

# Most States Collect Taxes On Gas, Sales, Cigarettes

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Taxes imposed by the various states differ considerably, but there appears to be a definite trend to stick with a few main sources of income.

In addition to state income taxes, three of the most common sources of income for state operations are gasoline, sales and cigarette levies. A traveler in the United States will find some 10 states where he does not have to pay a state sales tax. A sales tax also is in effect in Washington, D. C.

ALL OF THE 50 states impose a tax on gasoline sales, including Alaska and Hawaii, and all states except Oregon, Colorado and North Carolina have imposed levies on cigarettes.

The range of sales taxes is from two to four per cent, with most states levying a three per cent tax. Five to eight cents is imposed per gallon of gas purchased. Among those levying a tax on cigarettes, several Southwestern states have enacted an eight-cent package tax.

Most of the others range from two to seven cents and two states tax cigarettes on a percentage-per-pack basis.

Michigan uses all three of these popular sources. The state imposes six cents tax on each gallon of gas, four per cent on sales and seven cents per package on cigarettes.

DEMOCRATIC leaders could easily be in a long line in 1964 to challenge Gov. George Romney if he runs for a second term.

The current special session and its outcome will largely determine whether there is to be a feast or a famine of Democratic office seekers next year.

Former Gov. John B. Swainson, Congressman-at-Large Neil Stuebber, Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie, Atty. Gen. Frank Kelly, Secretary of State James M. Hare, State Central Committee Chairman Zoltan Ferency and a number of others have been most frequently mentioned as the likely candidates for governor on the Democratic ticket.

IF ROMNEY is successful in accomplishing fiscal reform during the special session, the Democratic Party likely will have a real sell-

ing job to find someone to run against him.

If substance of some Republican legislators produces only partial success of the governor's program, however, any and all of the possible Democratic candidates would be eager to get a swing at him.

Needless to say, anything less than complete success would give a Democratic candidate much ammunition for a 1964 campaign.

ALCOHOLISM, AT its worst a silted and a serious mental illness at best, has been the object of new attitudes by corrections officials and the general public in recent years.

Ever since 10 years ago, according to the Michigan Board of Alcoholism, people wouldn't even talk about alcoholism, much less trying to understand it.

Today, however, George Stewart, the board's educational director, says the public is becoming more interested in alcoholism as a problem and more alcoholics are admitting that they have a problem.

"Most people felt about 10 years ago that if they forgot about alcoholism, it might just go away," said Stewart.

TODAY a number of voluntary agencies offer community referral information for treatment of alcoholism, and some hospitals have set up special alcoholism wards staffed by personnel skilled in treating the problem.

In the state's five major correctional institutions and 13 rehabilitation camps, special programs are in use to help the alcoholic adjust to society, according to Robert Scott, an assistant director of the Corrections Department.

"We now talk about alcoholism not strictly as a problem but as a problem which can be treated," he said.

THE YEAR-END holiday season often poses problems about which

many citizens are confused, according to the consumer protection division of the attorney general's office.

These problems arise through the gimmick of sending unopened items through the mail.

The person receiving the package also receives a bill. If he fails to pay for the greeting cards, book, toy, clothing, or what have you, he soon gets a series of dunning letters threatening all kinds of stern measures if payment isn't forwarded immediately.

ATTY. GEN. Frank J. Kelley emphasizes that there is a very distinct right of the person who has received any unopened merchandise.

First, you need never accept items you did not order. You may return the package to the mailman unopened. If you should open the package, however, there is still no obligation to return it or pay for it.

As long as you do not use the merchandise, you have no legal obligation to pay for it. Kelley's advice is to disregard the dunning collection letters.

The merchandise should be kept for a reasonable period of time. If it is not picked up by the sender, or if you are not provided the postage to return it, you are entirely within your legal rights to dispose of it, according to Kelley.

Square Dance Team Stars on Horseback

Two Birmingham residents are members of the Golden H Corral Square Dance Team, which will perform a square dance on horseback at the Pontiac corral's third annual Festival and Stallion Awards beginning at noon Sept. 22.

The local members are Mrs. Virginia Varkle of Brookridge Road and Zangwell Segall of N. Pebble Creek Road.

# Seek Canines For Leader Dog Training

There is an urgent need for friendly German Shepherds, Labradors and Golden Retrievers to enter the training program at the Leader Dog School, Rochester, according to Harold L. Pocklington, executive director.

Anyone having a potential Leader Dog, between the ages of 18 and two years, is invited to write the school for a questionnaire form. Upon receipt of the completed questionnaire, the school will determine whether the dog is eligible.

ALL POTENTIAL Leader Dogs must be fully grown (at least 24 inches at the shoulders), completely friendly and fairly good looking. Pocklington said. During the last year 140 dogs were graduated from the Leader Dog School.

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# Highest Civilian Honor

Birmingham resident Malcolm P. Ferguson, president of The Bendix Corp., examines the United States Air Force Recognition Plaque, the highest civilian honor the AAF can bestow, tendered him Sept. 4 in ceremonies at the Detroit Athletic Club. Among those attending the presentation honoring Ferguson, 31060 Stafford Drive, for his firm's promotion activities in behalf of the Air Force were (from left) Raymond T. Perring

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Willard E. Munro, Atty., 1620 Dime Bldg., Detroit 26, GR 5777

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN G. WOOD, Deceased.

Present, Hon. Donald E. Adams, Judge of Probate.

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It is Ordered, that the 1st day of October A. D. 1965 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Court in the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, be and is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition.

It is further Ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered or certified mail with return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

And it is further Ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

DONALD E. ADAMS, Judge of Probate. (26-28)

### Legal Notices

Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, Atty., 318 Wabek Bldg., Birmingham, Mich., 72-8110

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. In the Matter of the Estate of Karen Lynn Schwartz, Minor.

Present, Hon. Donald E. Adams, Judge of Probate.

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Eleanor Flinn Vinnall, guardian of said estate having filed in said Court her final annual account, and petition praying for the examination, allowance thereof, and for the allowance of fees.

It is Ordered, that the 23rd day of September A. D. 1965 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Court in the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, be and is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition.

It is further Ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered or certified mail with return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

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David F. Breck, Atty., 199 Pierce St., Birmingham, 81-999

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Pontiac, said County, on the 28th day of August, 1965.

Present, Honorable Donald E. Adams, Judge of Probate.

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Maurice C. Ranford, Administrator of said estate having filed in said Court a petition, praying for license to sell at private sale the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described.

It is Ordered, that the 20th day of September, 1965 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said Court, at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell the interest of said estate in said real estate should not be granted.

And it is further Ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered or certified mail with return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

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