

Personal Income Taxes Show Gigantic Increase in Past 40 Years

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Washington (U.P.)—You wouldn't believe how lightly the income tax flicked the pocket-



book in the first years after the war. William Howard Taft successfully proposed it in 1909 and Woodrow Wilson began to collect it in 1913.

From 1909 to 1913, Congress submitted and the states completed ratification of the 16th or income tax amendment, the first time the Constitution had been changed in 43 years.

President Eisenhower is the eighth in that office to be confronted with the riddle of the income tax. The correct answer is a distribution of the tax burden or of tax cuts satisfactory to all hands. It can't be done.

Paid \$10 in 1913
In 1913 a married person with two dependents and a \$5,000 net income paid \$10. At \$8,000 the bite was \$40, rising to \$60 on the \$10,000 family; \$260 on \$25,000; \$2,510 on \$100,000; \$25,010 on \$500,000.

Times have changed. Just 40 years later, the \$5,000 family was paying \$577. It was \$1,282 on an \$8,000 income; \$1,744 on \$10,000; \$7,004 on \$25,000; \$56,032 on \$100,000; \$411,224 on \$500,000.

The family man with \$5,000 net who paid Democrat Woodrow Wilson's treasury \$10 back there in 1913 paid in only \$3 to Herbert Hoover's Republican treasury in 1929. The 1913 \$40 tax on \$8,000 had been reduced to \$14. But the \$100,000 a year family which paid \$2,510 in 1913 was hit for \$14,846 on 1929 income. The \$500,000 family paid \$110,846.

The Hoover administration's 1932 revenue act started taxes up again. But it remained for another war, FDR and former President Truman to show what really could be done in the field of individual income taxation.

Taxes Hiked in 1942
FDR's 1942 revenue act took \$730 from the \$5,000 family which used to pay \$10 and the 1944 act hiked it to \$755. The \$500,000 family paid \$439,931 and \$442,985, respectively.

The revenue service estimates that the effective rate on a \$5,000 net income under the 1913 act was two-tenths of one per cent, ranging up to one per cent on \$25,000 and five per cent on \$500,000. Forty years later the comparable effective rates were 11.5 per cent, 28 per cent and 82.2 per cent.

The Eisenhower administration has obtained one tax cut and is shooting for another next year, having blocked a Democratic congressional effort to cut taxes in 1955.



GOOD NEWS that he is to be given commission in Coast Guard is discussed by Norton P. Gaston (left), San Francisco, with attorney in Washington, D. C. Gaston's commission was held up because of mother's Red associations. (International)

Safaris in North Carolina Fail To Lure Elephant From Honeysuckle Jungle

Charlotte, N.C.—(U.P.)—There's a limit to how long one elephant will stump the experts, runaway Vickie's trainer vowed today.

Vickie's four-day vacation in her private jungle near the Municipal Airport will end in a barrage of tear gas by that deadline if final efforts to capture her with hooks fail again.

A Charlotte firm offered the use of guns and tear gas bombs which Vickie's frustrated pursuers hope will make her groggy enough to submit to being chained.

Drastic Methods Planned
And if the tear gas fails, trainer Smoky Strickland said, he will resort to the even more drastic measure of slipping Vickie a mickey.

For four days Strickland has led a dozen of mahouts on safaris into the 50-acre honeysuckle jungle where Vickie has made her home but every trick they used to capture the elephant failed.

They tried hemming Vickie in with trailer trucks. That failed. Decoys of other elephants also failed. And Vickie was too "mean" and too frightened to be guided with elephant hooks.

Strickland has been leaving sweet feed for Vickie at her nest in the wooded swampland to keep her "at home" and each night Vickie bedded down in her nest.

Strayed Into Tourist Court
But at other times Vickie has done about as she pleased despite Charlotte's "great elephant

Screening Slated for Cement Plant Canal at Gold Hill Dam

Gold Hill—Screening of Ideal Cement company's power diversion canal at the Gold Hill dam on the Rogue river, for many years a trouble spot for downstream migrant steelhead and salmon, will soon become a reality, the Oregon Game commission said today.

After several years of negotiation, an agreement has been reached between the commission and Ideal Cement for installation of a louvre-baffle type screen and by-pass to prevent migrant fish from entering the turbines and insure their safe downstream passage.

Simple in Principle
The new louvre type screen, although complicated in construction, is relatively simple in principle.

Downstream migrant fish prefer the quieter flowing water and usually shy away from any disturbance or current reversal if it is at all possible. The principle of the louvre screen is to set up these disturbances.

The face of the screen is built in a series of V-shaped louvres across the flow of the water.

Baffles, spaced at 2½-inch intervals along the arm of each V, force the water to turn at a 90-degree angle as it passes through, thus setting up a disturbance and a reversal of current on the upstream side of the louvres. Other baffles then straighten the water back to its original direction of flow as it passes through the louvres on the downstream side of the screen.

Enter By-Pass Flume
As the migrant fish enter the V-shaped louvres, they shy away from the disturbances created by the water turning at 90 degrees and move down the center to the tail of each V. Here they enter a by-pass flume which carries the fish to the main river flow below the dam.

In addition to the new louvre screens, a travelling trash rack will be installed above to protect the screen and remove any debris or other foreign material entering the canal.

In the past, the strong flow from the turbine outlets below the dam has been sweeping upstream migratory steelhead and salmon away from the entrance

to the fish ladder making it extremely difficult for them to make their way into the ladder. To remedy this situation and to facilitate the upstream passage, a concrete baffle will be installed below the turbine outlets directing the flow away from the ladder entrance. A pool will be formed thus providing easy access to the ladder for the upstream migrants.

Screens Not Feasible
Although long a trouble spot for migratory fish, especially through losses of downstream migrants, it has not been feasible in the past to screen the power diversion because of the nature of the canal.

The canal is built in solid rock, 80 feet wide and 8 feet deep, with a water flow far too great to successfully operate the

standard rotary type screens found on other power and irrigation diversions. The cost of altering the canal to reduce the speed of water flow, either in depth or width, in addition to the great number of screens required, has been prohibitive.

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UNIQUE ELEPHANT—Baby Opal, star of the Besalou Baby Elephants to be seen with the fourth annual Shrine-Polack Bros. circus, is hailed as the only elephant in circuses able to balance her entire weight on one front foot. The Shrine circus will be at the Medford High school stadium Tuesday and Wednesday. Shown with Baby Opal above is Peggy McDonald.

Animal Acts Among Attractions With 1955 Shrine Circus

The fourth annual Shrine-Polack brothers circus will be in Medford at the high school stadium Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 20 and 21. Presented by the Josephine and Jackson Shrine clubs of Hillah Temple, the circus will give two performances daily at 3:30 and 8:15 p.m.

Star performers from the animal kingdom range from dogs to 'cats', elephants to bears. Poly Orea's 16 splz dogs cavort through intricate routines.

A family of big cats embarks seven species lumber gracefully under the steady eye and nerve of Professor George J. Keller.

Baby Elephant
The Besalou Baby Elephant, trained by Mac and Peggy McDonald, are obedient but have minds of their own.

Roland Tibor's sea lions thoroughly enjoy circus life. Never at a loss for applause — they do their own clapping.

The bears, though attached to their trainers, the Klausers, often try to "cheat" on their tricks. The result is a patient but forceful repetition of the routine lest the wrong way become a habit.

A troupe of goats, obstinate and curious, make their debut in the Shrine circus this season under the direction of Albert Ostermaier.

The dancing horse, Pasha, is guided through a 'horse trot' by subtle cueing of its rider, Cilly Feindt, and the alert musical director.

Jacksonville Board Discusses Turf Plans

Jacksonville — The Jacksonville school board Monday night discussed plans for installation of turf on the Jacksonville High school football field.

The field is dirt, and turfing would include grading and earth fill. Board members agreed that turf would greatly reduce possible serious injuries to players, who now use the dirt field.

In future plans for the football field are installation of lights.

Kansas Escapees Terrorize Woman; Posse Eluded

Independence, Kan.—(U.P.)—A three-state alert was sounded today for two heavily-armed jail escapees who successfully eluded a posse after terrorizing a housewife and stealing her automobile.

The fugitives accosted Mrs. C. R. Haberly on her farm five miles south of Independence late yesterday when she was returning from visiting a neighbor.

Police had spent Tuesday night combing the heavily wooded area southeast of Independence where the pair, identified as Troy R. Brown, 45, of Bartlesville, Okla., and Marvin Lee Smith, 27, of Coffeyville, Kan., had fled on foot.

The two men next were heard of after their escape Tuesday night when they accosted Mrs. Haberly. They demanded that she hand over the keys of her 1949 automobile, warning her that she would not be harmed if she followed instructions.

Give Threats
The pair took a .22 automatic rifle and a .410 gauge pump shotgun from the home and locked Mrs. Haberly in the farm smokehouse. As they left they warned the farmwoman: "You tell anyone about this and we'll return and kill you."

Her husband freed the frightened Mrs. Haberly when he returned home about 5:30 p.m.

The two men escaped the Montgomery county jail Tuesday night by forcing a jailer at gun point to release them from the cell block.

SEASICKNESS BLAMED

Toronto—(U.P.)—Albert Booth was freed on a drunk driving charge Wednesday after he testified he was driving while seasick. He admitted having two shots of rum before his car knocked down two utility poles at Oakville, Ont., but said his erratic driving was caused by a rough ride aboard a motor launch on Lake Ontario.

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