

Taxpayer Rules Nearly Same As Last Year's

Editor's Note: Income tax time is approaching. By midnight April 17, some 60 million Americans must have their federal income tax returns in the mail. But, especially for those due refunds, there's no point in waiting until deadline.

Knowing the basic income tax rules and the legal gimmicks can save you money. You're entitled to it and the government wants you to have it. Following is the first of five dispatches on how to pay—and not overpay—your taxes. They were written for the non-expert with technical details checked for accuracy by the Internal Revenue Service.

By EDWARD COWAN
WASHINGTON (UPI)—We wish we could start off this 1961 UPI tax series with a dash of good news—like a tax cut for everyone or deductions for poker losses.

Alas, the government is still pretty stodgy about these matters. All it's done since last year is to plug a few loopholes here and open a few there.

Maybe the nicest development all year was a law by Congress which allows bigger medical expense deductions for taxpayers who have dependent parents 65 and older. They no longer must exclude medical expenses equal to 3 per cent of their income. (If this is of interest to you be sure to see the fourth dispatch in this series for more details.)

There are other changes in the rules but they are pretty minor. The series will mention some of them as it goes along. If you think you've heard about one that pertains to you and you're not sure about it, you should consult your Internal Revenue Service office by phone or your lawyer, accountant or tax specialist.

All this means that the 60 million taxpayers who must file returns by April 17 will be following pretty much the same rules as in the past few years.

April 17? Not April 15?
April 17 it is. That's a temporary change this year. The usual April 15 deadline falls on a Saturday in 1961. So taxpayers have two days' grace, until Monday, April 17.

Who must file a return?
Any citizen or resident of the United States:
—Under 65 who earned \$600 or more in 1960.
—65 or over who earned \$1,200 or more in 1960.
—Who expects a refund for taxes withheld regardless of the amount of income earned. This would apply, for example, to a student who earned less than \$600 during the summer.

It also would apply to a taxpayer who can get a refund because he had very large deductible expenses, such as big medical bills or interest payments on a mortgage.

Regardless of the reason you are entitled to a refund, says the Internal Revenue Service, you will get it faster the sooner you file your return.

To file, you complete and mail one of three return forms—and enclose a check if you owe Uncle Sam money. The forms are:
1040A, the short form.

1040W, the middle form.
1040, the long form.

Roughly one taxpayer in two is eligible to use the short form, a punch card about the size of a check. It is for persons whose gross income in 1960 was less than \$10,000, including not more than \$200 from dividends, interest or other income on which tax was not withheld by an employer.

These same income limits apply for a joint husband-and-wife return. If the couple's combined income exceeds \$10,000, or non-withheld income exceeds \$200, the couple may not use Form 1040A.

If you file on the short form, and your income was under \$5,000, you can let the Revenue Service compute your tax. Thus, even though your scratch paper calculations show that you owe money, you may omit line 10, which says "enter tax."

This is the only circumstance in which you don't have to include with your return a check for the taxes you owe. But all you gain is time, for eventually—probably in a few weeks—IRS will send a bill.

A reminder: If your income was \$5,000 or more you must figure out your income tax yourself, even on the short form. It's not hard to do and for incomes under \$5,000 it's even easier.

Returns and checks should be made payable to "Internal Revenue Service" and sent to your District Director of Internal Revenue. His address is on Page 2 of the instruction booklet that comes with Forms 1040 and 1040W.

If you file the short form you must take the standard deduction of 10 per cent of income. If you want to take itemized deductions—because they would add up to more than the 10 per cent sum—you must file the middle form or the long form. (For more details on deductions see the fourth dispatch of this series.)

The middle form, 1040W, is two pages. Last year, the first it was out, some seven million taxpayers used it.

You may file on 1040W if your income consists only of wages or salary (regardless of amount) and not more than \$200 of interest and dividends. You may not use it if you have income from other sources, such as property or rent, or if you report capital gains or losses.

The long form, 1040, is a must for taxpayers claiming depreciation deductions or reporting income from pensions, annuities, rent, royalties, estates, partnerships and other sources, or those with retirement income credits. (Next: Rules for joint returns.)

SCHEFFING'S SURPRISE
SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP)—It was more than a mild surprise to Bob Scheffing, new Detroit Tiger manager, when Tiger officials called him at his home here to sound him out about the job. "I thought the San Francisco Giant job would be offered me," says Scheffing. "I saw rumors in the papers. One other club did seek me, but I can't say what club." Scheffing coached with the Milwaukee Braves in 1960.

Two Daughters Of Couple Die
TILLAMOOK (AP)—An airman and his wife were en route to Brainerd, Minn., for the funeral of a baby daughter when they learned that the infant's twin sister—their only other child—had died.

The first death occurred Jan. 14, a physician said, and the parents, S. Sgt. and Mrs. Edward Shepard, then left the nearby Mt. Hebo Air Force Station for Minnesota, accompanying the child's body to Brainerd for the services.

While the parents were en route, the other daughter, being cared for by relatives, died here Wednesday, the physician said. The cause of both deaths was listed as pneumonia. The body of the other child also was sent to Brainerd. The infants were about six weeks old.

MISSED THE MOVIE
LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y. (AP)—Whitey Ford, veteran Yankee southpaw who pitched two shutouts in the World Series against the Pirates, said he was "too busy around home" to attend the New York showing of the series film. He is making a den in his cellar.



CHILOQUIN'S NEW MAYOR, A. N. Starkey, right, is shown here in discussion with other Chiloquin officials, from left, Luther Sherier and Gene Corbin, councilmen; Lloyd Peters, recorder; Lew Jones, police chief, and William Barnes, outgoing mayor.
—Photo by Mrs. Gerald Wolff.

Roseburg Man Receives Title

PORTLAND (AP)—Kenneth Ford, Roseburg lumber operator, has been named lumberman of the year for 1960 by Crow's Lumber Digest, a lumber industry marketing magazine published here.

Ford is president and founder of the Roseburg Lumber Co. Crow's said. He was selected for the honor on the basis of general industry leadership, particularly in the field of plywood marketing.

Crow's said Ford is head of one of the largest independent lumber and plywood operations in the nation today, including not only his Roseburg company but the Coquille Lumber Co. and the Douglas veneer plant at Bandon.

William Barnes Ends His Service As Mayor

CHILOQUIN—William Barnes completed five years on the city council—three years as councilman—last week, and C. A. Samples, who will be sworn in at the next meeting.

Appointments of council members were made by Mayor Starkey and were approved by the council.

Serving on the Police, Fire and City Equipment Committee will be Fred, Corbin and Sherier. Whiting and Markwardt will comprise the Water Committee. On the Streets and Lights Committee are Whiting, Markwardt and Samples.

The three named to the Airport and City Property Committee were Markwardt, Fred and Samples.

Samples, Whiting and Corbin will be on the Park and Recreation Committee. The Liquor Committee has two members, Corbin and Sherier. The first named in each case will act as chairman.

ANGLERS HOOK A DOE
PITTSBURG LANDING, Tenn. (AP)—Two anglers from Corinth, Miss., landed one of the biggest catches ever made on Pickwick Lake. It weighed 80 pounds. After hauling their catch into a small boat, Terry McCormick and Evan Tindle returned to shore and released it. Their catch was a frightened doe that had been out for a swim.

Female Mind Might Grasp New Budget

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Like eternity, infinity, relativity and bathroom plumbing, the federal budget cannot be comprehended by the finite mind.

School Bus, Auto Hit; One Killed

TACOMA, Wash. (AP)—A school bus and an automobile collided here Friday, killing one pupil and injuring about a dozen others.

The dead boy was identified as Michael Gregory Moore, 5, son of Maj. Gilbert F. Moore, McChord Air Force Base.

The accident occurred on Bridgeport Way, in southwest Tacoma. The bus was taking pupils to the Charles Wright Academy, a private school for boys.

State Patrol Sgt. Les Thomas said the collision occurred at a "Y" type intersection.

He said the fog was so heavy "you couldn't see 20 feet."

Thomas said the impact of the collision jammed the doors of the small bus, making it impossible to immediately remove the injured children.

A chain was attached to one end and with a truck pulling it, expanded the bus enough to permit opening of the door.

"The children were moaning and screaming," Thomas said.

The driver of the panel truck suffered a shattered knee and facial cuts.

There may be a few women who can grasp it, with all of its implications and ramifications, but that is only because the female mind is itself an instrument that passes its understanding.

For the rest of us, any lengthy period of contemplating the budget tends to overtax our credulity and undermine our sanity. This statement, I might add, is not based on any abstract theory but on personal experience.

I spent a couple of days this week immersed in the federal budget for fiscal 1962 and I began to get a touch of what the skydivers refer to as "rapture of the deep."

Fascinated By Budget
In this condition, the diver (budget reader) becomes dangerously fascinated by his surroundings and forgets to come up for oxygen. I made it back to the surface just in time.

The budget, as you know, is the product of countless hours of preparation by countless numbers of government workers. No single individual could think of that many ways to spend that much money.

It is drafted by the Budget Bureau, which turns it over to the President, who hands it to Congress. The President knows that Congress doesn't want it either, but it gives him some good exercise.

I mean, the budget is not only difficult to understand but hard to lift. The popular paperback edition weighs in excess of four pounds.

Explores Varied Viewpoints
There are many ways of looking at the budget: As literature (strong characterization but weak plot), as drama (good opening soliloquy but lacks suspense), and as horticulture (in growing a money tree, the green thumb is not as important as the green-back).

I have been thinking mainly about its dramatic possibilities. There is an abundance of material available in the budget, provided the right medium is employed.

The legitimate theater, I believe, is out. I doubt any modern playwright could adopt it for the stage. Even a Shakespeare would have trouble with the third act.

It might be suitable for one of those wide screen, stereophonic, three-hour movies, if enough extras could be rounded up and if Marilyn Monroe could be persuaded to play the part of the dollar mark.

But the ideal medium, it seems to me, is television. I visualize a series of 90-minute programs called "Playhouse 80,000,000,000." And let's do them live and in color.

Such a show would be almost certain to win an "Emmy" award except for one thing: There might not be enough gold left in Fort Knox to make the statuette.

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See Page 3-A and receive a real one!

Girl Assists In Robbery Of Her Mother

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP)—A girl of 17 helped two young men rob her mother of \$8,000, one of the men told police Saturday.

Kate Gindulis, 38, was robbed of her life's savings Friday by two men who invaded her home, bound and gagged her and ransacked the house until they found the money hidden in a suitcase.

Linda Gindulis and William G. Phipps, 19, also of Kansas City, were arrested later in Tulsa, Okla., where police said Phipps was "spending money like it was going out of style."

Austin C. Shannon, 22, was arrested here and admitted taking part in the holdup. Lt. Donald Adams said.

Adams quoted Shannon as saying Linda helped paint Shannon's and Phipps' faces with rouge and lipstick so they wouldn't be recognized.

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