

Federal Income Tax Report Blanks Requested Early

J. W. Maloney, Collector of Internal Revenue, announced today that he has begun to mail copies of the 1943 Individual Income and Victory Return to the estimated 450,000 Federal income taxpayers in the District of Oregon.

Collector Maloney said: "Although these returns are not required by law to be filed until March 15, I cannot urge too strongly that everyone prepare and file his return as early as possible."

"There are," he said, "two major points that are vital for everyone to understand. First: many persons will owe a substantial tax and should start immediately to find out how much they will owe and to make plans for meeting the obligation. I must emphasize this as a simple matter of fairness to those taxpayers who may have overlooked this phase of the changeover to the pay-as-you-go system."

"Second, although many taxpayers will find that they are substantially paid up on their 1943 taxes—some of them, in fact, being entitled to refunds—it is still necessary for them to file a return."

Collector Maloney explained that under the pay-as-you-go system, all current tax payments through withholding from wages or by means of payments on "declarations of estimated tax" are only approximate. Therefore, it is necessary to file a return at the close of the year to determine the exact amount of each person's tax liability and to determine whether he underpaid or overpaid his taxes. In instances where the current payments were less than the tax payable March 15, remittance of the difference will be necessary at the time of filing the return. This amount cannot be paid in installments. In instances where the current payments were larger than the final tax, the taxpayer will be enabled to secure a refund merely by filing his return.

"Early preparation of returns will be advisable," Collector Maloney said, to serve as a guide to the thousands of taxpayers who will have substantial payments to make and need to know how much the taxes will be so that they can make advance preparations to pay these taxes.

Substantial payments will be necessary in certain instances, because (a) most individuals who had a 1942 tax must pay at least one-half of the unforgiven portion of that tax in addition to their 1943 tax; and (b) during the first six months of 1943 only the Victory Tax, but not the Income Tax, was withheld from wages.

"Particularly, persons who took jobs for the first time in 1943, and those whose wages increased sharply from 1942 to 1943 may have substantial payments to make," Collector Maloney said. As an illustration, he pointed out that a single person who earned \$2,000 wages in 1943 but had no 1942 tax, will owe nearly \$130 on March 15, or nearly three and one-half weeks' wages. Since this payment must be made in one sum at the time the 1943 return is filed, the Collector pointed out the advantages of determining the liability and savings for it in advance.

In the past, many taxpayers have postponed filing returns until the last minute in order to delay the payments which had to be made with the returns. However, this year a great many taxpayers will find that under the pay-as-you-go system, they are already substantially current in their tax payments. These taxpayers, especially, ought to find it convenient to file as early as possible.

Who Must File

A return must be made by every individual who during the taxable year 1943:

- Was single and had \$500 or more income;
- Was married and had more than \$624 income;
- Was married, and together with

wife or husband, had \$1,200 or more income.

In addition, a return must be filed by everyone who paid or owed a tax on 1942 income.

A return should be filed likewise by anyone claiming a refund of taxes withheld from wages.

The requirements for filing 1943 returns on or before March 15 apply to civilians and personnel of the armed forces alike, except that postponements or extensions are allowed those who are on sea duty or outside the continental United States. If a member of the armed forces is on sea duty or outside the continental United States, his wife may also postpone her return if her Own Income is less than \$1,200. There are several other special provisions applying to members of the armed forces, and Collector Maloney invited any service personnel needing tax advice to contact his office.

Forms To Use

As in past years, there are two income tax forms. Form 1040, commonly called the "long form," may be used by any individual. Form 1040A, called the "short form" may be used by individuals who (a) are citizens or residents of the United States, (b) had in 1943 \$3,000 or less income; and (c) received all their income from salaries, wages, bonuses, commissions, or other forms of personal compensation, or from dividends, interest and annuities. In the case of husbands and wives filing separate returns, each must use the same form. The short form may be used as a joint return for a husband and wife, if in addition to the other conditions for using that form, they were living together on July 1, 1943, and their combined income for the year did not exceed \$3,000.

On or before January 31, 1944, every employer is required to give to each employee a receipt on Form W-2, showing how much wages were paid the employee during 1943, and how much tax was withheld. These receipts supply two important figures needed for making the annual return and the best time to prepare and file the return is as soon as the employee gets his receipt.

Collector Maloney also pointed out that he has mailed to all taxpayers who filed returns in this district for 1942, notices showing the amount of each individual's 1942 tax and the amounts paid on that tax. These are two additional figures which income taxpayers will need in the preparation of their returns for 1943. The notices should be sent back to the Collector along with the return.

How To Get Help

Many taxpayers—especially those who use the short form, will not need assistance in making their returns. However, any taxpayer needing help may obtain it at the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue, or at one of the zone offices located in the larger cities and towns throughout the State. To avoid inconvenience and delay, anyone needing assistance should seek it as early as possible.

30,750 Traffic Accidents In Oregon In 1943—222 Killed

Oregon traffic accidents claimed a toll of 222 lives, and 4,850 persons injured during the year 1943, Secretary of State Bob Farrell announces. There were 30,750 accidents during the year.

The 1943 pedestrian toll was considerably higher than in 1942, Farrell said. Pedestrian fatalities totaled 80, an increase of 21 percent over the toll of 66 in 1942.

The fatality toll of 222 lives lost in 1943 was a decrease of 18 percent from the death toll of 273 lives in 1942. Injuries showed a five percent decrease from the previous year when 5,141 persons were injured.

Total accidents dropped 18 percent. There were 37,930 in 1942.

Of the 222 persons killed in accidents, 150 or 70 percent died in accidents that occurred in rural areas. Last year, rural accidents accounted for 65 percent of the total fatalities.

"The traffic toll constitutes a tragic blow at the war effort of this state," Farrell said, in commenting on the accident experience for 1943. "Accidents strike at two important factors in the war economy of the nation: transportation and manpower. By avoiding accidents—and most of them can be avoided through the exercise of ordinary care and common sense—we can speed the day when victory will be ours."

The secretary of state urges drivers and pedestrians to drive and walk with greater care during 1944.

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Arago News Items

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carl, accompanied by Mrs. Annie Lett, of Myrtle Point, drove to Brewster Valley last Wednesday where Mr. Carl went on business. While there they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wilson and they enjoyed dinner with them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Burtis and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Howe drove to Myrtle Point Sunday and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Lundy.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Myers of Myrtle Point were Saturday evening callers at the home of Mrs. Ida Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvus Miller, Phyllis, Alice and Orvus, Jr., were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nile Miller.

Nile Miller, who has been confined to his bed with the flu for over a week, is a very little better at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cross and Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Cribbs, Sandra and Larry, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Meldon Carl.

Mrs. Albert Lillie underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Mast hospital in Myrtle Point, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. McAllister visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lane, Sunday.

Mrs. Ward Evans, Pamela and Maureen, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Felsner, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Willson and Mrs. Nell Ray in Myrtle Point last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Berklow and Mrs. Ida Myers were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Avan Wilcox were Friday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nile Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fish and Glen Zeller were Sunday callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fish in Coquille. They reported that the entire family was ill with the flu.

There was no Aid or Missionary meeting held this week on account of so much illness in the community.

The H. E. Watkins home on Hall's Creek was completely destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. The fire caught in the upstairs and was so far along when it was discovered that it was impossible to save the house or even very much of the family possessions. Mrs. Watkins and Jean and Mrs. Watkins' father, A. T. Hill, who was staying with them at the time, are staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burbank at the present time. Mrs. Hill was in Washington at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Woodward, Mrs. Ida Myers and Mrs. Stanley Halter were Sunday evening callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lane.

Word has been received of the death at Klamath Falls, of Miss Josephine Milani, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Milani, formerly of Arago. Miss Josephine was staying at the home of her sister, Joan, when their house caught on fire and when she attempted to return into the house to rescue the children, whom she thought were still in it, the house fell in on her and she was burned to death.

Rev. M. M. Stearns, of Myrtle Point, conducted the regular Sunday morning church service. Sunday school followed with an attendance of 17. There will be services again next Sunday, preaching at 10 a. m. and Sunday school at 11 a. m.

Walter Farrier has been busy the past few weeks adding a new room to his house.

22,000,000 Home Gardens In U. S. This Year Is Goal

Members of 4-H Clubs are being called upon to again do their part in meeting the many war food needs for 1944. The cooperation of every Coos county boy and girl is solicited for this needed war service states James Bishop, assistant county agent. Enrollment in a 4-H club project will help each young person to give of his or her best by the guidance offered through this organized work with local people as leaders. Club work is available to every boy and girl between the ages of nine and 21.

Twenty-two million home gardens in the United States is the national goal for 1944. 4-H garden clubs should be preparing now to make definite contributions in the attainment of this goal. For Oregon, the goal is a home garden for every farm where it is possible, as well as practical, to grow a garden.

Three clubs have recently been organized. Best Morin is the president of the Allegany Forestry club. Louis Moser is vice president and Jack Forfess is secretary. Georgia Smith is president of the livestock club organized at Riverside school, Fairview route, with Charlotte Smith as vice president, Clara Rose Sinnott as secretary and Mrs. Kate Dungey, leader. Upton Ward was elected president of the Bandon rabbit club with Gene Schrader, vice president, and Teddy Yost, secretary and Ivan Schrader, leader.

Any person wishing for further information on 4-H club work or in-

Out-of-Doors Stuff

by LANS LENEVE

Old 1943 will go down in history as one of the truly banner seasons for ducks. Due to so many duck hunters being in the armed forces, an acute shortage of ammunition and an ideal nesting season, the birds were in greater numbers than has been apparent for years. Wild life enumerators state there were some hundred and fifty million ducks and geese came down from the north. And they counted 'em all this season! Those boys are truly getting good. But anyhow there were plenty of birds and all the hunters who possessed ammunition enough to go hunting, really enjoyed fine shooting.

We shudder to think of what is going to actually happen when sportsman may again be able to purchase all the ammunition they wish. Having been curbed by the present shortage, it simply means that the majority of them will go on a "shootin' spree," firing at ducks beyond range, emptying their guns at the least excuse and in fact, "going hog wild." That is our prediction. They will be not unlike a flock of kids that have had their noses to the grindstone at school for many long months and then to be suddenly turned loose on an unexpected vacation. Instead of the ammunition situation having taught the average sportsman a worthwhile lesson—that of conserving ammunition and being careful and sure of each shot fired—it will have the opposite effect on him, for he will feel that he has ammunition to burn, when it is again plentiful and that is what he will proceed to do.

Deer were more numerous along the highways this season than in many years past. We know of four different ones that died beneath the wheels of cars on the Coquille-Bandon stretch of highway between Riverton and Lampa creek. Another deer caused a motorist to wreck his car when he sought to avoid striking it. Wilson Jack-snipe seem to be on the increase. There are two mighty good reasons for it. They are not allowed to be shot, at the present time in any state, and even if they were, there isn't one hunter in a thousand who would waste ammunition on them when there is such a scarcity of ammunition.

Wood ducks are scarcer this season than any previous season. The law allows one such duck for a single day to a hunter, or two a week. Three years ago they were very numerous, but the year the season opened on them they failed to appear in as great a numbers as they had in seasons before, so it may not be laid directly to the hunter, as to their scarcity, owing to the fact that they were not in evidence in large numbers when the season opened on them. They are the most beautiful migratory bird that flies—that is, the male of the species—and in coloring rivals the beautiful coloring of the Chinese pheasant rooster, which as you are no doubt aware, possesses all the elaborate coloring of a sunset.

A wood duck is one of the most foolish birds of any of the web-footed species. It will allow a gunner to approach within shooting range at nearly any time. In addition to this, they are slow taking the air when flushed from the water, thus making them easy prey for the average gunner, all of which is a contributing factor as to their scarcity and which prompted a closed season on them for many years and which was only opened a couple of seasons past. This duck is very fond of myrtle nuts which fall from the trees during the late fall. Yet, in spite of such a diet, this bird possesses an excellent flavor and is never "fishy," which cannot be said concerning most ducks.

Speaking of wood ducks eating myrtle nuts, how many of you are acquainted with the fact that mallards also thrive on them when the opportunity presents itself? We discovered this many years ago, while shooting mallards on an inland stream where myrtle trees grew in profusion along the banks. Each mallard we bagged had a craw chocked full of myrtle nuts.

S. I. A. C. Man To Be Stationed At Marshfield

Otto Pitcher, safety field representative of the accident prevention division of the State Industrial Accident Commission has been transferred from an eastern Oregon territory to cover Coos and Curry counties, according to an announcement made by Robert M. Evenden, Salem, director of the division. Pitcher, who succeeds H. M. Stevens in this area will make his headquarters at Marshfield.

It will pay you to look at Bergen's before you buy.

Interested in becoming a member may write to either Mrs. Dorothy Dunn, home demonstration agent, or Mr. Bishop, at Coquille.

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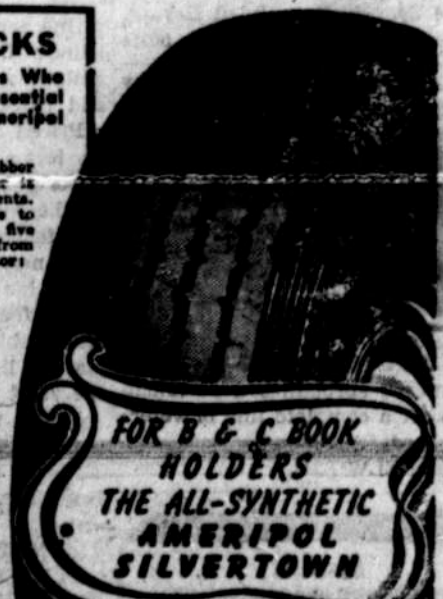
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