

EVERYBODY IS NOW FIGURING INCOME TAX

In Order to Be Helpful to Public, Internal Revenue Bureau Has Every Available Officer in Field.

SEVERE PENALTIES IF YOU DELAY BEYOND MARCH 15

With the due date for Income Taxes only a few weeks away, the collection of this far-reaching tax on 1918 incomes has started off with a bang.

Payments and sworn statements of income must reach Internal Revenue offices on or before March 15, and there are severe penalties for delinquency.

Who Must Make Return

It is estimated that many thousands of single and married persons in this section of the United States who have never before made annual returns are required to do so this year.

Revenue Bureau Offers Aid

Each person in the United States who is in either of these classes should make his return as early as possible to avoid penalties.

Exemptions Allowed

A single person is allowed a personal exemption of \$1,000. If he is supporting a dependent upon him he may claim the status of the head of a family who has the same exemption as if married.

Accuracy Required

Absolute accuracy is necessary in making up income figures. Any person who is working for wages should find out exactly how much he received during the whole year 1918.

INCOME TAX IS TRULY POPULAR. The payment of income taxes takes on a new significance which should be understood by every citizen.

KEPT THEIR NATIONAL LIFE

Moldavians Harshly Treated, Have Clung With Tenacity to Their Language and Customs.

At the opening of the nineteenth century Bessarabia was still under the domination of the Moldavian crown, but in 1812 Russia proposed to annex the whole of Moldavia as the price of her victories against the Turks.

MARTYR HELD IN REVERENCE

St. Catharine Occupies Exalted Position in the Calendar of the Roman Catholic Church.

Among the earlier dates of the Roman Catholic calendar St. Catharine holds an exalted position, both from ranked intellectual abilities. During persecution instituted by Emperor Maximian II, St. Catharine was martyred, the tyrant reserving a more cruel punishment for her than any of the rest of his victims.

Our War With Mexico

The Mexican war of 1846 lasted nearly two years. The first actual collision and bloodshed was on April 25, 1846, between a band of Mexican troops that had crossed the Rio Grande and a company of American soldiers.

Honey

Honey is the best substitute for sugar that has yet been found. Indeed it is more than a substitute, it is a real food. Few people, unfortunately, know how to keep honey.

Hurrying Time

"Goodness," gasped the sergeant of the guard, sticking his head out of the window. "What is the man playing at?"

How It Could Be Done

Mike Molloy had got a job in the joinery works and the foreman, thinking to have a rise out of him, said: "Say, Mike, can you file steam?"

How Fake Pistol Works

A new electric flashlight pistol of French invention for scaring criminals not only displays a bright light when the trigger is pulled, but also makes a noise like a real weapon as well.

WHY

Stringent Game Laws Are Needed in America

A recent Washington dispatch conveyed the impression that, due to a decision of the Supreme Court, the federal government could no longer enforce the act to protect migratory birds.

All lovers of wild life, as well as every right-minded sportsman, will be glad to know that federal protection for these birds has not been withdrawn.

In France, which has been thickly populated for centuries, there is still wild game in the Argonne forest. Our most sporty game birds, deer, and even wild boar, they are there because they are protected by rigid game laws.

WISE PROVISION OF NATURE

Why the Tip of Ermine Weasel's Tail Is Black Is Explained by Naturalist.

"Most scouts know that the ermine weasel changes to white on the coming of cold weather," says Dr. E. F. Bigelow, the Scout naturalist in Boys' Life.

"Late in the autumn, or early in the winter, the ermine changes from reddish brown to white, sometimes slightly washed with greenish yellow or cream color, and again as brilliantly white as anything in nature or art; the end of the tail, however, remains intensely black and at first thought it might be supposed that this would make the animals conspicuous on a white background of snow; but in fact it has just the opposite effect.

Why Romans Dread Owls

Some of the worst things ever said about the owl came from the elder Pliny the Roman naturalist, who trusted more to others' observations than his own, and in whose writings fact and fiction are often inextricably blended, calls the owl an insupportable and funereal bird.

How False Fur Is Made

A process patented in France consists in an improvement in the manufacture of stuffs or objects which imitate fur, plush or velvet, or for use as carpets and the like.

Why He Was Confident

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HOW

WORLD'S THINKERS MIGHT HAVE BENEFITED BY TYPEWRITER

A contributor to one of the current magazines deplores the fact that Benjamin Franklin had no typewriter. He says, and truthfully, that if the great man had not been compelled to use a pen and pencil, he could have accomplished much more than he did—a statement that is so obvious it is hardly worth quoting.

But the contributor overlooks one thing, namely, that the matter of writing it down is not all of a thinker's work, observes Columbus Dispatch. If Franklin had had a typewriter, he would not have been hammering it all the time.

NOT WEAKENED BY PEACE

How Warring Instinct Survives in Groups Explained by Writer in Scientific Journal.

Is not the fighting instinct something very different from the warring instinct? The fighting instinct, answers Allynne Ireland in the Journal of Heredity—that is to say, the instinct for personal combat, is an individual trait.

How Anglo-Indians Rest

In the fertile Campagna near Lodi, Italy, are the popular Shalimar gardens, the "Abode of Love," laid out along rectangular lines like all Mogul gardens, with a shallow tank in center in which artificial waterfalls built over the water for promenade and every now and then a beautiful little marble pavilion, the whole set in terraces of baronage and dense foliage, and pulsing with the croaking of countless thousands of frogs and the subdued twittering of tropical birds.

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NEW YORK NEWS ITEMS IN BRIEF

Paragraphs of Interest to Readers of Empire State.

Interesting News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points in the State and So Reduced in Size That It Will Appeal to All Classes of Readers.

Jamestown metal workers have been put on an eight-hour day. Beer has gone to 10 cents a glass at all bars in Rochester.

At Olean the Pennsylvania railroad has laid off 335 employees. There are 17,000 men idle in Buffalo, according to latest reports.

John Mitchell has agreed to speak at Penn Yan's tractor school. Harvesting of ice at Penn Yan is helping out the labor situation.

Penn Yan has a scheme for electrocuting rats which visit hen houses. Ice is being harvested at Churchville where fishing is said to be good.

The Vacuum Oil company of Olean has begun refining a new grade of oil. Niagara Falls war widows are reported to be marrying with great rapidity.

Four companies of cadets in Lockport plan to raise money to buy uniforms. Erie county supervisors plan to give financial aid to returned soldiers and sailors.

Little Valley reports the discovery, officially, of quantities of booze in dry territory. Common councilmen of Canandaigua are vigorously opposed to direct primaries.

Another attempt will be made to organize Mothers of the A. E. F. in Rochester. William J. Hillery of Buffalo was appointed a deputy state superintendent of elections.

Edward S. Walsh of Brooklyn was named as state deputy superintendent of public works. Steuben county supervisors think rates charged for compensation insurance are too high.

Buffalo's valuation figures have increased from \$538,842,970 for 1918 to \$560,099,865 for 1919. At Hammondsport there are 50 employees in the Curtis plant where 2,000 were working a year ago.

Ithaca will vote on Feb. 22 regarding the building of a \$300,000 city hall as a memorial to soldiers. Burial of an old man clad in a sheet threatens to stir up trouble in regard to the Erie county hospital.

Farmers who demand help in Erie county say they will provide work for a large number of returned soldiers. George P. Doran of Buffalo will be western division superintendent of the public works department of the state.

Members of the Western New York Rabbit Breeders' association held their February meeting in Rochester. Mr. Morris reports station agents and operators are losing extra pay on account of much lighter traffic on the Erie.

Dunkirk's board of commerce has adopted a resolution protesting against abolishing the state constabulary. Jamestown's enrollment of voters shows 6,302 Republicans, 869 Democrats, 376 Socialists and 787 prohibitionists.

Sheriff Andy Weidemann is looking into the different kinds of cider being sold in Monroe county as soft drinks for dry towns. John T. Mannv, one of the oldest and most widely known business men in Northern New York, died at his home in Troy.

Owners of an option on the Crown motor car plant at Greece are said to favor Rochester as a location for a new plant. Orleans county supervisors voted \$1,500 to the Orleans county fair association. The association is badly in need of funds.

Lewis Nixon, superintendent of public works, said in Albany that a canal from the Great Lakes to Montreal would not be a success. Albany enthusiastically backs up the federal government in stating that bone dryness does not mean private houses will be searched for liquor.

In Albany the senate unanimously adopted a resolution opposing the project involving a ship canal from the Great Lakes to the sea, via Montreal. New York city wants troops demobilized at their homes to prevent a crime wave which the police think is coming if plans continue as they are now.

Notwithstanding the shortage of beer and luminence of bone-dryness, Rochester brewers refuse to worry and some people say they have inside dope on the situation. Farmers who have a supply of good seed corn to sell can be of service to the state by advertising the fact through their local papers, says the Cornell College of Agriculture.

The Elba canning factory, which has been working day and night for several months on a government contract for food for the United States army, has been advised to shut down temporarily and to await further instructions. The big apple crop of the Foster Udell orchards, about two miles southwest of Brockport, was sold to the Branch company of Lockport for \$66,366. The crop was stored in the cold storage at Brockport and was sold as it lay for \$7 a barrel, the buyer to pay the storage and repacking costs. The crop was put in at tree run and the fruit was exceptionally high grade. The sale of farm products this year from the Udell farm was about \$78,000. Besides apples they had 80 tons of sour cherries of first quality and also pears. The farm is managed by his son, William G. Udell of Brockport.

George Eastman has given Rochester one of the finest music schools and concert halls in the world. The site has been purchased and the project will be completed in two years.

The assembly has gone on record as opposed to the plan of doing away with service stripes for men who fought in the world war, adopting a concurrent resolution to that effect.

District Attorney Moore said in Buffalo that the American Railway Brotherhood association is simply a chain store business with no connection between it and any railroad brotherhood.

It costs 72 cents per capita to maintain state hospitals and otherwise care for the insane in this state in 1918. The total expenditure was \$10,494,000, and more will be needed, it is said, for 1919.

Every motor vehicle owner would be forced to carry at least \$5,000 in liability insurance before he could receive a license to operate his car, under the terms of a bill introduced in the legislature by Senator Mackrell, Democrat, of Rensselaer.

The assembly has abolished the position of state ice controller, held by former Governor Benjamin B. Odell. The position of ice controller was established last year as a war measure in order to conserve ammonia.

The Martin bill, proposing an amendment to the state constitution under which persons whose occupations unavoidably occasion their absence from their districts on election day would be permitted to vote, was passed by the assembly without opposition.

Trappers in Northern Chautauque are making big money this winter from the sale of muskrats, fox and skunk pelts, for which there is a growing demand. The prices paid by the furriers are nearly double those of last year. Two boys killed a black skunk in Newton's woods and sold the pelt for \$25.

Ontario County Bee Keepers' society at a meeting in Canandaigua has elected officers for 1919 as follows: President, W. F. Marks of Hopeville; vice president, H. L. Case of Canandaigua; secretary-treasurer, F. Groiner of Naples; delegates to the state convention, F. B. Loomis of Rushville and S. Blanchard of Naples.

The annual report of the New York state civil service commission shows that the number of employes subject to state, county and village civil service regulations on the first of the year, exclusive of laborers, was 19,000, a decrease of 538 compared with the figure a year previous. On the same date, 2,212 civil service employes were in the service of their country.

J. Waldo Smith, builder of the Catskill aqueduct, was mentioned as a successor to Highway Commissioner Duffey who this year probably will have in the neighborhood of \$10,000,000 to spend on highways work. Mr. Duffey, however, says he does not intend to resign and Democrats admit they have no sustaining charge that can be made against his administration.

The Mt. Morris municipal board has adopted an ordinance, effective now, whereby all popular trees in the village must be cut down or the person in front of whose premises such trees shall remain becomes liable to a fine of \$100. The ordinance against popular trees was deemed necessary owing to the fact that the roots of these trees have stopped sewer pipes in various parts of the village.

Proceeding upon the theory that the 1920 campaign is at hand and not a year and a half away, the Republican state committee has established a permanent up-state headquarters at Albany. The office is in charge of George W. Franklin of Troy former deputy superintendent of prisons, who recently has been appointed head of the state committee's news bureau. For the present, the work of the news bureau will be conducted from the up-state headquarters.

A warning that tuberculosis is an after-memore of Spanish influenza was issued in New York by the State Charities Aid association, which urges every person who has been ill with influenza and who has failed to take reasonably prompt and complete recovery, to take the precaution of being examined by medical authorities. The charities organization has prepared leaflets for free distribution and tuberculosis committees throughout the state are asked to bring these to the public's attention.

The senate judiciary committee on Wednesday, Feb. 26, will have a hearing on the several prohibition law enforcement bill that have been introduced in the legislature. It is expected that another "Prohibition field day" will be the result. The wets hope to have the prohibition enforcement legislation define an intoxicating drink, but the dries believe they have enough votes in the assembly to overcome any such attempt because they feel it is inspired by a desire to make the prohibition statute less potent.

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