

Information Concerning Sales Tax

The 1963 Indiana Sales Tax

The new Indiana state gross retail tax, hereafter referred to as the sales tax, is basically a 2% sales tax on retail sales. The new law adopts generally the same language and definitions and accounting procedures as are set forth in the Indiana Gross Income Tax Act. Therefore, as a general rule of thumb, taxable sales will be those sales which constitute selling at retail under the gross income tax and the taxable sales price will be the amount treated under the Gross Income Tax Act as gross income received from selling at retail. Trade-ins will thus be deductible; the same accounting procedures will be applicable, i. e., cash or accrual basis and calendar year or fiscal year, as however used for gross income tax reporting.

The sales tax will also be applicable to the furnishing of local telephone, telegraph, electric, water and gas utility services and to the furnishing of transient lodgings for periods of less than thirty days.

Effective Date Of Tax

The sales tax will be first applicable with respect to sales of tangible personal property delivered to the purchaser on or after July 1, 1963. Accordingly, an order received on June 10th and paid for on such date will nonetheless be a taxable sale if the merchandise is delivered to the purchaser on or after July 1, 1963. The only exception to tax liability for merchandise delivered after July 1 is merchandise ordered prior to March 1, 1963, and paid for prior to July 1, 1963, which merchandise, to the extent of such payment, will be nontaxable regardless of the time of delivery.

Exemptions

Exempted from the sales tax are:

1. Interstate sales;
2. Federal or state retail excise taxes collected by the retail merchant and the federal manufacturers' excise tax on motor vehicles and tires if such tax is separately charged;
3. Sales to the federal government;
4. Sales of tangible personal property directly consumed or used in farming, including sales of livestock for breeding or resale;
5. Sales of wrapping materials and nonreturnable containers;
6. Sales of newspapers;
7. Sales of tangible personal property or service directly used or consumed in the rendering of public transportation of persons or property;
8. Sales to state and local governmental agencies of property predominantly used in governmental activities;
9. Sales of manufacturing and

agricultural equipment and sales of public utility services when predominantly used for manufacturing or agricultural purposes;

10. Sales of school meals to children and school employees at schools having grades one through twelve; and

11. Sales and purchases by churches, hospitals, schools, accredited colleges and other organizations wholly exempt from the gross income tax.

All sales of property which would be recognized as wholesale sales under the Gross Income Tax Act will also be exempt.

Use Tax

The new law also imposes a use tax on the use, storage or other consumption in Indiana of tangible personal property purchased at retail by a consumer in sales not subject to the sales tax, that is, to incoming interstate sales and to property purchased elsewhere and brought into Indiana by the purchaser. The same exemptions apply to the use tax except for the interstate sales exemption and, therefore, the use tax will apply to the same type of transactions as are subject to the retail tax.

Registration Requirements

The new law requires retail merchants to register on or before June 15th with the Gross Income Tax Division and to obtain for each store a Register-Retail Merchant Certificate at a cost of \$3.50 per certificate, which certificates, renewable annually at the same cost, shall be in lieu of the presently required store licenses. The registration fee will not be payable 1963 for any store for which a 1963 store license has already been acquired. Manufacturers and wholesalers are permitted to register voluntarily at a cost of \$3.50, and all registered retail merchants, wholesalers and manufacturers and all governmental agencies are authorized to issue to their respective suppliers Exemption Certificates in the procurement of property in exempt transactions, which shall relieve such suppliers from any liability to collect tax from the person issuing the Exemption Certificate.

Miscellaneous Provisions

No motor vehicle purchased after July 1, 1963, may be first licensed to the owner without proof of payment of the sales tax or the use tax or proof of no tax liability.

The new act further amends the gross income tax act to subject state agencies, colleges and universities to liability for the gross income tax when performing private or proprietary business activities and repeals the store license act.

THE FEVER MOUNTS



Clean Up Campaign Kicked Off With Sweeping Results



The Chamber of Commerce's Clean Up-PAINT UP campaign was kicked off Saturday morning with real enthusiasm as about 40 members, equipped with brooms, started the ball rolling with a sweeping of the business district. At 8:00 a.m., two teams busily started sweeping at opposite ends of the business area and swept to the middle in quest of winning a cup of coffee and a roll. In the meantime, getting the dirt and debris cleaned up was the main objective.

The teams, headed by Jerry Rains and Dr. William Carter really had the brooms moving and it was a bitter pill for the good doctor to swallow when he saw the complete superiority of the Rains' team doing an outstanding job of cleaning and approaching the line at the same time. The plea entered by the doctor was for a tie, but in the hearts of the forty hard workers, there was no doubt about the outcome.

Immediately after the sweeping, the Walkerton Fire Department followed along with two trucks and their jeep and did a very efficient job of washing down the same area. Their efforts made the two block area shine and all were just a little proud at the appearance after they completed their washing job. The Chamber wishes to thank the Fire Department and the

Town Employees who assisted so much in this kickoff of the cleaning drive.

Now it is up to the rest of the town. This was hoped to be the kickoff of a town-wide clean-up campaign that would make our town look much more attractive. In addition to the cleaning of properties and homes, the business district and open lots, the Chamber is further helping by having the old onion storage ruins at the west edge of Walkerton leveled. The foundation has been bulldozed in and leveled and will be filled as the fill material is available. This was done Saturday and has made a vast improvement in that end of the town. Ronnie Drake was hired for this job with his bulldozer. The fill will continue until the large hole is leveled and then top soil will be put over the ruins in an effort to grow grass in that spot. This has been an eyesore to travelers on U. S. 6 for many years.

A man being interviewed for a job was asked by the personnel director: "Are you married?" "No," replied the applicant, "but I can take orders, if that's what you mean".

The fellow who falls too often for the something for nothing line is apt to wind up a hitch-hiker.

"Hard Workers" Bring \$296.00 At Public Auction

The hard Workers Auction, at the Lions Benefit Card Party Friday night, brought a total of \$296.00 to the Jim Lowry Fund as the Lions held their fund raising drive in the combination card party and auction. The hard workers became hotly contested as Board of Directors. Jim is a member of the club.

Bidding on several of the members became hotly contested as their services were needed by more than one party. One member's wife even felt she needed her husband for a little work around the house but lost out to a group of bidders in the hottest bidding of all. All had a good time and the work is yet to come for the twelve volunteers.

The run down on the workers and their purchasers is as follows:

Hard Worker	Bought By
George Parks	Bob Urbin
Buck Kepcha	Dave & Ray's
Jim Reed	Art Benson
Bob Urbin	Doll's Service Sta.
Jerry Rains	Art Benson
"Jake" Powell	Gus Verkler
"Pete" Daley	Walk. Lbr. Co.
Dick Cline	Bob Hiler, Lee Welch
Ray Kaminski	Bob Hocker
Mel Alwine	Bob's Furn. Mart
Denslow Doll	George Parks
Bob Hiler	Six Lion Members

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IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS FROM YESTERYEARS

The first Kentucky Derby was held May 17, 1875. The first U.S. adhesive postage stamp was issued, May 17, 1847.

Some 300 colonists were massacred by Indians in Virginia, May 18, 1644. A general price ceiling on retail goods went into effect, May 18, 1942.

The first immigration quota act was passed by U.S., May 19, 1921. Prime Minister Winston Churchill addressed U.S. Congress, May 19, 1943.

The U.S. Army's first pilot school opened at College Park, Maryland, May 20, 1911. Charles A. Lindberg took off on first solo trans-Atlantic flight, May 20, 1927.

Lewis and Clark left St. Louis for a trip up the Missouri River, May 21, 1804. The American Red Cross was founded, May 21, 1881.

The treason trial of Aaron Burr opened at Richmond, Virginia, May 22, 1807.

The German battleship, "Bismarck" was destroyed, May 23, 1940.