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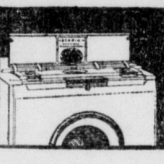
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INCOME TAX FACTS No. 5

Tax Eased on Dividends and Retirement Income

(This is one of a series of articles on income tax changes. The articles are based on information provided by the American Institute of Accountants and the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants.)

A retired couple may now receive an income of \$6,730 without paying any federal income tax whatsoever, if at least \$1,325 of their income is from dividends. This is the way it works under the new tax law (omitting cents):

Subtract dividends they are allowed to exclude (\$50 each): \$100.
 Reduce the remaining \$5,630 by the standard deduction of 10%: \$563.
 Subtract their exemptions (\$1,200 each, if they are both over 65): \$2,400.
 Taxable income: \$2,667.
 Tax at 20% (income splitting of joint return keeps them in lowest bracket): \$533.
 Subtract dividend credit, limit being 2% of \$2,667: \$53.
 Remaining tax: \$480.
 Subtract retirement income credit at 20% of taxable income up to \$1,200. Assuming both husband and wife are eligible total credit would be 20% of \$2,400 (\$480).
 Result: no tax.

Retirement Income Credit
 The computation of retirement income credit is rather complicated. You are eligible if:

1. You earned more than \$600 a year in any ten calendar years, or your deceased husband or wife did.
 2. You are at least 65 or have retired under a public retirement system other than for the U. S. armed forces.
- Your credit is 20% of your taxable income from any public retirement system (other than armed forces pensions)—and, if you are 65 or older, of your other pensions, annuities, interest, dividends and rent.
- This credit is limited to 20% of \$1,200; reduced by any social security benefits, railroad retirement benefits, and (for anyone under 75) any earned income, such as wages, salaries and professional fees, above \$900.
- The credit cannot be any more than the amount of your tax otherwise payable; that is, it cannot in itself produce a refund.

Additional Information
 Be sure to read the official instructions. You can also get help from the Internal Revenue Service, which urges you to consult only qualified advisers.

Next action: Don't Forget Job Expenses, Home and Car Deductions.

Penna. Game Commission Weekly Letter

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has reported to Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay that hunters and sport fishermen in the United States have reached the record-breaking total of 32,654,199 individuals in the last fiscal year. These persons paid almost \$85,000,000 for fishing and hunting licenses and federal duck stamps.

Hunters totaled 14,073,386 and they paid \$46,047,781 for State Resident and Non-resident Licenses, permits, tags & stamps. This amount included \$4,542,860 for migratory waterfowl stamps.

The Fish and Wildlife Service reports that, in the last fiscal year, the total of all hunting licenses sold in Pennsylvania was 889,801, for which hunters paid \$3,460,261.

Apportionment of Federal Aid in Wildlife (Pittman-Robertson) funds to the States for wildlife restoration programs is based upon the number of paid license holders.

Fat Deer
 Early in March, Philip Sloan, a Lackawanna County Game Protector, reported: "In con-

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GROWING BETTER CROPS

Making the Most of Fertilizers

American fertilizer practices have come a long way since the Indians taught the Massachusetts Bay colonists how to better corn yields by fertilizing hills with alewives, in 1621.

Today, a more profitable use of fertilizers is not only an inseparable part of overall good farm management but also essential to the high yields which help lower production costs and improve the spread between those costs and net profits.

For most commercial growers of vegetables and fruits, more profitable fertilizer practices fall into four main categories: knowing what the soil lacks for the specific crop; applying the right fertilizer at the right time; proper placement, and, through experience and consultation with county agent, cannery fieldman and other specialists, knowing how much additional fertilizer would give maximum profitable yield—not necessarily highest yield obtainable.



(U.S.D.A. Photo)
 Good fertilizer practice begins with soil testing.

Adequate Supplies
 This year growers will find fertilizer supplies adequate. Overall nitrogen, phosphate and potash stocks are expected to be sufficient in most sections, according to Dr. Willard H. Garman, agronomist of the American Plant Food Council, though he notes that shortages of specific materials have already occurred and may again in certain areas. Biggest single problem of the fertilizer industry, seasonal distribution, would be solved, Garman says, by more farmers taking delivery in the fall and winter.

A 10-15 per cent increase in fertilizer supplies over 1953 is forecast by R. L. Cook of Michigan State College department of soil science. However, if present trend of increased use continues, Cook feels that supply will barely meet demand.

Indicative of greater usage is the record of the Ohio Top Ten Tomato Club as summarized by E. C. Wittmeyer, Extension horticulturist, Ohio State University. Among the combination of practices which have boosted average yields of these growers to 16.62 tons per acre in 1953—about 30 per cent above state average—he cites an increase in average fer-

tilizer application per grower from about 600 pounds in 1948 to slightly over 800 pounds an acre in 1953 of equivalent analysis.

On crops contracted to canners, growers have stabilized prices into which to figure fertilizer costs, as well as a sure market. Though the gamble is thus lessened, high yields—which generally mean higher quality—are vital to the grower's net profit.

Placement Extremely Important
 Fertilizer placement is extremely important for best yields of canning crops, Dr. K. C. Berger of the University of Wisconsin points out. "With usual rates of fertilization only small amounts of fertilizer are used. These amounts are generally insufficient for maximum profit yields, and it is estimated that in Wisconsin farmers should use five to six times as much fertilizer as they now do for most profitable yields under current price levels."

They bring immeasurable pleasure and benefits, without mishap, to a great number of careful Pennsylvania hunters each year.

Subjects in the hunter safety course for instructors include: knowledge of guns and ammunition; safe gun handling; the hunter's responsibility; safety measures at home or in camp; and range firing. Before a prospective teacher is qualified he fires the .22 caliber rifle course and takes a written test, both of these under the supervision of the National Rifle Association.

School people, sportsmen and personnel of the Game Commission have striven for years to make people, youngsters particularly, gun safety conscious. Their efforts in this direction will no doubt continue. In the past a complete course in gun handling and hunter safety was not always available to those who wished or needed it.

The Hunter Safety Clinic at the University was the first of a hoped-to-be series of courses which will provide a corps of well-trained instructors among public school teachers, college instructors and capable, public spirited sportsmen who wish to assist in bringing about this "ounce of prevention" among shooters across Pennsylvania.

Commission Reports On Edge Development
 The importance of woodland borders for wildlife cannot be over-emphasized. Field personnel of the Game Commission have, during the past 8 months, improved almost 335,000 linear feet of woodland borders on the State Game Lands. The same type of work has been done along 63,000 linear feet additionally, also on field edges bordering woodland on Cooperative Farm-Game Projects.

By felling competitive tree growth for an average width of approximately 30 feet along these edges immediate cover is produced and a low growth of food-producing native shrubs and vines is encouraged. These edges, if continuous, would provide a border over 76 miles in length.

Relocated Portion Of Trail Dedicated
 Dedication ceremonies for the newly-relocated portion of the Appalachian Trail in the Indian-town Gap area were held Sunday, March 18, at the eastern end of Clark's Ferry Bridge.

The rite was sponsored by the Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Club. Murray H. Stevens, acted as Chairman. Hiking clubs from Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Pennsylvania were represented. Officials from various agencies of the Commonwealth were among the

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