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INCOME TAXES SIMPLIFIED

Some fifteen million Americans, who had to make an income tax return in September are now thinking backward to the good old days when you made one return a year and then struggled for the next nine months to get the money for the three installments as they fell due.

The reader will recall that, early in 1943, there was a great agitation for a "simpler" form of tax returns and much propaganda about a "pay-as-you-go" system that was destined, so we were told, to make income tax payments practically painless.

Whereas last year most Americans, who paid income taxes, made one return in March, the new, simplified system calls for returns in March of next year. The taxpayer has to guess at his income, his tax and then at his bank account which, he hopes, will take care of the present installment.

THE PEOPLE ARE FOR VICTORY

The Associated Press recently questioned sixty-nine Democrats and Republicans from forty-two states, seeking to ascertain what the people told their solons during their visit home while Congress was on vacation.

The majority found their people pleased with the war's progress but "critical of domestic affairs, with most of the complaints mentioning restrictions and regulations."

This is about what one would expect. Some of the people at home, at most a small majority of the population, would like to win the war but they do not like the restrictions and regulations which affect their convenience.

The only Government agency singled out by name for criticism was the OPA, with eleven members, most of them Democrats, mentioning it.

It should not require a poll of anonymous Congressmen to find out what the people of this country think in regard to the war.

The vast majority of Americans are for any restriction, regulation, or sacrifice, that will support their fighting men. The bulk of them have no sympathy for chronic complainers who cannot be pleased in times of peace, much less in times of war.

VOICE OF THE LEGION

The American Legion, which has been meeting in national convention at Omaha, is about as good a cross-section of American opinion as can be found anywhere, since its membership is drawn from all sections of the country, all political parties and party wings, and all social and economic strata. This background gives added importance to the action of the Legion recently in endorsing American participation in an association of free nations to maintain peace when it is won.

We have here further evidence that the tide of American opinion is running strongly and irresistibly in favor of the assumption by the United States of the leadership and responsibility in world affairs which fall logically to a great world power.

To its eternal credit it must be said that the Legion has had a clear view of the great issues of this war ever since hostilities began. Meeting at Boston in the summer of 1940—when Congress still thought that the Neutrality Act represented the real needs and the underlying loyalties of the American people—the Legion shouted down a resolution committing us to a policy of "hands off" and "strict neutrality," and instead voted a condemnation of "aggressor nations." At Milwaukee, in the summer of 1941—when the nation was still technically at peace and the irresponsible Neutrality Act still stood on the statute books—the Legion had the courage and the clear vision to declare that "our present national objective is the defeat of Hitler and what he stands for." It asserted then that, in the event of war, "we insist upon being prepared to do the fighting outside of the United States" so that our homes remain intact and our families secure.

When the Legion met last year at Kansas City war had come and the Legion called on all stay-at-homes "to demonstrate the same spirit of sacrifice and courage that is being evidenced by the service of our armed forces on the battlefronts." It took no action at that time with regard to post-war policy. It now declares for American participation in a union of "free and sovereign nations," and it does so—unanimously.—New York Times.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:
I am to be married soon and I have been reading over the marriage ceremony. We have decided to leave out the word "obey" because people who love each other have no cause to ask obedience of each other. Please tell me what you understand "to cherish" means.

BRIDE-TO-BE—N. C.

Answer:
The dictionary gives as some of the meaning of "cherish," "to treat with tenderness," "hold dear" and "hold in the heart." When your husband promises at the altar to cherish you, it means that besides giving you shelter, clothing and food he will also bestow upon you affection, sympathy and loyalty. You two will stand together always and, in time of trouble, he will be the one person you can rely upon. He will be there to lean upon and to comfort you, and you will gain new strength from his sympathetic understanding and love.

LOUISA.

A pitiful letter from a "Broken-Hearted Wife" also comes from North Carolina this week. She has two small children and up until the last few weeks her home has been happy. Her husband, however, has started staying out at nights and then comes home and "brags" about where he has been and what he has done. She wants to know how to win his love back again.

Well, personally, I don't think he's worth having and I think the best thing you can do, if you have a reliable relative or woman to take care of your children, is to find a good job and leave your husband in the gutter where he evidently enjoys wallowing.

It is understandable that a man might stray from the straight and narrow path, but for him to do such a thing and then come home and brag about it, tags him as a low order of the human race indeed. The sooner you get rid of that kind of cattle, the better off you will be.

LOUISA.

SAVE ALL POSSIBLE CLOVER SEED THIS YEAR

All farmers in Centre county who have possible crops of clover seed are urged by County Extension Agent E. C. Blaney to harvest them.

Pricing of such seed is advancing, and what the price and supply will be next spring no one knows. There was practically none of such seed left over last spring, and unless an extra large supply is harvested this fall the shortage will be serious.

Farmers who can arrange to harvest at least enough for their own needs will be in a fortunate position. Those who can thresh some to sell, in addition, will find it profitable. Home-grown seed is well adapted to local conditions and always seems to produce the best stands and the best crops.

J. B. R. Dickey, Extension Agronomist of State College, states that dry weather in most sections of Pennsylvania has favored a good set of clover seed. In Centre county, there has been more rain, and second crop clover has more growth; however, all fields should be examined for seed and where seed prospects are good, harvested for seed.

Both honey and bumble bees are important in pollinating red clover. If, for some reason they do not work on it, there will be little or no seed.

In the old days, harvesting such seeds involved mowing, raking, and other operations and a threshing machine equipped with a clover huller. Since the advent of the custom combine, the job is greatly simplified. While heavy crops may still best be cut and raked, and then threshed with a pick-up outfit, most legume seed crops are handled at one operation.

If the combine is carefully adjusted and operated, a very satisfactory job can be done. The most common mistake is to drive too fast and run much of the seed over the tail of the machine.

Often the job is done by the custom combine operator for a half share of the seed, so that the farmer has no outlay of labor or cash. Combines and high seed prices make it profitable to harvest crops so light that formerly they would not have paid for the trouble. Many combine operators harvest clover seed until severe winter weather, although there is considerable loss from shattering if the seed stands long after it is thoroughly ripe.

According to Dickey, several farmers already have harvested profitable crops of Ladino clover seed in Pennsylvania and more plan to do so. With the seed supply very short and worth well over a dollar a pound, high yields are not essential. The usual method is to make hay of the Ladino and to thresh it in the barn so that the hay, which is excellent feed, also can be saved and fed.

Sometimes it pays to run the Ladino through the threshing machine a second time. A combine can be used in this case as a stationary thrasher, and the job done at any convenient time. A dump rake may gather this short material better and with less loss of heads than a side delivery rake.

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Query & Answer Column

D. D. A.—Who invented the calabash pipe?
Ans.—It was invented by a British soldier in South Africa during the Boer War. Having broken the bowl of his pipe he hollowed out the thin end of a calabash gourd and fashioned it into a pipe.

L. S. L.—What town has the shortest name?
Ans.—In France there are two villages whose names consist of but one letter, O in the Orne Department, and Y in the Somme. In the State of Maryland there is a town named T. B.

R. J. A.—What is the most useful bird?
Ans.—The quail is by many regarded as the most useful. In spring and summer it destroys countless insects and in the autumn it eats an enormous amount of harmful weed seeds.

D. C.—What State has the largest Legislature?
Ans.—New Hampshire has the largest legislature, the total number of legislators being 467, Nebraska, with only one house, has but 43.

K. E.—What are the sacraments of the Protestant churches?
Ans.—The two sacraments, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, are generally accepted by all Christians.

A. B. P.—What is the Horizon Club?
Ans.—The Horizon Club is the senior Camp Fire Girls organization for high school girls.

F. S. W.—How long did it take Wendell Wilkie to make his trip around the world compared to the time it took Nellie Bly in 1889?
Ans.—Nellie Bly returned from a 72-day trip around the world on January 25, 1889. Wendell Wilkie left the United States on August 26, 1942, and returned on October 13, 1942. His actual flying time was 160 hours or six days and 16 hours—a little less than one-tenth of the time it took Miss Bly.

C. A. S.—How large is the octopus?
Ans.—The common octopus sometimes spans over six feet with its arms and the giant octopus has been known to have a diameter of 28 feet.

O. F. A.—Who was the ball player who bettered Walter Johnson's feat of throwing a silver dollar across the Rappahannock?
Ans.—After Walter Johnson threw a silver dollar across the Rappahannock, a distance of 372 feet, Al Wieland, shortstop for the Waukegan club of the American Association, threw four silver dollars across the Des Moines River. They went from 395 to 430 feet.

E. D. P.—How are homing pigeons trained?
Ans.—The training of pigeons begins when the bird is about four months old and consists of taking it out in a closed wicker basket and tossing it in the air at gradually increasing distances, beginning at about one mile. At the end of the first season, about 100 miles may be expected of the birds, but they do not reach their full distances until about the fifth year.

C. L.—How long did it take Magellan to travel around the world?
Ans.—The journey, begun in 1519, took 1093 days.

W. B. C.—In how many shapes do snowflakes form?
Ans.—According to the laws by which it is formed, a snowflake may assume any one of a number of possible forms running into millions of billigrams. There is no duplication.

J. E. H.—How high must one go in a building to get away from street noises?
Ans.—Under average conditions, street noises are not disturbing above the 10th or 12th floors.

R. S. H.—What colors besides black are used for mourning?
Ans.—In Ethiopia, a grayish brown resembling earth is used; in Persia the light brown of withered leaves. Sky blue, signifying hope is used in Syria and Armenia, and deep blue in Central Asia. Other colors are, violet in Turkey, white in China, and yellow in Egypt and Burma.

C. M. C.—What is the difference between condensed milk and evaporated milk?
Ans.—Condensed milk is not only reduced in water content, but also has sugar added to assist in its preservation. Evaporated milk is simply reduced in water content and then canned without added sugar.

N. F.—Are the materials which compose the earth also found on the stars?
Ans.—The materials of which the universe is composed seem to be common to all parts of it. In the sun and all the stars are found, by observation, only those chemical elements, such as iron, hydrogen, oxygen and others which are familiar on earth, and some of which go to make up man himself.

K. F. C.—What are some of the differences between a marimba and a xylophone?
Ans.—The marimba has thin rosewood bars whereas the xylophone has thick rosewood bars. The marimba is noted for its tone and the xylophone for its brilliance.

B. C. M.—Why are the bodies of animals that have died in the wild so rarely seen?
Ans.—Bodies of dead animals are largely disposed of by sexton beetles and carrion birds. The beetles dig beneath the dead animal, and after it has sunk below the surface they cover it up.

R. W. T.—When was an airplane first used to drop bombs?
Ans.—The first occasion appears to have been during the Italian campaign in Tripoli in 1911. The next use of aerial bombs was by Spanish forces in the Moroccan campaign. Bombs were dropped upon Paris on August 30, 1914.

P. E. M.—Does any State have the requirement that a judge must believe in God?
Ans.—North Carolina has this requirement.

B. H. O.—What happened to the carrier to which President Roosevelt referred as Shangri-La?
Ans.—The aircraft carrier Hornet which was referred to by President Roosevelt as Shangri-La was lost at the battle of Santa Cruz Islands, October 26, 1942. It was sunk by our own forces after it had been hopelessly disabled by the enemy.

P. D.—What industry has the largest number of accidental deaths?
Ans.—The farm work fatality was the largest recorded for any of six major branches of industry, amounting to one-fourth of all worker deaths. Since farming includes about one-fifth of all workers, the per capita rate is not as large as in other industries.

P. Z.—Is the use of sulphur important in the war effort?
Ans.—Sulphur is used in explosives, in the production of high octane aviation gasoline, manufacture of steel, lubricants, rubber plastics, insulation, and many other products important for defense equipment.

R. C. E.—How much did the largest wall-eyed pike ever captured weigh?
Ans.—This fish captured on June 16, 1942, weighed 19 pounds 2 ounces. It was caught by a woman—Hazel Griffin of Akron, Ohio.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY

AN ANCIENT PRAYER

"Give me a sense of humor, Lord, And also something to digest, Give me a healthy body, Lord, With sense to keep it at its best. "Give me a mind that is not bound This does not whimper, whine or slink."

Don't let me worry over much, About the fussy thing called I. "Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to seek a joke, To get some happiness from life, And pass it on to other folk."

The above was found in an old cathedral in England. It is applicable today as when it was written, perhaps more than two hundred years ago. It proves that people have been the same in all ages. The underlying principles, whether of the physical or spiritual man, do not change.

Many there are who think that they are very pious because they are so miserable that it even offends them to hear merry laughter. They are not pious at all, they merely mistake a sick mind for goodness. Their trouble is caused from indigestion.

It is said that the New England Puritans did not forbid bear bating because it was cruel. They objected to it because those who indulged in it derived pleasure thereby.

The "something to digest" is of the greatest importance. The majority of people in this day of enlightenment, are not eating the proper food. Thousands are overweight from overeating. Thousands more are constipated from food that is too concentrated and so the procession moves on toward chronic ill health, and an untimely grave.

Try telling these people how and what to eat and see the results you get. A few will take warning and profit by the advice but most of them are like Ephraim of old, they are "joined to their idols." They must pay the price in suffering sooner or later.

This old prayer asks God for "a mind that does not whimper, whine or slink, that does not worry over-much about the fussy thing called I." The truly unselfish soul is too busy going about duties, and trying to bring some happiness to others, to worry about self. He forgets self in thinking of others.

What a blessed grace is a sense of humor, to be able to laugh at amusing jokes or stories. Somehow a funny happening can dissipate the clouds of gloom and let the sun shine into the soul.

In these troublesome times, let us cultivate faith and courage. Paul admonishes us to be much in prayer. Only God's power can sustain and comfort us, while we are passing through the trials of this present world and when we launch out on that dark river of death, we will have a pilot who is able to bring us safely to the other shore.

WINTER BARLEY A GOOD SUBSTITUTE FOR CORN

Because of dry weather and the Japanese beetle, the size of the corn crop will be reduced on many farms this year. County Agent R. C. Blaney warns that this will mean an empty corn crib next summer long before the 1944 crop is ready to feed the stock.

Barley is an excellent substitute for corn for all classes of livestock, and new crop barley is ready to feed by midsummer, 3 or 4 months ahead of corn. While corn will produce more bushels per acre than barley, it is cheaper and easier to produce and harvest an acre of barley than of corn.

Extension agronomists of the Pennsylvania State College report that cost account records on Lancaster county farms in 1941 showed an average acre production cost of \$29.18 for barley. Allowing \$8.47 for the straw, the average cost per bushel was 43.2 cents, with an average yield of 47.9 bushels. The same farms had an average corn yield of 51 bushels per acre, a production cost of \$46.55 per acre or, allowing \$5.84 for the fodder, a cost per bushel of corn of 79.8 cents. That year was more favorable to barley than to corn. Barley weighs less per bushel than corn but is 2 per cent higher in protein. When the barley is harvested, the ground generally is ready to produce a crop of hay the next year without extra labor or expense.

With higher priced wheat and with restrictions on growing it removed, some farmers will tend to swing back to wheat. Feed grain has gone up in price as much as or more than wheat. Barley on good soil makes a lot more feed than wheat and a much more satisfactory feed. It also is a better nurse crop for clover and alfalfa.

According to the agronomists, barley should be sown a couple of weeks before the best date to sow wheat. Sowing too early may be as bad as sowing too late. It should never be put on set, poor, or very sour land. It is distinctly a good land crop. Barley should be fertilized as for wheat, or perhaps a little better. Complete fertilizer will be available again this fall, so that it can be used as it seems advisable.

The new Wong barley stands up where the old kinds lodge, and it makes excellent yields on good land, but seed supplies are limited and it may lack winter hardiness. Kentucky No. 1 is a good variety but may lodge more than common barley. It makes more straw and generally more grain and is about a week later in ripening. Beardless barley lodges and winterkills more than bearded and seldom yields as well.

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Very Probably
Policeman (to tramp sitting on top of oak tree)—"Hey What are you doing up there?"
Tramp—"I don't know. I must have sat on an acorn."

He Does, Does He?
Little Boy—"Say, mister, let me have six of those diapers."
Druggist—"Here you are, sonny. That'll be 90 cents for the diapers and 3 cents for the tax."

Be Careful
The Queen Bee is a hardy soul—
She thumbs her nose at birth control;
Which is the reason, without a doubt,
That many sons of bees are round about.

Quite Likely
One of the questions on a recent school examination paper was: "If the President of the United States died, who would get the job?"
Little Joe's answer: "A Democratic undertaker."

Pretty Close
The examiner was questioning applicants for naturalization and asked one of the prospective citizens the meaning of well-known U. S. abbreviations. He asked what "R. F. D." stood for.
A Polish gent proudly raised his hand and answered: "Ranklin Feinano Doosevelt."

Not Slique Enough
There was once a man unique,
Who imagined himself quite a shique,
But the girls didn't fall
For the fellow at all—
He made only twenty a shique.

Nice Job
She—"I'm a dairy maid in a candy factory!"
He—"What do you do?"
She—"Milk chocolates."

Munda Through Sunda
We see where the U. S. troops gain on Munda. And they're not doing so bad on Tuda, Wenda, Thursa, Frida, Saturas, and Sunda, either.

Imagine That
"My boy friend is getting along swell in the army," says Dumb Dora. "He hit a sergeant the other day and they've made him a court martial."

Have You Noticed?
Kitty has a little swing,
It isn't hard to find;
For everywhere that Kitty goes
The swing is just behind.

Gracie and George
George—"Gracie, do you know how the East Indians get down from an elephant?"
Gracie—"Don't be silly, George, they don't get down from an elephant. They get it from a goose."

Over The Waves
"I wish we'd get a few shipwrecked sailors washed ashore," mused the cannibal chief. "What I need is a good dose of salts."

New Version
Oh, Mother, may I go out to swim?
Why not, my darling daughter,
You're so darned neat; knock anyhow,
You'd look better in the water.

According to Reports
Said one burp to the other:
"Let's you and me sneak out the back way."

Helped Along
Sulter—"Willie, it may be a mean trick to tell you, but at the party last night your sister promised to become my wife. Will you ever forgive me for taking her away?"
Willie—"Forgive you? Why, that's what the party was for."

Simple Sam Says:
"They have separate wards in insane asylums for men. They're not as crazy as you think."

A Good Deed
It so happened that two salesmen traveling together had car trouble along a lonely country road, and it was necessary to stay at the first farm house all night.

Instead of finding the farmer they discovered he had died a year previous, leaving a beautiful young widow, who welcomed them in and asked that they use the spare room upstairs.

The next morning she prepared a fine breakfast and they went on their way. Five months later they were discussing that particular night and one asked the other:

"Say, you didn't by any chance sneak down stairs that night, did you?"
"Yeah," he replied, "I did."

"Well, you didn't by any chance tell her you were me, did you?"
"Yes, I did! I'm sorry."

"Well, don't be. I just got a letter from her attorney today. She died last week and left me her farm."

Wasn't His Fault
Teacher—"The earth is known to be round, and it hangs in the air without support. Tommy Smith, tell the class how you prove it."
Tommy—"I don't have to prove it. I never saw it was."

That's all, folks. When a girl sneezes it's a sign she's catching cold, and when she yawns it's a sign she's gotten cold. —SCAT"

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