Short Form Helps Small Taxpayers Filing Income

Entire Time Elapsed to File Return Less Than 15 Minutes

The 1953 North Carolina General Assembly gave the smaller taxpayer a helping hand—a short form (D400-A) which may be used by taxpayers whose income is derived solely from salaries, wages, commissions, interest or divi-

As State Revenue Commissioner Eugene Shaw recently commented, the short form was devised to eliminate the necessity of non-business persons keeping books and records of their income and deductions and to make the filing of returns as convenient as pos-

The single-sheet form is simplicity itself—as easy as ABC. Here is how a mythical North Carolina taxpayer would go about it.

Like so many of his contemporaries, this hypothetical taxpayer is named John Doe. He lives on North Main Street in Anywhere, Tar Heel County, North Carolina. He is an employee of the Acme Distributing Company in Anywhere, and makes \$350 a month, or \$4,200 a year, in salary.

He and Mrs. Doe have a daughter, Mary 14 and John, Jr., 12 years old. One night after work he decides to tackle this job of filing his State In- deduction, allowed on the Short Form taches his check for the \$35.40 (taxes come Tax, and finds that the short only, of 10 per cent, which is substi- of less than \$50.00 are payable in full form allows him to finish the "chore" in a very few minutes.

At the top of the form he fills in his name, his street address, town, county, and state.

In Block A, he answers Question 1 return with the Department in 1952. Line 9, and he arrives at his Net in-Both parts of Question 2 he also an- come, which is \$3,780. Then, having swers in the affirmative. In the block read the instructions on the reverse under Item 3, he lists the names, ages, side of the Short Form, he computes and relationship of his children. (If his Personal Exemption, which is \$2, he had other dependents he would have 600. (\$2,000 for himself as a married entered them here.) Questions 4 and man, \$300 for each of his children.) 5 he leaves blank, as they have to do He enters this amount on Line 12, and with single men, or married men subtracts from Line 11, which gives whose spouse had a separate income. him his Net Taxable Income of \$1,180.

Moving on to Block B, on the first Then he moves on to Block C. On line of Item 6 he gives the name and Line 14, he finds that he must pay address of his employer, and on the 3 per cent tax on the first \$2,000 of extreme right in the proper block he his Net Taxable Income, not on his gives the total income paid him by his gross income. So, multiplying the employer during '53, or \$4,200. He al-\$1,180.00 by .03 he finds that his tax so lists this amount in the block on is \$35.40. Item 7, as his total salary, as he worked for only one employer.

Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary



Here is pictured Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Miller, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home on West Church Street Sunday afternoon, February 14, from 3 to 5 o'clock. Open house was observed, when over 100 friends called to offer their congratulations.—(Evelyn Leary Photo).

ence allowance from his employer. His Gross Income (Line 9) is also payer," his wife witnesses his signathe same, \$4,200.

On Line 19 he enters the standard left-hand corner of the form, he attuted for a listing of all his deduc- at the time of filing), and the form tions. If he had made more than \$5,-000, he would have been restricted to a \$500 deduction, as the maximum

blanket deduction is \$500. A little simple arithmetic, subtract-"yes", indicating that eh did file a ing the total on Line 10 from that on

He enters this amount on the extreme right of Line 14, repeats it on Item 8 he leaves blank, as he had no the extreme right of Line 19, and dividends or interest, nor any subsist- again on Line 20. He signs the line and check are ready for mailing. Time elapsed, less than 15 minutes.

John Henry Mitchell Dies After Long Illness dows.

John Henry Mitchell, 79, died at his home on East Church Street at 1 o'clock Saturday morning after a long illness. A native of Chowan County, he was a retired employee of the Edenton Cotton Mills.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Gibbie Mitchell; two sons, Clifton J. Mitchell and Gibson Mitchell, both of Edenton; two daughters, Mrs. Elva M. Wright of Fayetteville and Mrs. Murray Harris of Tarboro, and two sisters. Mrs. Ida Belch of Norfolk and Mrs. J. D. McClenney of Edenton. Nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held in the Assembly of God Church, of which he was a member, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. J. H. Anderson, officiated, assisted by the Rev. D. B. Lawrence of Elizabeth City,

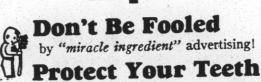
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