

Gross Income Tax Sets New Record High

1948 Collections Reach Pinnacle Of \$72.8 Million

Collections of state gross income tax in 1948 were the largest in Indiana history, the Gross Income Tax Division announced today.

John F. Mee, commissioner of Indiana Department of State Revenue, said tabulations for the 1948 calendar year had been completed showing an all-time record collection of \$72,878,975.43.

The total surpasses every figure for comparative periods in previous years and is an increase of \$9,854,681.92 over 1947 collections, the previous record year.

Gross income officials, however, expressed the belief that 1948 collections represented the peak year in revenues and that collections would begin to recede in 1949.

Any reduction in employment, prices or general business activity will immediately reflect in reduced revenue to the state, they said.

Business Off 4%.

First two months of this year already show a decline of 4 percent in business activity in Indiana, according to a report of the Bureau of Business Research of Indiana University.

The division set still another record in 1948 in handling a total of \$1,869,127 tax returns during the 12-month period. It was a gain of 97,237 over the number of returns in 1947. Average payment in 1948 was \$46.65 as compared to \$42.55 for the previous year.

Hey, Mr.



Strike Idles 11,000 Taxis In New York

36,000 Stop Work In Demand for Union Recognition

NEW YORK, Apr. 1 (UPI)—Taxi drivers went on strike today for union recognition, leaving New York's streets almost bare of cabs.

All but a few of the 36,000 drivers and maintenance men refused to work.

At the morning rush hour when most of the 11,510 taxis ordinarily would be jamming the avenues and cross streets, a police survey of all five boroughs showed only 701 taxis operating.

A United Press reporter cruised over 15 miles of the busiest thoroughfares in Manhattan and counted a total of 19 taxis on the streets.

The first threats of violence in the walkout, which began at 4:30 a. m. (3:30 a. m. Indianapolis Time) were reported in Harlem. Police there arrested four taxi drivers and charged them with disorderly conduct for threatening a non-striking driver.

Make 9 Arrests

Police reported nine arrests in the first five hours of the strike, the majority of them for refusal to move away from entrances to taxicab garages.

The police survey of taxis operating at 8 a. m. showed that 421 of the city's 8500 fleet-owned cabs were rolling and only 280 of the 5000 owner-operated taxis.

Taxi stands were empty at Grand Central Terminal, Pennsylvania Station and the airlines

Out of trouble? It looks as if Mr. Inside is almost in it. (Continued on Page 3)

Hoosier Officer Gets FBI Diploma



Winter Back For Final Fling On U. S. Front

Tornado Lashes Uniontown, Pa.; Snow Reported

Nature played the biggest April Fool's prank today, hurling a final wintry attack at Midwest and Eastern areas hoping for spring.

Light snow fell over much of New York State, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia as the leading edge of a vast storm area moved into the Atlantic coast and New England areas.

Some snow also was reported along the storm's trailing edge across southern Wisconsin, northern Illinois and central Michigan. Those areas which escaped the snow were pelted by rain.

500 Farms Isolated

The storm kicked up a tornado that whirled crazily through the Uniontown, Pa., area. It injured one man slightly and wrecked several buildings as it shifted course repeatedly.

It was the fourth tornado set off by the storm since it formed over Oklahoma three days ago.

Northwestern Bell Telephone Company reported that heavy snows had broken long distance lines in 500 places, isolating 50 towns in Nebraska, South Dakota and Minnesota. Five hundred farms were isolated.

Several deaths were attributed to the storm in addition to those persons who died in the tornadoes.

Today, neighbors hurrying to help the bereaved parents make Brandy, whimpering and alone.

'No Pain Now'

Nubbins Loses Fight for Life; He Won a Nation's Heart

Brave Boy Given Few Weeks to Live

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Apr. 1 (UPI)—Forrest (Nubbins) Hoffman died fighting for life with the same courage that won the nation's heart five Christmases ago, his mother said today.

Mrs. Marshall Hoffman said her 7-year-old adopted son died without knowing he had no chance to live because of an incurable kidney ailment.

Only last week he had looked forward to a trip to his aunt's farm at Osceola, Iowa. But then he slipped into the coma that ended with his death yesterday.

Only his mother was present, unless one counted Brandy, the shaggy-coated little dog that was one of the many presents showered on Nubbins when his case touched America's pity in 1944.

Mrs. Hoffman had nursed the boy prayerfully through pain-wracked years.

"Maybe it's best this way," Mrs. Hoffman said. "But we didn't think it would be this quick. He wasn't in pain when he died and we know there won't be any pain where he is now."

Doctors predicted in 1944 that Nubbins wouldn't live until Christmas. Thousands of persons sent messages, gifts, toys and money when his parents held a special early Christmas.

A "1000-to-one-chance" operation failed to help him in 1946 but a new hormone treatment gave some hope last year. For a time, Nubbins left his little leather chair to go to school and play outside.

But his strength failed again and he went back to peering out the window with Brandy beside him. He slipped into an intermittent coma last week. The periods of wakefulness became shorter every day.

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Nubbins and Brandy

funeral arrangements, couldn't help but glance up at the big bay window where Nubbins used to wave to them. They saw only Brandy, whimpering and alone.

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