

MANY TAXPAYERS TO BE ENTITLED TO CASH REFUND

Wage Deduction Plan Will
More Than Cover Pay-
ments to 16 Million, Said

Washington, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—Government tax experts estimated today that about 16,000,000 taxpayers would be entitled to cash refunds on their 1943 taxes when they settle up on March 15.

These would be individuals whose periodic wage deductions under pay-as-you-go are such that by the end of the year they will have paid more than they actually owe. However, many

of the other 35,000,000 taxpayers will have underpaid their liabilities and hence will have to make additional payments on March 15.

Many Small Refunds
Many will get refunds of only \$2 or \$3, while others may claim substantial sums by reason of overpayments and credits which can be claimed at that time.

Treasury officials said the real test of the pay-as-you-go tax plan would come in March when all taxpayers are required to make their final reckonings for 1943. Present indications are that the current payment plan is working well and that people generally like it, officials said.

Public Accepts Plan
When the plan first went into effect, many workers quit their jobs in protest against the wage deductions—and others have refused salary increases which would put them in higher tax collection brackets—but now, it was said, people generally understand that they are paying under withholding the same amount that they would pay anyhow. Opinion surveys indicate that public actually prefers the current plan now that it is becoming accustomed to it.

Fewer delinquent taxpayers were anticipated for this year since many who might otherwise be delinquent have been paying their taxes through wage reductions.

Since the tax plan started July 1 and up to Dec. 20, the

"Jitterbugs"



Laurel and Hardy opens today at the Holly in "Jitterbugs" with Vivian Blaine. It's a cyclone of hilarity. The companion feature is "Omaha Trail" with Dean Jagger and James Craig.

government collected \$3,378,654,186.33 through withholding. Other income tax collections this fiscal year total \$9,704,809,296, as compared with only \$4,393,070,296 for the corresponding period last year.

QUAKE FAR WESTWARD
Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—A major earthquake in the southwest Pacific recorded here yesterday could have been in either the Marianas or Solomon Islands, California Institute of Technology reported today. Seismologists recorded the quake, 6,002 miles west, at 12:13.14 p. m. PWT.

MORE BOY BABIES BORN LAST YEAR, CENSUS REPORTS

Ratio of 10,584 to 10,000
—Phenomenon Not Ex-
clusive to Wartime, Said.

Washington, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—During this country's first full year of war, the proportion of boy babies to girls rose to the highest level in 15 years—but don't ask the census bureau why.

The census bureau wouldn't know why, and, moreover, it is not disposed to get enmeshed in any controversy on the subject.

The cold facts, however, are that in 1942, according to census bureau figures released today, 1,444,365 boys and 1,364,631 girls were born in the United States, a ratio of 10,584 to 10,000.

Also In Europe
During the last war, the census bureau pointed out, the ratio of boy babies to girls in several European countries increased temporarily, and "the idea then grew up that this was nature's method of compensating for the loss of male lives in warfare."

But whatever the European statistics may prove, if anything, "an increase in this ratio is not exclusively a wartime occurrence insofar as the United States is concerned," the census bureau said.

Since 1915, when the bureau first began compiling birth totals, the ratio of boys to girls has exceeded the 1942 figure in three different peacetime years. The highest ratio was in 1925 when there were 10,604 males born for every 10,000 females.

Ratio Exceeded
The 1942 ratio also was exceeded in 1921 with 10,588 to 10,000 and in 1927 with 10,585 to 10,000.

Oddly enough, the wartime ratios in 1917 and 1918 were exactly the same as 1942's—10,584 to 10,000.

Whatever it all means, the census bureau is sure of one thing: "The chances are slightly better than 50-50 that the stork will bring a male heir."

CLARE AND WALLIS BEST DRESSED OF 1943, SAY CRITICS

By Joan Younger
United Press Correspondent.
New York, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—Eleven mink-coated matrons today were chosen as 1943's best-dressed, but the two top-rankers, Congresswoman Clare Boothe Luce and the Duchess of Windsor, declared they hadn't had anything new for months, while the eleventh, Rosalind Russell, said she's rather be a pin-up girl any day.

"I've paid precious little attention to my clothes in the last few years," said blonde Mrs. Luce, who, like the duchess, rarely wears hats. "I've always got a feeling I'm horribly frowzy these days, but I've no time to do anything about it."

The duchess, who tied with Mrs. Luce for first, said she hadn't had anything new "in ages," but said "of course, I'm flattered."

Others chosen by 40 New York fashion critics, in order, were: Mrs. Byron Foy, Mrs. Walter Hoving, Mrs. Harrison Williams, Mrs. Andre Emmerichs, all New York socialites; Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, China's first lady; Lily Pons, opera singer; Mrs. Harold Talbot, Mrs. Lawrence Tibbett, both of New York, and Rosalind Russell, screen actress.

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New Year's Eve charges for drinks, meals or special food items in night clubs, hotels and other eating and drinking establishments in Oregon must not be higher than the charges made last New Year's Eve, according to a ruling of OPA, a copy of

which has been received by the local war price and ration board.

All eating and drinking establishments, whose ceilings are regulated by restaurant maximum price regulations issued by OPA regional and district offices, are prohibited in a nationwide OPA order from exceeding their highest New Year's Eve prices for the same food and beverage items, when sold for immediate consumption. Operators of eating and drinking establishments who were not open for business after 8 p. m. last New Year's Eve are permitted to charge prices no higher than those charged by a competitor of the same class or type, the order states.

A record must be kept of any

banquets, dinner parties or specially served food and drink items, according to the ruling. Also, the cost of any entertainment features furnished must be individually itemized and records made thereof and all records are to be kept by the establishment for a period of two years.

RAFFLES JUNIOR

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—An eight-year-old safecracker was turned over to his parents today for a little applied psychology, preferably to the seat of his pants, police said. He opened a safe in a service station in regular burglary style by turning the dial until the tumblers clicked. When he was picked

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