

Income Tax Forms Must Be Filed With Treasury By Mar. 15

Harold N. Graves, Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue, reminded all wage earners today that the new 1943 individual income and victory tax return blanks are on the pay-as-you-go basis and that returns are required by law even though most wage earners already have paid all or a large part of their 1943 tax by withholdings from their wages. Returns also are required by law even though estimated tax was paid on a "declaration" in September or December.

All taxpayers will help themselves and the government by filling out and filing their returns as soon as possible, Mr. Graves said. An estimated 50,000,000 returns must be filed between now and March 15, and every effort should be made to avoid

last-minute crowds. Returns are required by law of persons who during the calendar year 1943 (a) were single and had \$500 or more income, (b) were married and had more than \$624 income, (c) were married and together with wife or husband had combined income of \$1,200 or more or (d) paid or owed a tax on 1942 income. Postponements or extensions are allowed for persons outside the country on March 15, especially members of the armed forces, and to the wife of a serviceman if her own income was less than \$1,200.

"Since the pay-as-you-go system is still fairly new," Mr. Graves commented, "it is not unlikely that some misunderstanding remains about the relation of 1943 returns to the withholding payments.

"The explanation is really quite simple. Nearly all of us have paid at least part of 1943 taxes under the pay-as-you-go plan. But whatever we have paid, the amounts were only approximate. The law requires us, now that 1943 has ended, to fill in a return and find out exactly how much our taxes were. Then we can com-

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pare the exact tax with the amounts we actually paid under the pay-as-you-go system. Some of us will find we have an additional payment to make—a substantial payment in some instances—others will find that they have already paid too much and are entitled to a refund.

"It would be helpful if everyone noted the wording at the top of the short form of return (Form 1040A), which says, 'Read this first: You probably have paid a substantial part of your 1943 tax bill through withholding or directly to the government. You may have underpaid or overpaid. File this form. It tells you and your government whether you owe any more, or are entitled to any refund.'

The same principle, of course, applies to the long form (Form 1040). In effect, the filing of a return this year is a settling up affair, and the important thing is to fill out the return early and find out where you stand."

Truck Operators Now May Exchange Tires In Lieu Of Recapping

Essential truck operators in areas where tire recapping facilities are inadequate or unavailable may now obtain a ration certificate permitting them to exchange with dealers a tire which needs recapping for a used tire or a new "war" tire, the Raleigh District Office of Price Administration has announced. A "war" tire is one made from reclaimed rubber.

A certificate authorizing acquisition of a used tire or new "war" tire may be obtained by a truck operator from his local War Price and Rationing Board, provided he is operating an essential trucking service and he turns in the recappable carcass at the time the certificate is used.

Decline In Cotton Crop Shown By Report

A census report, issued this week by Willie M. Harrell, special agent, shows that 3,887 bales of cotton were ginned in Perquimans County from the crop of 1943, prior to January 16, 1944, as compared with 4,554 bales from the crop of 1942.

AUTOMOBILE OWNERS MUST REMOVE OLD LICENSE TAGS

Members of the State Highway Patrol this week issued a request to car owners to remove the old 1943 license from the front of their cars. Patrolman Charles Payne announced it was a violation of the laws for motorists to retain the old plate on cars, now that the deadline for purchasing new tags has passed.

Cars should be equipped only with the new tag displayed on the rear of the car.

BELVIDERE NEWS

Miss Sybil Rogerson, of Richmond, Va., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Rogerson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Copeland and son, of Elizabeth City, were guests of Mrs. H. P. White Friday night.

Miss Grace Chappell was in Elizabeth City Saturday afternoon.

Miss Ruth Spivey spent the week-end as the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Spivey.

Mrs. Dorothy Hobbs, of Jackson, was the week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. White. Other visitors on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Blanchard and daughter, Kathleen, of Hertford.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bacus, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Rogerson, Jr., and daughter and C. T. Rogerson were in Suffolk, Va., Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. B. H. Millikan was the dinner guest of Mrs. H. P. White Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Winslow spent Sunday in Norfolk, Va., as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. White.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Smith and children, Becky and Sammie, of Elizabeth City, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith Sunday.

Misses Eva Rae and Norma Winslow and Miss Zenova Chappell were dinner guests of Miss Cassie Winslow Sunday.

Mrs. Carroll Byram, of near Cross Roads, spent Sunday night and Monday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Weston.

Machinery For Increased Food

The food production goal announced for 1944 is the highest on record. It calls for the largest planting program in the nation's history—the planting of 380,000,000 acres, an increase of 16,000,000 acres over 1943.

"This vast production program will require the efficient utilization of machinery in planting, cultivating, and harvesting the farm products needed," says J. D. Blickle, Extension agricultural engineer at State College.

Although more new machinery will be made in 1944 than in 1943, it may not be available in large quantities when it is needed. Also the quantity of new machinery probably will not be sufficient to meet the increased crop acreage and for replacement of worn equipment. This means that it is highly essential to have every usable machine now on the farms properly repaired and maintained for use in 1944.

"The machinery needs include inspection, checking, ordering parts early, repairing, servicing, and maintenance. The machines, both new and old, must be used efficiently. Efficient use may make it necessary to include in the program some plan of sharing so that each essential machine will produce to its maximum capacity," Blickle points out.

Safety in operation is also needed to protect the machinery from damage, to protect crops from destruction, and to protect the operator from injury. This requires experienced operators, or the training of new operators to use the machines skillfully.

From all indications there is an increased need this year for a vigorous and effective machinery repair and maintenance program, due to the lack of normal replacement of machinery during the past two years, the shortage of farm labor, and the increased production goals for 1944.

BETHEL NEWS

Lieut. Clarence W. Phillips, of Fort Story, Va., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Vashti White and children, Vernon and June Faye, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Stallings, at Camden, Sunday.

Mrs. Jodie Phillips has returned home, after visiting her daughter, Mrs. Johnnie Stallings, at Camden.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Davis and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Harris Sunday.

Miss Naomi White, of Hertford, is spending some time with her uncle, Joe White, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Vashti White and family and Mrs. Jodie Phillips spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Perry and Mrs. R. A. Perry were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Curtis Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Getling visited Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Mansfield, at Yeopim, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hobbs, of Elizabeth City, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Curtis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Curtis and Johnnie Miller visited Mrs. Lessie Evans, at Great Hope, Sunday.

ENTERTAINS BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. V. N. Darden was hostess to her bridge club Tuesday evening at her home on Front Street. Those enjoying the evening were Mesdames Charles Whedbee, J. G. Roberson, R. M. Riddick, Herman Winslow, B. G. Koonce, J. O. Felton, W. G. Wright and Miss Kate Blanchard. High score prize went to Mrs. Winslow, and low was awarded to Mrs. Wright.

The hostess served a sandwich course.

ROOK CLUB MEETS

Mrs. D. F. Reed was hostess to her rook club, Thursday evening at her home. Those playing were Mesdames G. R. Tucker, Carlton Cannon, Jimmy Jernigan, Edgar Morris, Julian White, Dennis Holliday, T. J. Nixon, Jr., E. M. Fowler, Henry Stokes, Oscar Felton and Crafton Mathews, and Miss Mildred Reed. High score prize went to Mrs. Mathews, low to Mrs. Cannon and Mrs. Tucker received the bingo prize.

The hostess served a salad course.

HOSTESS TO BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. T. L. Jessup entertained her bridge club on Tuesday evening at her home. Those playing were Mesdames C. E. Johnson, H. C. Stokes, C. M. Willford, George Barbee, C. R. Holmes and Misses Helen Morgan

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High score award went to Mrs. Stokes, second high to Mrs. Barbee and Mrs. Johnson received the bingo prize.

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