

Gets Judgment

O. C. Miller, of the Syracuse vicinity, is indebted to the Syracuse Lumber & Coal Co., of Syracuse, in the sum of \$430.71, including \$75 attorney's fees. Judge John Sloane has ruled in suit on a note action brought by the Lumber Company.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Church of the Brethren, met Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Dan Klink.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fleischauer and grandson, Roger, left Monday for Miami, Fla., to visit Mrs. Fleischauer's brother, L. D. Cormican and family.

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"Tell you what," old man Peters says. "If those nine fellows ahead of you agree, you'll get the next one I get in." "No, thanks," says Duke, "I'll just take my turn."

But old Peters mails out nine postcards. And the other day he tells Duke his tractor will be in next week. "I simply wrote the facts to the fellows ahead of you. They decided it."

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From where I sit, it's that spirit of understanding that helps make our democracy so great. Understanding for the other fellow's problems and respect for the other fellow's rights - whether it's his right to earn a living, his right to cast his vote against your candidate, or even his right to enjoy a moderate, friendly glass of beer or ale - if and when he chooses. Let's always keep it that way!

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The Turkey Creek township Farmer's Institute was held Saturday at the Oakland theatre with a good attendance. Several films sent by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture were shown. Addresses by county agent, Tom A. Parker and C. A. Jackson, of Elkhart county. The soliciting committee, Richard Guy, Mart Landis, Artie Geyer and Ezra Shock, reported 69 memberships. The election of officers resulted as follows: Pres., Ralph Vail; vice-pres., Bert Whitehead; secretary, C. C. Bachman and treasurer, Richard Guy. The program was interspersed with music furnished by Olean Snapp, Christine Gerrrott, Frederick Beery, Janice Rapp and Harold Nicolai.

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Advantage In Filing Joint Tax Return

Married taxpayers in the Indiana district were reminded today by Wilbur O. Plummer, Acting Collector of Internal Revenue, of the advantages, in most cases, to husbands and wives who file joint income tax returns.

A joint return includes all the income, exemptions and deductions of both husband and wife and must be signed by both. Such a return is permissible when only one of the couple has income, as well as when each has separate income.

Formerly, many married couples avoided joint returns for fear that their combined income would fall in a higher tax bracket. However, the Revenue Act of 1948 established a "split-income" method of computing tax on a joint return which minimizes this possibility.

Those families still planning to file separate returns were cautioned that a husband and wife filing a separate return must confine his or her return only to his or her income, exemptions, and deductions. The new "split-income" provision of the 1948 Act does not apply to separate returns.

Acting Collector Plummer offered these simple suggestions to guide married taxpayers in deciding whether to file joint or separate returns:

1. If only one has income -

In most families, only the husband has income, and in some cases only the wife has income. In all such cases, a joint return always results in a tax as low as, or lower than, a separate return.

2. If husband and wife have separate income - In many families, both husband and wife work, or one works and the other has investment income. Also, in community property states, state law confers upon husbands and wives ownership of a share of each other's income. In all these cases, the desirability of joint returns is indicated as follows:

(a). Form 1040A Returns - If husband and wife are eligible to use Form 1040A, a joint return will always result in a tax as low as, or lower than, separate returns, because the Collector will compute the tax by both the joint and separate methods, and select the one which results in the lower tax.

(b). Short - Form 1040 Returns - If combined income of husband and wife is less than \$5,000 and they plan to determine tax from the tax table on Page 4 of Form 1040, they should try both the separate and joint return methods. Because of the averaging and rounding of figures necessary to construct such a table, slight differences (usually a dollar or two) may be found between the two methods.

(c). Long - Form 1040 Returns - On a Long-Form 1040 return (where the tax is figured on Page 3 of Form 1040), a joint return always results in a tax as low as, or lower than, separate returns except in three very unusual situations. The exceptions are those cases where a family runs into special problems in connection with capital or business losses, charitable contributions, and medical expenses. Persons having these problems may receive specific advice at the Collector's office.

Acting Collector Plummer added that, under the law, a joint return of husband and wife makes both of them liable for the tax, and, in the case of a refund, results in a check made out to both. Therefore, any husband and wife unwilling to assume joint liability should file separate returns.

In the divorce action of Dorothy Layton against Robert B. Layton, Judge Sloane has ordered that an expected child of the plaintiff be placed at birth in the care of the county welfare department.

25 YEARS AGO

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Files Inventory

Milo Maloy, administrator in the estate of his deceased brother, Frank Maloy, of Syracuse, has filed an inventory of property, listing personal estate at a value of \$2,366. He has been authorized to sell the personal property, which consists of household furniture, straw, grain and miscellaneous articles, at a public sale for cash.

BAD CHECK CHARGE DISMISSED AFTER PAYMENT

A fraudulent check case in Cassia county, Ida., which resulted in arrest of the defendant here and subsequent habeas corpus proceedings in the Kosciusko circuit court, has been terminated with the defendant making restitution, it was announced Saturday by the Prosecuting Attorney Gene B. Lee.

Jules Pepple, 24, of Filerida, a native of Syracuse, who was visiting in the county, was arrested Jan. 28 at the request of Idaho authorities. He was held in the county jail until Feb. 3 when he filed habeas corpus proceedings and forced County Sheriff Ray Henderson to bring him into

court for a bail hearing. Judge John A. Sloane set his bail at \$100 and he was released on posting bond for that amount, with a Syracuse relative as surety.

Pepple was charged with drawing two fraudulent checks in Cassia county, Ida., one for \$34.50 and the other for \$32. He paid

that amount to Prosecutor Lee for transmission to Idaho. Advised by wife that the checks had been made good, Prosecutor A. H. Neilson, of Burley, Ida., dismissed the state action against Pepple and the latter dismissed his habeas corpus proceedings in the local court.

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