

What To Do About Taxes? Here's Some Explanation

By JAMES MARLOW
WASHINGTON, D. C.—UP—
Here are the three prime things to remember about that March 15 tax date deadline. Not everyone will have to worry about all three:

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1. Filing a return on 1944 income. Fifty million people will have to do this.
2. Making an estimate on 1945 income and paying the first installment of tax due on it. About 12 million people will have to do this.
3. Paying the unforgiven part of tax due on 1942 income. About 4 million people will have to do this.

(There are special provisions and exceptions—to be explained later in this series—for persons in the armed services.)
Let's take the three groups who have to do something about taxes by March 15.
Group 1. You—man, woman, child, married or single—must file a tax return if you had income of \$500 or more in 1944 even though you're sure the full tax was withheld from it during the year.
If you had income of less than \$500 you don't have to file a return.
And—if you have a dependent—your child, for instance—who had income of less than \$500 you do

not have to include or report that income in making your return.
But—if your wife had any income, no matter how small, you cannot claim the usual \$500 exemption for her unless you include her income in a joint return.
(If you made less than \$500 and taxes were withheld from it, you can get a refund on those taxes by filing a return. It's the only way you can get a refund.)
A child who earned \$500 or more must file his own separate return although, if he doesn't pay the tax due, the parent is responsible.
And—the parent of a child who earned \$500 or more can't claim him as a dependent, even though the parent contributed to more than half the child's support in 1944.
Group 2. This is a little tricky, so watch it. This year full taxes will be withheld from wages and salaries up to \$5,000 but—
Anyone—except wage-earners—who expects to make more than \$5,000 and some wage-earners who expect to make more than \$5,000 will have to:
File an estimate on the amount of tax they figure they'll owe over the tax regularly withheld from them and by March 15 pay the first quarterly installment on that estimated tax.
And these are the people who have to do that:

A. A wage-earner who expects to earn more than \$5,000, plus \$500 for every exemption except his own.
Example: A single person who expects to make \$5,001 will have to do it; but not a person who has one dependent unless he expects to make more than \$5,500; nor a person with two dependents unless he expects to make more than \$6,000; and so on up.
B. Note this well: If a person expects more than \$100 income outside of wages from which tax is withheld, and if his total income is \$500 or more, he must file an estimate and start paying the tax.
Example: A man, making \$3,000 in wages from which full tax is withheld, who expects to get \$101 from renting a room in his house; a doctor whose only income is from fees but will exceed \$500; a landlord whose income is from rent but will be over \$500.
Group 3. Some people will have to pay that unforgiven tax on their 1942 income.
If you're in this group you'll receive, if you haven't already, a bill from the internal revenue collector for the amount due. Just pay it. There's no figuring to be done.
To avoid confusion, pay it separately from any other return you make.
You may have forgotten but

when the switch to pay-as-you-go was made in 1943, congress forgave some of an individual's tax on 1942 income. This permitted taxpayers to pay half the unforgiven amount last March 15 and the remainder by March 15, 1945.
So—by March 15 some taxpayers will have to fulfill the requirements of group 1 only; some, of groups 1 and 2; and some, the requirements of all three groups.

SPRINGFIELD

SPRINGFIELD—A total of \$16,000 in building permits were issued in Springfield during the month of February, Stanley Duncan, building inspector, announced Thursday. This was a drop from \$42,000 in January, due mostly to the weather, Duncan said.

GIRL SCOUTS

SPRINGFIELD—Nine Girl Scout troops will go in a body to attend services at the Methodist church Sunday morning, the beginning of Girl Scout week.

BARN BURNS

SPRINGFIELD—Police reported Thursday that fire destroyed a barn behind the Eugene-Springfield auto camp with damage estimated at \$400. Owner of the barn was Harry Christner. Cause of the fire is as yet undetermined, police said.

Johnston—

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air raids in one day—one of these brought death to Ace Bush, Salem newspaperman.

Praises Red Cross

The returned correspondent has much praise for the services of the American Red Cross with troops in the war zones.

"One hour after landing at Leyte, the Red Cross people were there with hot coffee—and the front lines only 300 yards ahead! One can not say too much in evaluating the worth of plasma and whole blood and the way they are saving countless lives," he commented. He recalled that on one beach landing he counted 20 cans of blood plasma stuck up on bayonets within an area of 100 yards. He spoke highly of the work being done by Red Cross psychiatric hospitals.

Johnston returned to Honolulu from Leyte last November.

He came to the United States on the plane returning the 68 nurses liberated in the Philippines.

Return of Nurses

One of the highlights of that return of the nurses to the states was a party given for them at Honolulu. Red Cross people had gone out to meet them, taking kits of cosmetics for the long-imprisoned nurses.

"They looked thin and haggard from their long ordeal, but thanks to the lift from the Red Cross they all had lipstick on when they hit Honolulu. That evening when 10 o'clock curfew came, they all stood up to salute the flag when 'The Star Spangled Banner' was played, and it was a touching sight, tears rolling down the faces of all as they faced the flag—there was moisture even in the hardened old eyes of Johnston," the correspondent related.

Johnston brings news that his wife, remembered here as Laura Margaret Smith, also former Eugene newspaper worker, has been working on the Honolulu Advertiser, but now has her credentials to go out as a war correspondent.

"When I last heard it was Guam, but maybe two Jims soon. . . I guess I am in the position of returning in order to release another woman to go to the front!" he quipped.

Johnston is the fourth of fame-getting ex-Eugene newspapermen to return to Eugene within a year. First came George Jones, who also was a United Press correspondent for a long time but is now on the foreign staff of the New York Times. Johnston points to Jones as the outstanding writer in the Pacific area. Later, Don Caswell, United Press writer, returned to his old home of Eugene after serving out in Australia since the Americans first went there and in some of the engagements in that area. Third to arrive was Maj. Roy D. Craft, aide to Gen. Charles H. Corlett, from service in Europe after being in Alaska and the Marshalls and with the honor of being the "army's screwiest editor" because of his outstanding work in editing service newspapers. Now comes Johnston. Jones, Johnston and Craft all formerly worked on the Register-Guard.

Johnston will be here about 10 days, then has to go east to New York City to report in at United Press headquarters.

SEMI-PROS BEAT STARS

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Italy Peace Terms Described As Harsh

By RILEY C. MOORE
United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON—UP—A congressional source said here that the Italian armistice terms call upon Italy to give up all her colonies, turn over the Mediterranean island of Pantelleria to Great Britain, and possibly cede the Adriatic port of Trieste to Yugoslavia.
The armistice terms, signed on Sept. 3, 1943, have never been made public despite considerable agitation in this country and in Italy. The White House, state department and war department have repeatedly declined to do so on grounds of military security.
The controversy over the Italian armistice terms is based on charges that they are too harsh, and Italian sources have felt that is why the allies never have made them public. The armistice terms signed with axis satellites—Finland, Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary—were made public immediately. Italy was a full-fledged axis member.
Grievances Listed
The congressional source said that the terms were so harsh that Italian Premier Ivanoe Bonomi sent President Roosevelt a 100-page letter last September listing specific grievances.
"The armistice terms for Italy could have been on stronger had they been for Germany," the congressional source told the United Press. "The only saving clause was one that provided for amendment of final peace terms in accordance with the extent Italy fought against the axis."
This source, however, claimed that such a promise of relaxed terms was ineffective because the armistice terms limited the Italian army to 11,000 men and overlooked the contribution of 300,000 Italian partisans fighting behind axis lines.
Easier Terms Asked
The economic parts of the armistice, this source said, are so harsh that Italy could not fulfill them in many years. They led Bonomi to appeal for easing of the financial terms on Jan. 31, asserting that Italy "cannot bear up under the massive weight" of the financial burden.

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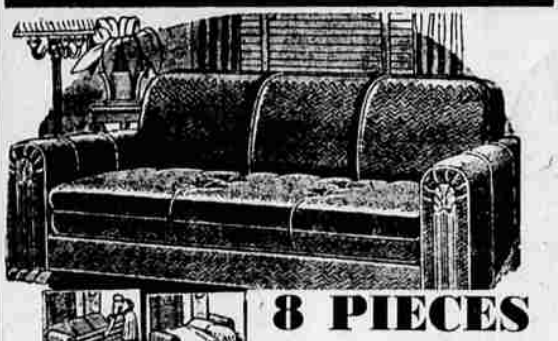
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