulation in their use.

Cecil County Historical Society

At the regular meeting of the Cecil county Historical Society, held Jan. 20, in Elkton, J. Paul Slaybaugh, of Colora, was elected president. Mr. Slaybaugh was elected to fill the unexpired term of the late Joshua Clayton. Other officers reelected were: Mrs. Reginald Constable, vice-pres.; G. Reynolds Ash, secretary and Murray J. Ewing, treasurer.

A number of new members were elected and Mr. Slaybaugh outlined a plan for quarterly meetings of the society.

Two brief tributes to the memory of the late Joshua Clayton and the late Joseph Coudon of J. were read and ordered to become a part of the minutes of the society.

G. A. Weslager of Wilmington, editor of the Delaware Archaeological Society Bulletin was the guest speaker.

Sentenced By Circuit Court

Harry Hannigan, Elk Mills, who was tried before the Cecil Circuit Court on a charge of immoral conduct and found guilty was sentenced to 18 months.

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who walked out of jail six months ago while awaiting a court trial for holding up a man in the Eighth District, and lately recaptured by the sheriff, was given four years in the Maryland Penitentiary.

John Willis, Fair Hill, who was on a suspended sentence and picked up several months ago for drunken driving and other violations, was given a sentence of two years.

Court will reconvene on Tuesday, Feburary 4, when several assigned cases will be tried.

Vocal Instructor At Academy

S. Loy Kutz, prominent Harrisburg musician, has started his duties as vocal instructor at West Nottingham Academy. He will direct the Glee Club, and give private vocal lessons.

Mr. Kutz received his training under Ruby Heritage, Director of vocal, Radio City, N. Y.; Karen Olson, Dean of Music, Penn Hall School; Blanche Hale, Dean of Music Shippensburg State Teachers College; Alexander Crawford, Lebanon Valley College Conservatory, and at present is studying with Mr. Gange, of Peabody Institute.

Company E To Mobilize

Capt. Russell M. George, commander of Company E, First Maryland Regiment, has received orders from the War Dpartment to mobilize his men at the armory at Elkton, on Monday, Feb. 3 for training. Hereafter the company will be a part of the 115th Infantry, the same as when it took part in the World War in France.

The company will remain in Elkton for about a week, during which time the men will be given physical examinations and other tests. When this work is completed the company will be sent to Fort Meade, near Baltimore.

Bridge Tickets On Sale

The reduced price of tickets over the new Susquehanna river bridge between Havre de Grace and Perryville will become a reality Feburary 1, when commutation books can be purchased. The present price of 20c will be reduced to three cents, or six cents a round trip. The books containing 30 round trips must be used within 60 days, and the 60 round trip books will be good for 90 days.

Red Cross Luncheon

The annual luncheon meeting of the Cecil County Chapter, American Red Cross will be held at the Howard Hotel, Elkton, on Monday, February 10, at one o'clock. Tickets 50 cents. Those wishing to attend will please contact, Miss Helen Frazer, Port Deposit; Mrs. R. C. Dodson, Rising Sun; Mrs. William Rutter, North East; Mrs. Lynn B. Gillespie, Elkton.

Bank To Retire Preferred Stock

The preferred stockholders of the Citizens National Bank of Havre de Grace, have been notified by William A. Leiner, cashier, that at the meeting of the members of the board of directors on Jan. 21, it was ordered that the remaining $37,500 worth of preferred stock now outstanding be retired at par on Feburary 28.

Barge Building Plant At Frenchtown

The Lancaster Iron Works, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, has started work on a boat building plant at Frenchtown, Cecil county, south of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad bridge, and along the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks, where steel barges will be built for commercial purposes. The barges will be 40 by 140 feet, with drop bottom, and the first of the four under contract must be completed by April 1.

The plant will consist of four ways, with large crane with 100 foot boom. A railroad siding will be constructed and all will be in readiness by the middle of Feburary.

Forty men will be employed at the beginning and 100 are expected to be working there at the peak. J. H. Woods, of Philada., will be supervisor of construction. W. W. Posey, of Lancaster, is president of the Lancaster Iron Works, and E. H. Wood, superintendent.

Men To Serve Supper

The men of Janes Methodist Church of this town, will prepare and serve an oyster supper on Thursday evening of this week, in the basement of the church. Chef Barclay Giles, who is an expert in the oyster preparation line, will head the force in the kitchen, assuring everyone that the bivalves will come to the table just right. Another item on the menu that is always popular, is baked ham. The men have been complimented on the service at former suppers in their charge, and the promise is of a splendid meal on Thursday evening. The price is fifty cents.

Taylor R. Biles returned on Sunday from a three week's sojourn in Miami, Florida.

Engagements Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Baxter, of Detroit, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Alice, to Mr. Stephen Brewer, of Louisiana. Mrs. Baxter is the former Miss Esther Banks, of Chesapeake City, daughter of Mrs. John Banks.

The engagement of Miss Lydia Barbour, Quarryville, Pa., to Robert B. Todd, son of John Todd, Quarryville, R. D. 1, has been announced by Samuel L. Barbour, father of the bride to be.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Dickerson of Marshalltown, Pa., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Naomi E. Dickerson, to Mr. Donald D. Pennock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pennock, of Elk Mills.

Tome School Officers And Managers

The following officers and managers of Tome School, Port Deposit, have been elected for the ensuing year: President, John Wrightson Tolson; Vice-President, Richard E. Tome, Baltimore; secretary, Eugene B. Roberts, Washington, and treasurer, Chester T. Kimble, Port Deposit; Dr. Johannes Brunn, Norwood, Pa.; Dr. H. C. Byrd, president of University of Maryland; Leslie Flood, Beechrust, L. I; Howard C. Lawrence, Newark, N. J.; Herbert B. Mearns, Wilmington, Del.; George W. Rae, Boston, Mass.; Harold D. Read, Princeton, N. J., and George B. Storer, of Detroit, Mich.

Cecil Royal Arch Officers

The following newly elected officers of Cecil Royal Arch Chapter of Free Mason of Elkton have been installed for the ensuing year.

Most excellent high priest, Frederick C. Brietenbach; most excellent king, Robert K. Fears; most excellent scribe, Poague R. Paxton; principal sojourner, Joseph Carson; captain host, Alfred A. Scott; royal arch captain, Milford Rutter; master third veil, Leonard A. Brown; master second veil, Thomas Sinclair, secretary, William T. Vinsinger; treasurer, Robert J. McCauley; sentinel, Robert H. Campbell.

Fiftieth Anniversary Of Fulton Detective Association

The dinner meeting of the Fulton Detective Associatiion was held Saturday Jan. 18, in Little Britian Presbyterian church, the ladies of the church serving a splendid dinner to over one hundred members and guests.

Edgar Kirk was re-elected president of the association; John T. Neary, secretary; Walter Wood, treasurer; Merton Haines, William R. Kauffman, Lindley King, J. Howard Miller, James H. Beaver, and William F. Tollinger, directors.

Government of the U. S. collects a dollar a minute in sales of public documents, graphs, charts and maps.

Personal And Social

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lawrence and son, Mrs. Frank Reynolds are among the indisposed.

Mr. and Mrs. William Reynolds spent Sunday with Rev. and Mrs. J. C. McCoy, at Stanton, Delaware.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shingler were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Prettyman, of Zion.

Miss Martha Tosh and Miss Catherine Kirk have returned from a trip of several days in New York.

Mrs. Emma Donache, Mrs. Davis Boyd and Miss Jane Ritchie visited Havre de Grace relatives on Tuesday.

Mrs. J. Earl Tyson, Mrs. Lula Churchman and John Tyson will leave Saturday on a ten-day motor trip to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. William Creswell and Mrs. Arthur Dinsmore were visitors of Mrs. Marion Brumfield during the week.

Miss Mary Campbell, who had been a patient in Union Hospital, Elkton, for some days, returned to her home here on Friday.

Mrs. Cora Stephens, chicken fancier of near Nottingham, was among those to enjoy the Farm Show at Harrisburg, Pa., last week.

Among the whooping cough sufferers in our community are Dickey and Sally Wiley, Nesca and Lowell McCoy, Joseph Baird, Jr., and Janet Grason.

Mrs. Chas. S. Pyle, Richard Dodson and John Shooks, who have been hospital patients, are all sufficiently improved as to be able to return to their homes here.

Mr. Elmer E. Brown, Mrs. Elwood Brown, Mrs. Joseph T. Johnson and Mr. Marshall Brown visited Mr. Brown's sister, Mrs. Ida Boyd, who is ill at her home in Coatesville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. George Davis of North East, announces the marriage of their daughter, Miss Laura to Mr. Charles Racine, son of Mr. William Racine and the late Mrs. Racine of Elk Neck, on Saturday, January 11.

Observes Ninety-Fifth Birthday

Our popular and much loved fellow townsman Mr. Edwin Haines observed his ninety-fifth birthday on Tuesday, January 28, and received congratulations, cards and letters from a host of friends.

Mr. Haines is blessed with remarkably good health and is a man of unusual vigor. He is to be seen daily at his hardware store in this town, greeting customers with a cheery smile and attending to routine business.

Mr. Haines met with a very serious accident in March of last year, when struck and knocked down by an auto in front of his place of business, suffering a fracture of both legs. He was confined to the house for months, but despite the seriousness of his injuries took his misfortune with indomitable courage and spirit, and is able today to walk without the assistance of a cane.

We join with others of Mr. Haines friends in congratulations and best wishes for his continued good health and prosperity.

Dean--Melvin

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Alma Elizabeth Dean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood C. Dean of Kemblesville, Pa., and Mr. Earl A. Melvin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Melvin of Seaford, Del. The wedding took place on Friday evening, Jan. 17, at the home of the bride's parents.

The Rev. Leslie K. Kiefer, pastor of Kemblesville Methodist Church, officiated.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Evelyn May Dean, as maid of honor. Her brother, Mr. Elwood J. Dean, Jr., was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin will live in Seaford.

The bride attended the Newark High School. The bridegroom graduated from Newark High School and has served three years in the regular army, signal corps, while stationed at Fort Monmouth, N. J.

APPRECIATION

I wish to thank all my friends for the many cards, letters and felicitations on the occasion of my ninety-fifth birthday anniversary, Tuesday, January 28.

I greatly appreciate all these kindly remembrances.

Edwin Haines

The American Guernsey Cattle Club, Petersborough, N. H., reports the sale of a registered Guernsey cow by T. Harold Brown to Jean Milled of Elkton, Md. This animal is Jean's Irene 656389.

Peninsula Newspaper Men Meet

Delmarva Group Assembles In Annual Session

Col. Clarence L. Vincent, editor of the Democratic Messenger, Snow Hill, Md., was elected president of the Del-Mar-Va Press Association at the twenty-seventh annual meeting of the organizaaion Saturday in the Hotel DuPont, Wilmington, Del.

He succeeds W. Murray Metten of the News-Journal Company, Wilmington, who for two terms has served as president of the association of newspapermen from all sections of the Peninsula.

Election of officers highlighted a business session which preceeded the annual luncheon meeting when Maj.-Gen. H. C. Pratt, Second Corps Army headquarters commander, discussed the paramount phases of national defense its scope and effect secretary-treasurer.

Theodore Townsend of the Milford Chronicle, was elected vice-president of the association, and A. O. H. Grier of the News-Journal Company secretary-treasure.

Directors elected were: Roy S. Wilson, of the Record-Observer, Centreville, Md.; Col. James C. Wickes, publisher of the State News, Dover, and John C. Saylor of the Labor Herald.

The Del-Mar-Va Press Association was formed June 24, 1913, following a dinner meeting given by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce in honor of newspaper publishers of Delaware and the Eastern Shore Counties of Maryland and Virginia.

The first meeting declared the purpose of the association to be "self protection and mutual improvement and the elevation and usefulness of the publishing business."

The association has met each year, since its formation, on the last Saturday in January, and frequently held summer meetings at shore resorts or with the Maryland Press group. The two associations have been holding joint meetings for more than 20 years.

To Wage Fight On Fireworks

Formation of an Eastern Shore citizens' committee to support the bill to bar sales of fireworks in Maryland now in the general assembly, at Annapolis, and indorsement of the measure by four Shore organizations, has increased state-wide backing of the measure.

The new citizens' committee is headed by William G. Rouse, Jr., of Easton. Among the members are W. John Noble, Preston, Caroline County; Grady E. Powell, Pocomoke City, and J. W. Thomason, Berlin, Worchester county and John Jacob, Jr., president of the Salisbury Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Shore organizations indorsing the bills are the Rotary Club of Easton, Talbot County; the Mayor and City Council of Easton; the Salisbury Junior Chamber of Commerce; and the Lions Club of Pocomoke City.

Special significance was given to this Eastern Shore support since every State Senator from the Shore, except Senator Dudley G. Roe of Queen Anne's County, voted against the bill when it was defeated in the lgislative session of 1939.

Receiving Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Arnett Armour, of North East, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Clifford Arnett, Jr., in Union Hospital, Elkton, Thursday the 16th. The father is the son of Arthur A. Armour, of Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mahan, of Elim, Pa., are rejoicing over the arrival of twin boys born Jan. 14 at the home of the mother's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Kauffman, they weighing eight and seven and one-half pounds. They have been named John Robinson and James Robert.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Meeks are being congratulated on the birth of a son, at Union Hospital, Elkton. Mrs. Meeks was formerly Miss Gladys Hambleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Craig, of Port Deposit, have had their home blessed by the birth of a son on Thursday last.

r. and Mrs. Thomas Reynolds, of Blue Ball, are receiving congratultions on the birth of a daughter, born January 16.

Calvert Homemakers Club

The following are the new officers of Calvert Homemakers Club: President, Mrs. Ida McKenney; vice-president, Mrs. George Peterson; secretary, Mrs. Atlee Armour; treasurer, Mrs. Maynard Foster. Mrs. Mable Ewing, Mrs. Ruth Nickell, and Mrs. Peterson were appointed on the program committee.