

Federal Tax Bite, \$7,994,000 Locally

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Individual income tax payments next month by residents of Birmingham will have to meet and numerous if government forecasts are to work out right.

Indications are, from an examination of local income figures, that the returns will be almost as large as they were last April, when taxpayers in the city turned in approximately \$19,254,000 to cover their 1960 obligations.

THE FIGURES are based on the overall report of the Treasury Department covering the State of Michigan, together with unofficial data on income groupings and average earnings locally.

They show that personal tax returns from Birmingham amounted to 0.59 per cent of the \$1,169,000,000 in total taxes collected, as against 0.57 per cent a year ago.

This includes the amounts deducted from wages, week by week, via withholding.

BY APRIL 16, which is the final payment of the taxes, the Government estimates that it will have received, nationwide, a total of \$46.1 billion, or \$12 billion more than it collected last April.

For the individual community, the payments will be greater or smaller than before, depending on the change in the number of taxpayers and the size of total earnings in the year.

On this basis, Birmingham residents are expected to contribute to the Treasury some \$7,994,000.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S new budget, which calls for record-breaking spending, rests on the assumption that the next year will be a banner one, for business and for wage earners.

It contemplates a gross national product of \$570 billion, \$50 billion greater than in the past fiscal year. The increase in revenue that it would produce, it reasons, would keep the budget in balance.

AS TO PERSONAL incomes, they are expected to reach a grand total of \$418 billion, causing personal income taxes to rise from the present \$40 billion to \$43.9 billion.

If Birmingham residents are to increase their tax payments next year by a proportionate share of this amount, they will have to earn at least 6.9 per cent more on the average, than they did during 1960.

Seek Statement Of Records on Social Security

Self-employed persons who have been reporting their earnings for social security would do well to ask for a statement of their official records. William E. LaRock, manager of the Pontiac social security office advises.

"Social security records are as accurate as the returns they are based on," he explained, "but it is almost as large as they were last April, when taxpayers in the city turned in approximately \$19,254,000 to cover their 1960 obligations."

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THE IMPORTANCE of making sure the earnings from self-employment have been properly credited arises from the fact that each report covers a full year, or four quarters of coverage.

And since eligibility for all benefits and retirement, disability and disability — is based on having enough "quarters of coverage" to show that taxpayers are working and in some instances even the address is omitted.

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Post card forms to be used in obtaining a statement of the earnings credited to your social security account are available at any social security office, he added.

A new leaflet, "Social Security Benefits — How You Earn Them," is also available on request. The pamphlet, which is available by mail, telephone, or in person.

Death Toll Hits New Low on State Rural Highways

There were fewer traffic deaths on Michigan's rural state highways during 1961 than during any other year since the gas rationing days of World War II, the State Highway Department announced.

State Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie said a study of 1961 traffic accidents in Michigan shows that 554 persons were killed in traffic accidents on rural state roads.

"That's 63 less than died on rural state highways during 1960 and the lowest number of deaths on these roads since 1945 when the death toll was 357," Mackie said.

Mackie said the study shows a considerable improvement from the 897 deaths in 1955 when the death toll on rural state highways hit its peak.

"The death toll will be reduced even further as these modern highways are built and opened to traffic," Mackie said.

Highway department studies show that freeways now in use have about 75 per cent fewer accidents and casualties than the old highways they replaced.

Of 1,655 traffic deaths in Michigan during 1961, 75 per cent were on rural state highways. This percentage has declined considerably since 1955 when 85 per cent of all traffic deaths were on rural state highways.

STRICTLY FRESH

Some say that inflation is that period when everybody is so rich that no one can afford anything.

Sandwich spread is what you get from eating between meals.

Some people who complain about the high cost of food have the figures to prove it.

Adult education will continue to be a part of American life as long as the kids get homework.

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NATURE NOW

By Lydia King Frehe
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Skunk Cabbage Earliest Of Plants in This Range

Naturalists who wander around early in the marshes and swamps are now seeing the bloom of the earliest plant in our range, the skunk cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*).

To see this early flower one must kneel beside a gesture which puts the beholder in a position to appreciate its unusual structure and its beauty. It is a cousin (in the arum family) of the spotted calla lily. Its mottled spathe resembles a monk's cap, as it is called around the central spathol of the flower with the same gesture of grace and elegant simplicity.

THE SPATHE is variously colored, mottled and striped. It may be purple-black, rich purple or dull rusty-red, these mingled with shades of white, green or yellow.

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By September the spathe has developed into a column of bright red fleshy berries enclosing the bullet-like seeds.

THE SPECIES name "foetidus" is a key to the unpleasant odor of their dappled cowl.

AS THE DAYS lengthen, the life of the marsh will awaken. All that grows will in its own time give voice to its pattern and kind. The flowers which will be seen in the marshes will be seen in the marshes. The flowers which will be seen in the marshes will be seen in the marshes.

Wills Are Safeguards For Family Security

Where there's a "will," there's a way, and where there isn't, there's a mess. Usually, lengthy legal complications take a long time to settle and often cause family hardship. To avert such an expense can be eliminated if wills are prepared.

First, sit down and discuss the subject thoroughly with your husband. You or he might want to make some notes on how you'd like to leave things. Then, get in touch with your family lawyer. He's the right man to do the job and can give you a clear, accurate understanding of how a will protects you, the children and the property involved.

If you have no lawyer, ask your broker to recommend one or call the local Bar Association listed in the phone book. The table set will give you several names to pick from. (See WILLS, 5-B)

Internal Revenue Issues Mich. Sales Tax Table

R. I. Nixon, district director of Internal Revenue, reminds taxpayers showing the amount which may be claimed as a deduction for Michigan sales tax are available at local Internal Revenue offices.

This table shows there may be used as a guide to determine the amount which may be claimed in absence of definite proof of payment.

Nixon added that the law requires taxpayers to substantiate their deduction claims with receipts and, if requested, they must be prepared to do so. Ordinarily, however, they will not be asked to support the sales tax deduction claimed unless it exceeds the

DOWN TO EARTH

Now Is Time of Year To Apply Fertilizer

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME
Special Writer in the Birmingham Eccentric

The roll is being called: Do you have fertilizer on your lawn? In this world there is a time for everything, and the right time is best time to fertilize. Interest those grass roots, into forming a mass of soil growth. It will be your goal all year long as the weeds attempt to raise their ugly heads.

REGARDLESS of the base of your lawn cover you will find that a top-dressing of good fertilizer is far better than a top-dressing of good fertilizer. The soil coverage will have a tendency to harass you while the peat moss in the soil should be black and a little screened will provide the moisture holding

WHEN SEEDING a lawn area many like to use a mulch over the seeds to prevent erosion and drying out. This mulch may be a loose one which can be swept by the yard and anchored with nails, sphagnum moss and now many are using polyethylene plastic covering. This latter suggestion will act as a miniature greenhouse which will retain the moisture which will drip back on the soil.

MRS. J. C. CALHOUN, an outstanding horticulturist in this area, feels that you use far less seed if you use the broadcast method. This broadcast method will give you the best results for your seed, releasing it with the twist of a handle.

When you compare the broadcast method with the seed spreader which you wheel over the surface of the ground.

When you put in a new member you must provide the warmth but you must provide the moisture. As for when you might apply seed killer after you have sown new seed, there should be two cuttings of the new grass. It is assured that the seedlings will not be too tender for the treatment.

By June and when the mower has sharpened each year so that the blades will not chew the grass and give an uneven effect.

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PANAMA AND THE CANAL Zone: This stop was recently enjoyed by your columnist during a cruise of the Franca C.M.S. It is the youngest of the American Republics having been recognized by the United States in 1903.

Upon seeing the Canal all I could say was "it's a wonder!"

The story of the tribulations of its construction had always remained vivid in my mind. It takes eight hours for a boat to go from the Pacific to the Atlantic or vice versa. The famous vessel pays \$1,700 and saves \$50,000, cutting \$4,000 miles and 20 days from the trip. The boats are raised or lowered 85 feet.

The boat stopped at Colon, Panama and for 20 miles we drove through beautiful jungles and it was always looking for the panoramic view of the canal.

El Panama Hilton is fairly new and is ready to offer the guests their usual hospitality. Their landscaping of the grounds provided many lessons for the home gardener.

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Sales Tax Table

The Internal Revenue Service says this table may be used for figuring your Michigan sales tax.

Income Shown	Single persons	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons	9 persons	10 persons
1,000.00-1,250.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
1,250.00-1,500.00	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05
1,500.00-1,750.00	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10
1,750.00-2,000.00	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15
2,000.00-2,250.00	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20
2,250.00-2,500.00	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
2,500.00-2,750.00	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30
2,750.00-3,000.00	.35	.35	.35	.35	.35	.35	.35	.35	.35	.35
3,000.00-3,250.00	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40
3,250.00-3,500.00	.45	.45	.45	.45	.45	.45	.45	.45	.45	.45
3,500.00-3,750.00	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50
3,750.00-4,000.00	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55
4,000.00-4,250.00	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60
4,250.00-4,500.00	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65
4,500.00-4,750.00	.70	.70	.70	.70	.70	.70	.70	.70	.70	.70
4,750.00-5,000.00	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75
5,000.00-5,250.00	.80	.80	.80	.80	.80	.80	.80	.80	.80	.80
5,250.00-5,500.00	.85	.85	.85	.85	.85	.85	.85	.85	.85	.85
5,500.00-5,750.00	.90	.90	.90	.90	.90	.90	.90	.90	.90	.90
5,750.00-6,000.00	.95	.95	.95	.95	.95	.95	.95	.95	.95	.95
6,000.00-6,250.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
6,250.00-6,500.00	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05
6,500.00-6,750.00	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10
6,750.00-7,000.00	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15
7,000.00-7,250.00	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20
7,250.00-7,500.00	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
7,500.00-7,750.00	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30
7,750.00-8,000.00	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35
8,000.00-8,250.00	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40
8,250.00-8,500.00	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.45
8,500.00-8,750.00	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
8,750.00-9,000.00	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55
9,000.00-9,250.00	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60
9,250.00-9,500.00	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.65
9,500.00-9,750.00	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70
9,750.00-10,000.00	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75

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