

'LITTLE FELLOW' BENEFITS UNDER NEW TAX LAW

Loopholes Plugged Up by Bill Just Signed by Roosevelt.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
WASHINGTON, May 11.—The tax law signed by President Roosevelt yesterday is designed to raise \$417,000,000 in new revenue, close loopholes which in the past have been the avenues of widespread tax avoidance, and to lessen the tax burden upon smaller incomes.

Drafted with an eye to revelations in the senate stock market investigation, the bill as it emerged from more than three months of congressional re-shaping, tightened up many of the provisions which in the past have yielded to tax evasion methods.

The married man with an income of \$25,000 or less will find his income tax reduced next year. The difference is proportionately greater in the smaller brackets. A married man with no dependents, having a net income of \$5,000, for instance, will pay \$80 instead of \$100.

Estate Tax Rates

Surtax and estate tax rates are increased, the theory of the law being that a man who works for his living should be taxed less heavily than the man whose income is derived from incomes or inheritances.

An example of this is the surtax rate which ranges from 4 to 59 per cent on net incomes of from \$4,000 to \$100,000. The prior law ranged from 1 per cent to 31 per cent, with net income subject to surtaxes only at \$6,000 or more.

The income tax provisions start with 1934 incomes, that is, with returns due next March 15.

The increased estate taxes are exemplified by a tax of \$11,600 on a net estate of \$200,000, as compared with a tax of \$9,500 under present law.

Further emphasis upon the idea of smaller taxes for persons whose income is derived from wages or salary is given in two other features of the tax bill.

No Deductions Given

Income taxes under the present law have no deductions for earned income. The new law gives a 10 per cent reduction, earned income being considered as the first \$14,000 of income.

Another example of this is the double exemptions permitted before the surtax rates apply. A married man can take his \$2,500 exemption both for normal tax and for surtax purposes. This means that, while surtax rates start at \$4,000, a married person does not become subject to them until his income is at least \$6,500.

A summary of the new tax bill:

PERSONAL INCOME TAXES

Normal tax—Four per cent. Exemptions: \$2,500 for married persons, \$1,000 for single persons. \$400 credit for each dependent. Earned income deduction of 10 per cent on income up to \$14,000.

Surtaxes graduated from 4 per cent on net incomes of \$4,000 to \$6,000 to 59 per cent on net income of more than \$14,000.

Publicity—Each return required to give (1) name and address, (2) total gross income, (3) total deductions, (4) net income, (5) total credits against net income for purposes of normal tax, and (6) tax payable.

MARTINSVILLE 'RAGAMUFFINS' TO APPEAR IN MUSIC FESTIVAL



NEW YORK MUSICIAN MYSTERIOUSLY SLAIN



Former Sousa Band Member Shot; Wife Wounded.

By United Press

NEW YORK, May 11.—Richard Becher, 61, a musician formerly with Sousa's band, was shot to death and his wife Dorothy, 44, was critically wounded today in their home under mysterious circumstances.

Mrs. Becher was in a state of collapse on the sidewalk in front of the home. She wore a night dress and a trail of blood led police through a hedge, upon the porch and into the house to the second floor.

The telephone wires had been cut, as well as the wires of the radio set in the living room, adding to the mystery.

Mrs. Becher, rushed to Flushing hospital, regained consciousness for a moment and gasped: "There was a man in the room!"

JOINT SESSION SET BY I. C. LITERARY CLUBS

Groups to Enjoy Banquets at Y. W. C. A. Tonight

The four literary societies of Indiana Central college will hold a joint banquet at 7:30 tonight in the Y. W. C. A. with Mrs. Anna Dale Kek as toastmaster.

Each of the societies will be represented on the program: Zeta-gather by Everett Eberett, Thea-calla by Mildred Schurter, Philomousa by Dorothy Cooper, and Philathea by Dorothy Cooper.

Special assistants shall be provided to handle stabilization fund. Senate confirmation not needed.

BILL HONORS MEMORY OF GENERAL PULASKI

Indiana Delegation Puts Resolution Through Congress.

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, May 11.—General Pulaski Memorial day will occur annually on Oct. 11, and be so proclaimed by the President of the United States under terms of a resolution which the Indiana delegation in congress has had passed.

Originating with the senators, the resolution was passed in the house this week upon motion of Representative Samuel Pettengill, South Bend, Ind.

GAS STATION HELD UP

Armed Bandit Takes \$20 From Attendant, Police Told.

An armed bandit robbed John J. Little, 22, of 144 West Eighteenth street of \$20 last night while Little was on duty as attendant of the Sinclair filling station at White River boulevard and Washington street. The bandit asked for change for a \$10 bill and then menaced Mr. Little with a revolver.

TAX ON FATS AND OIL

Impose tax of 3 cents a pound on products of Philippine cocoanut oil, tax to be returned to the Philippine treasury. Imposes tax of 5 cents a pound on other cocoanut oil imports.

Taxes other oils at 3 cents a

400 TO JOIN IN MALE CHORUS FESTIVAL HERE

Local Music Lovers to Hear Largest State Group Ever Assembled.

When approximately 400 men, members of choruses in cities throughout Indiana, present the first annual Indiana male chorus festival at 7:45 tomorrow night in Cadle tabernacle, local music lovers will hear the largest all-Indiana men's massed chorus ever assembled.

It is expected that the festival will serve as the nucleus for forming a state glee club association, which would present a similar concert annually. It has been indicated by Professor E. B. Birge, Indiana university, general chairman for the festival.

Ralph W. Wright, Indianapolis school music director and president of the In-and-About School Music Club, sponsoring organization, will lead the audience and combined choirs in singing "America" to open the program.

The program, as announced by Harold E. Winslow, program committee chairman, will be:

"Martyrs of the Arena"..... Adams
"Murat Chanters"..... Samuel Lewis, conducting
"Dear Land of Home"..... Finlan
"Combined chorus"..... Sheliaus
"Combined chorus, Mr. Lewis conducting"..... Adams
"Combined chorus, Mr. Lewis conducting"..... Newcastles Apollo Club; D. E. Roberts
"Winter Song"..... Bullard
"Combined"..... Mr. Rogers, conducting
"Blue Danube"..... Strauss
"Music Apollo Club"..... Mrs. Pearl S. McDonald, director.
"Mosaic"..... The Ragamuffins; Carolyn G. Townsend, director.

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STATEHOUSE WOMEN DEMOCRATS TO DINE

Members of the Statehouse Women's Democratic Club will be entertained with dances by Miss Eleanor Snappy during the floor show following the dinner next Thursday night at the Indianapolis Athletic Club.

The program will be given by pupils from the Carlisle dance studio. Others in the show will be Charlotte Weishaar, Rosemary White, Maxine Heronimus, Marjorie Ryan and the Horton twins.

Judge John W. Kern will be guest speaker at the dinner, which will be in charge of the industrial board division.

The dinner program will be given by Art King's orchestra, featuring musical novelty numbers by the Briscoe Brothers, and Mary Virginia and Mona Lee Hilker.

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BLUNK DUE TO TAKE STAND IN OWN DEFENSE

Guard to Answer Charges
He Aided Dillinger
Escape.

By United Press
CROWN POINT, Ind., May 11.—Ernest Blunk, former deputy sheriff of Lake county, was expected today to take the stand in criminal court to answer charges that he aided John Dillinger in his "to gun" escape from the Crown Point jail, March 3.

From testimony given late yesterday by Sam Cahoon, turnkey and trusty at the jail, it was apparent that Blunk would base his defense on a contention that he was as much frightened by Dillinger's white gun as the half-dozen other jail attendants who walked weekly into cells at the outlaw's direction.

Cahoon, himself accused of participating in a plot to liberate Dillinger, said that when he called Blunk under orders by the escaping desperado, the deputy sheriff appeared stunned with surprise to find other guards and prisoners herded into cells.

The aged trusty was the first defense witness called after Judge Maurice Crites had overruled a motion for a directed acquittal.

M'NUTT CONTRIBUTES TO DILLINGER REWARD

Indiana Joins Four States in Offering \$5,000.

Governor Paul V. McNutt has received from his refusal to offer a reward for the capture of John Dillinger and will join four other states in contributing \$5,000 as a bounty on the head of the Indiana desperado.

Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Minnesota are pooling the reward with \$1,000 apiece on the suggestion of Governor Henry Horner of Illinois. The Indiana share will come from the Governor's contingency fund and is ready now, Governor McNutt said.

INDIANA ACCOUNTANTS TO ELECT OFFICERS

Association Will Hold Meeting at Columbia Club.

Annual meeting and election of officers and directors of the Indiana Association of Certified Public Accountants will be held tomorrow at the Columbia Club. Sessions will be in the morning and afternoon, with luncheon at noon in the Riley room.

BATTLES AUTO THIEVES

City Man Beaten Up by Two Negroes, Police Informed.

Evan E. Inman, 33, of 4982 West Eleventh street, suffered knee injuries and a cut on the neck last night while fighting with two Negroes who stole his automobile. He told police he was stopped at West Tenth street and Capitol avenue by the Negroes. Police recovered the car. Mr. Inman was sent to city hospital.

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