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PAY YOUR INCOME TAX

We have received word that a federal income tax officer will be at the Court House in Baker on Jan 17th and remain until February 6th, to help all persons subject to the income tax make out their returns without any cost to them for his services.

Any married person living with wife or husband, having a net income of \$2,000 or over, and all unmarried persons having a net income of \$1,000 or over, are subject to the tax. The Collector of Internal Revenue estimates there will be 611 taxpayers in Baker county.

It is suggested that everybody start figuring up now his income and expenses for the past year so as to be ready with the figures when the time comes to make out the report. Expenses don't mean family expenses, money used to pay off the principal of a debt, new machinery, buildings, or anything like that. They mean what you spend in making your money—interest, taxes paid, hired help, amount paid for goods sold, seed, stock bought for feeding, rent (except for your dwelling), and other items of like nature.

Income includes about every dollar you get!

Because a good many people don't understand the law and won't know how to make out their returns, the government is sending in this expert, but the duty is on the taxpayer to make himself known to the government. Failure to make such return before March 1st may subject you to fine or imprisonment or both, so if you are not sure about being subject to the tax, better see the expert and be sure.

"There's hardly a business man merchant or professional man who won't have to make return of income. Farmers as a class will have to pay the tax," says Milton A. Miller, Collector of Internal Revenue.

The Honor Roll

In our last issue we failed to mention the names of the following "home boys" in service:

Val Herring, formerly an employee of P. T. Wyatt, enlisted last spring.

Everett Shaver, the 16-yr-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Shaver, enlisted in the 20th Engineer Corps a few weeks ago. His present address is unknown, as a card received by his father stated he was on his way East.

Chas. Hill, Troop E 12th Cav., Columbus, N. Mex., was camp tender for Clarence Wallace and went into the service about October 1st.

The following addresses have been given us since our last issue: Geo. L. Trickle, Spruce Division Barracks, Vancouver, Wash. Wm. Virgil Saunders, Co. C, 861st Inf., Camp Lewis, Wash., is a corrected address.

Do you wear a Red Cross button?

Our New Year Prayer 1918

By James Waterman Wise

Father, we beseech Thee,
Guard our boys tonight.
Keep, we pray, their footsteps
On the paths of right.

We have sent them gladly,
For the fight is just;
Yea, their cause is holy,
Glorious their trust.

Hold their fates, O Father,
In Thy wondrous hand,
Bring them back, if may be,
Back to grace our land.

For we loved them dearly,
But our path was clear;
Honor bade us send them—
Father, be Thou near!

But if they must leave us,
If it be Thy will,
Father, we implore Thee,
Guide and guard them still.

The Eagle Creek Road

Under the direction of the County Court, Henry Moody, W. E. Martin and County Surveyor Hoffman viewed the Eidson road up Eagle Creek Canyon last week and officially approved the same. It was found there is not over a four per cent grade in any place and that the road can be constructed at a small cost to the county. We are informed that work on same will be commenced as early as possible in the spring.

Work on Daly Creek Road.

After three or more years spent in trying to get county assistance in making a road from Richland to the Daly Creek and Lookout districts, a number of the men interested in the project started work last Friday near the Bogart residence and will construct the first two and a half miles of the road at their own expense.

This stretch of road will cut off the steep grade known as the Bogart Hill and provide an easy uniform grade for several miles.

When we asked one of the men engaged in the work as to his opinion why help had not been forthcoming from the county, he said that since Judge Duby had been in office no money had been available, and he guessed the reason Messick had refused was because there were no steel bridges needed on that road.

Perhaps you overlooked some little child in your Christmas work. You can still make them happy: we offer any of our toys from now until New Years at one fourth off the regular price and you have some of the best to choose from.

(ad) E. & W. Chandler.

THE QUESTIONNAIRE

This important document is giving the registered men no end of worry and during the past ten days we have been besieged with requests to assist in filling them out. We have assisted a large number from start to finish, have taken the affidavits on others that were otherwise complete, and have advised many men whose business affairs were extensive or complicated to go to Baker for legal aid, as we do not claim to be a lawyer.

This work we have done without charge, although it necessitated several trips into the country and many hours that could well have been devoted to our business affairs. Being unable to secure help in the office, we have got behind with our work and hereafter will adhere strictly to the following rules:

Advice and assistance in filling out Questionnaires or taking affidavits on same will be done by us only after 7 o'clock in the evening.

However, Wm. E. Bean has assisted several in answering the questions and will no doubt be able to give a limited portion of his time to the work.

N. B. Ashcraft has also consented to give assistance to those desiring same. As he is now taking two week's vacation from his school duties, will devote a portion of his time to this work.

The Baker-Sag Highway

According to Baker papers and Pine Valley Herald the Baker-Cornucopia highway will be built as follows: 24 miles east out of Baker and five miles in the Sag. This decision being reached at a recent meeting of the state highway commission at Portland, according to reports made by J. P. Ritter and others.

Under this arrangement the plans for a "winter road" to the county seat and a post road up Powder River Canyon seems to have been overlooked.

Have you joined the Red Cross yet? If not, hand your dollar to Mr. Chase at once. Don't be a slacker!

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