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THE INCOME TAX A FRIEND INDEED

Officer Will be Stationed at the Board of Commerce, Pontiac, From January 9 to 12.

In a communication received by this paper, Collector of Internal Revenue, James J. Brady, announces that a federal income tax officer will be sent into this county on January 9, and will be here until January 12. He will have his office in Board of Commerce in Pontiac, and will be there every day ready and willing to help persons subject to the income tax, make out their returns without any cost to them for his services.

How many income tax payers will there be in Oakland County? If you can guess how many married persons living with wife or husband will have net incomes of \$2,000 or over, and how many unmarried persons will have net incomes of \$1,000 or over this year, then you know. The Collector of Internal Revenue estimates that there will be 2,625 taxpayers in this county.

Returns of income for the year 1917 must be made on forms provided for the purpose before March 1, 1918. Because a good many people don't understand the law and won't know how to make out their returns, the government is sending in this expert to do it for them. But the duty is on the taxpayer to make himself known to the government. If he doesn't make a return as required before March 1, he may have to pay a penalty ranging from \$20 to \$1,000, pay a fine, or go to jail. So if you don't want to take chances on going to jail, you better get on the income tax man. If you are not sure about being subject to the tax, better ask him and make sure. Whether you see the income tax man or not, you must make return if subject to tax. Of course, persons residing in other counties may, if they want to, come and see the income tax man who will be at Board of Commerce, Pontiac.

The Collector suggests that everybody start figuring up now his income and expenses so as to be ready with accurate figures when the expert arrives. Expenses, however, don't mean family expenses, money used to pay off the principal of a debt, new machinery, buildings, or anything like that. They mean what you spend in making your money, interest, taxepaid, hired help, amount paid for goods sold, seed, stock bought for feeding, rent, (except for your dwelling), etc. Income includes about every dollar you get.

Was Feeling All Run Down.
Louis Buckner, Somerset, Virginia, writes: "I was feeling all run down, tired, with pain in my back. After taking Foley Kidney Pills I felt like a new man. Backache, rheumatism, stiff joints, sore muscles, swollen ankles, and sleep-disturbing urinal ailments yielded quickly to this tried remedy. Sold everywhere.—Adv."

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
REV. WILLIAM C. MCKENIGHT, PASTOR.

We wish you all a very Happy New Year. It has been a happy year in the Tabernacle. We do not expect to do it another whole year, but we know we will be happy while here. You can be happy here too. All services next Sabbath, January 6, as usual.

At 10:30 a. m. Divinity worship and sermon. The pastor will speak on "As Jesus Passed By."
At 12 noon, Sunday School and Adult Bible Class. Classes for all ages from the youngest to the oldest.
At 6:30 p. m. Weekly devotional meeting of the young people. This is the young people's own meeting, and all young people will be welcome.
At 7:30 p. m. The popular evening service of prayer and praise. The pastor will speak on the theme, "Saved and Unsaved."
Mid-week service Wednesday evening at 7:45. A week-night service of cordial fellowship and conference. Subject for January 9, "Can the World be Evangelized in this generation." This is Sunday, January 16, communion service. All the members of the church are going to be present at this service. New members will be received.
At all services a hearty and cordial welcome for all. Strangers are welcome without a church home may find ours here.

NOTICE
To the tax payers of Bloomfield Township. It will be at the First State Bank, Birmingham Monday December 24, and every day thereafter till January 10, 1918, except Saturday, I will be at the County Treasurer's office at Pontiac.

WM. G. OLSEN, Township Treasurer.
Not the Best Way.
One way to be up with the lark is to keep the lark up all night.—Boston Transcript.
Work and Play.
The body requires a holiday, but the mind should be always at work.

WITH THE COLORS TRIALS OF FREE MAN IN ALASKA

Private E. W. Osborne Writes to Mr. Wolfehead From Watertown, Massachusetts. Read.

Dear Uncle Ben: I see by your paper on ez howt that ez gworce nichelz i kinder got darne hard up fer munny. Wen i lived in burmahim i kind der likt gworce, on if heez ser oif hard up, ider likt to bellup hum yun. Now unkl hen i wantter ast you du me er favor. I wiaht yud slip eround sorter kwit lik, en iftu finde him settin on ther colde colde stun down to ther corner er holden er led penel in wun han, and er stik ow gum eruther on shiverin lik awl pursest cuz he hante got no cole, an the terez rannin down his pore pill cheek en his tung erin owt pliz hellow fter pore, jest giv him der dollar er cent, en ider him to cantinor mit papur eruth er frow, iftu finde hez trin to plait er yud gain lik sum beggars du, doat giv him er singul sgent, ider likt to git ther papur cuz i nois sum' wot ez me dyes en i kin crost off them names and purty sum' nobody wunt ow me sumthin. Doant let nowon ez howt i rit yur nerthin. I shud ges there ere burmahim pepul mite cend hum sum pertater partrins en chin kepaw en sich like, stuf wots ben left from kramis, en if they phelt reid, ecide they cude make him er nise apout er sun uv um, en i ges ez howt yud, hez ole pod stik owt. gude by unkl hen en i hope yud er tend to ut er wots.

Yure luvin neez, abigul ortergo, mush rat holler, kansas.

Had the Grip Three Weeks.
With January comes the gripe. Lingerin colds seem to settle in the system, causing one to ache all over, feel feverish and chilly, tired, heavy and drooping. Mrs. Lizzie Tyles, Henderson, Kentucky, writes: "My daughter had the gripe for three weeks. I gave her Foley's Honey and Tar, and now she is all right. Sold everywhere.—Adv."

ADVERTISED LETTERS.
List of letters remaining uncalled for at Birmingham, Michigan Postoffice on December 27:

- Bassett, Jay
- Bailey, F. G.
- Bowers, Amos
- Beach, J. B.
- Beckman, Miss Elsie
- Bierman, Mr. and Mrs.
- Barnes, Miss Jess
- Cannon, J. B.
- Crane, A. B. and the Misses
- Devin, Thomas
- Erwin, E. G.
- Gillett, Mr. and Mrs. John
- Gifford, J. J. C.
- Herrington, Harvey M.
- Johnson, Mrs. E. E.
- Limestone, L.
- Low, W. E.
- Morvan, K. L.
- Marshall, Mr. J. W.
- Nichols, Mrs. E. S.
- Hammond, Byron, Iron Co.
- Randall, F.
- Sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. C.
- St. John, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond
- Schultz, R.
- Simmons, Mrs. Zilpha
- Smith, Miss Elizabeth
- Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley
- Sullivan, C. C.
- Thorne, Miss J. L.
- Taling, J.
- Wenzlaff, Miss Marie

POST CARDS
Bradley, Master Roy (2)- Clark, Mrs. Cassie
- Devils, Master Thomas (2)
- Dunn, Miss C.
- Drew, W. C.
- Fawcett, Mrs. Foster
- Frederick, Albert
- Moore, Handley Hild Co.
- McGregor, Mrs. Wm.
- Miller, Mrs. Christine
- Newson, Mrs. Chan.
- Porter, Miss Vera
- Perring, Mr. and Mrs. Ira (2)
- Rinker, Howard
- Sealey, Thomas D.
- Whitney, Miss Grace
- Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George
- Walsh, Miss Maude

HELD FOR POSTAGE.
Dr. and Mrs. O. F. Knowles.
Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised."

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

Progress of Civilization.
The infant asylum as it exists today is a modern institution. Time was when people whose minds were disturbed were permitted to mix with the world except when they developed violent symptoms making them obvious dangers to themselves and then they were confined, sometimes in chains, as if they were wild beasts, with no provision for medical attendance and no attempt at moral and intellectual re-education.

Our Honey Offer—This and So.
Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, inclose 5 cents to Foley & Co., 2835 Sheffield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs and colds; Foley Kidney Pills, and Foley Cathartic Tablets. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Flower Calendar.
At Grassie, a town in southern France, the seasons are marked by harvests of flowers, for this is the center of perfume making. In February and March violets and jessamines are the crop. In the summer months, roses, orange blossoms and tuberoses fill the air. In the autumn the lavender is carried to the factories in baskets, on donkey backs and in wagons. All of these flowers are treated in much the same way. They are struck into pure white fat, which draws out all of their perfume. This fat becomes the basis for most of the popular and perfumes for which Paris is famous.

Private E. W. Osborne Writes to Mr. Wolfehead From Watertown, Massachusetts. Read.

Dear Mr. Whitehead: Well at last I am down here in the Watertown Arsenal Barracks and feel like a regular soldier. I suppose that after our five weeks, we will get passed on some port on the eastern coast as the newspaper writers are fond of putting it.

Our business is the handling of arms and ammunitions, so we study the subject and take lectures morning, noon and night. Our officers instruct us and in all respects control our lives, liberty and pursuit of happiness. They are good fellows, and of course we all propose to follow in their footsteps if we ever get our shoulder straps. We don't leave there until we qualify as Ordnance Sergeants. From that point on we will have to perform in a classy manner, I guess to get further promotions. The crowd consists almost entirely of college men and we are treated exceptionally well both as to quarters and food. We have the utmost in the way of liberty and I have taken advantage of the opportunity to visit Lexington, Concord, Bunker Hill, the Old Smith Church and other historic spots in this locality. We are just five miles out of Boston and have invitations to eat Christmas dinners with several private families in town. Scarcely a day goes by that some society woman does not get up some sort of a jamboree for our benefit.

Young Dave Lovison is down here and wishes me to send her regards. We appreciate the Birmingham Eccentric and when any Harvard man throws s bouquets at the Boston Transcript we come back at him hard and he has to admit his ignorance after which we just tolerate him.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I am,
PRIVATE E. W. OSBORNE.

Her Trouble is Gone.
Mrs. Thomas H. Davis, Montgomery, Indiana, says she had trouble with her back for several months, and after several months without relief, when Foley Kidney Pills were recommended and she commenced taking them, she felt relief. They relieve backache, rheumatic pains, stiff, swollen joints, and kidney trouble. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
EARL R. RICE, PASTOR.

Regular services for Sunday, January 6. Public worship, with sermon by the pastor, at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 11:20 noon. Eworh-B Church at 6:30. Class Meeting at 6:45. A hearty welcome is extended to all, and strangers are cordially greeted.

The prayer meeting of the church is held each Wednesday evening, at 7:45. It lasts one hour. Come.

The "Watch-night" service on Monday night last, was well attended. A good program held attention until 12 o'clock.

A mess meeting with supper and program will be held in the dining room to-night (Friday) at 6:30. Mr. Bert Wermuth, associate editor of the Chicago Farmer, will be the principal speaker. All men cordially invited.

The Queen Esther Circle meets at the home of Gladys Smith, Monday evening, January 7.

The regular meeting of the official Board of the church, at 7:45 p. m. Board meeting at 7:45 p. m. All members are urged to be present.

The Epworth League is preparing for a series of meetings for the week, Jan. 13 to 20. All young people of the community are invited. Something interesting is planned for every night, and young people work for young people will be specially emphasized. The complete program will be published next week.

25-YEAR SEARCH REWARDED
Brother and Sister Have Been Hunted for Each Other for Quarter of a Century.
Middletown, N. Y.—After 25 years of search for each other, Mrs. Raymond Miller of Canaseroga, N. Y., and her brother, W. H. Vandervoort of Walton, N. Y., met again at a reunion in her home. Mr. Vandervoort had not seen his sister since she was thirteen months old.
Mrs. Vandervoort is employed as trainman by the New York, Ontario & Western railroad. His parents died when he was a child. His sister was adopted and went to live at Canaseroga, in Allegany county, with a woman who died last year. In that man's home Mr. Vandervoort found his sister. Since he was ten years old he has been endeavoring to find her.
On the death of the woman who adopted her, Mrs. Miller obtained the adoption papers which disclosed to her for the first time that she had a brother. She wrote to the authorities at Middletown and quickly was put in communication with Mr. Vandervoort.

Wishing You All A Very Happy New Year

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CIRCUIT COURT NEWS.

Twenty-six criminal cases to date appear upon the Circuit Court calendar for trial at the January term. F. O. St. Dennis, charged with embezzlement; Arthur Best, driving auto while intoxicated; Robert Besty, violation of Local Option law; Charles E. Coe, embezzlement of money of Commerce township; William M. Johnson, driving automobile while intoxicated; Charles Church, removing contract property; Stephen Calk, gross indecency; Edna Montross, drunk on interurban car; Elena Kackicili, violation of local option law; Lawrence E. Schnell, fraud and Oversee of Highway in Royal Oak township; Charles Baker, fraud, as Highway Commissioner of Royal Oak township; Mito Maricoff, obtaining money by fraud; Floyd T. Sprague and Amy E. Rhodes, adultery; Floyd E. Goodell, larceny from office; Clifford Kay, unlawfully driving away automobile; Richard Wilson, breaking jail; Thomas Kealey and Charles Caldwell, unlawfully driving away automobile; Fred Patton, carrying concealed weapon; Clifford Stone, section; William Griswood, robbery, being armed with dangerous weapon; Frank Gilbert, burglary; Ruth Gordonoff, abandonment; Frank Asher, carrying concealed weapon; Clem J. Vermaer, arson; and Theodore Cronwell, serious statutory offense. This is the largest number of criminal cases which has appeared for trial in the Circuit Court at any one term for a number of years. Over three hundred witnesses have been summoned to appear and give their testimony when the cases are reached.

THIS "HAM" PROVED POLICEMAN INSTEAD

Memphis, Tenn.—For many years John Thomas, a negro, went about with a pig on his back and carried it to the end of a rope, lower it in the elevator shaft, and after everybody else had left the building, haul it up and carry it away. A few weeks ago John thought the load was uncommonly heavy. He was certain of it when he opened the bag. A policeman stepped out and a little later John occupied a seat in the patrol wagon.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
CORNER BROWN AND WOODWARD.
DAVID H. CURRY, PASTOR.

Sabbath School at 2 p. m. We have a class and a cheerful greeting for you and yours.

Preaching by the Pastor at 3 and 7:30 p. m. Messages that will aid you in the fight against sin.

Young Peoples Meeting at 6:30 p. m. Forty-five minutes of song, prayer and the discussion of a timely topic. All welcome.

Congregational Prayer-meeting every Wednesday at 7:45 p. m. Come in and spend an hour apart from the cares of the daily tasks.

The Church where you may enter as a stranger but will leave as a friend, and where you will be helped, helpful, and happy.

The area of Alaska is 500,888 square miles and of the United States, exclusive of Alaska and insular possessions, is 3,618,484 square miles.

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NOTICE TO PARENTS

Have you a son overseas? Have you a son in the U. S. service?

We would be pleased to print their letters—leaving out the personal and home matters. Such letters would prove very interesting to our readers. Bring them in and we will do our part.

THE ECCENTRIC.

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
FIFTH AND WILLIAMS, ROYAL OAK.
German and English services every Sunday.
German, 10:00 a. m.
English, 11:00 a. m.
English Sunday School, 12:00 m.
German service every Tuesday during Lent at 8 p. m.
Everybody welcome.

With the Sages
A hero is he that taking both reputation and life in his hands, with perfect unflinching, dare the globe and the mob, by the absolute truth of his speech and rectitude of his behavior.—Emerson.

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