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## Tax Law Change Affects Individuals

Although the Tax Reform Act of 1969 contained no general tax rate changes for the ordinary income of individuals, every individual taxpayer will be affected by at least one of several changes which were made in the tax burden, says the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

Affecting all taxpayers are increases in the personal and dependency exemptions. Formerly \$600 each, they are scheduled to increase to \$625 for 1970, \$650 for 1971, \$700 for 1972, and \$750 for 1973 and subsequent years.

Another change of large general interests is the increase in the percentage standard deduction. Presently 10%, with a maximum of \$1,000, it is scheduled to increase to 12% with a maximum of \$1,500 for 1971, 14% for \$2,000 for 1972, and 15% for \$2,000 for 1973 and subsequent years.

"These increases will have the effect of reversing a trend under which an increasing number of individuals were discontinuing the standard deduction in favor of itemizing deductions," the Michigan Association says.

ACCOMPANYING the increases in the percentage standard deduction is a new low income allowance, the effect of which is to provide a tax exemption for low income taxpayers which is even larger than that afforded by the percentage standard deduction. After a phasing-in process, the low income allowance will be \$1,000 in 1972 and following years, so that in 1972 a single person will pay no tax on his first \$1,700 of income, (1,000 low income allowance, plus \$700 personal exemption). In 1973 and thereafter, when the personal exemption is \$750, a single person will pay no tax on his first \$1,750 of income.

For those persons who have large amounts of earned income, there will be a maximum tax rate on earned income. The maximum rate is 60% for 1971, and 50% for 1972 and subsequent years. The maximum rate will apply to

that top segment of earned income which otherwise would be taxed at rates ranging from 50% (60% for 1971) up to the maximum individual tax rate of 70%. It is anticipated that this provision will make the earning of ordinary income more popular and will result in a corresponding decrease of interest in deferred compensation arrangements, efforts to secure capital gains, and tax shelters generally.

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new tax rate schedule will apply to single persons. At that time there will be four tax tables. From the least costly to the most costly, these tables will be for (1) married individuals filing joint returns (including "surviving spouses"); (2) heads of households; (3) unmarried individuals other than surviving spouses and heads of households; and (4) married individuals filing separate returns.

Finally, adjustments are

being made in the income tax withholding on wages in order to bring taxes withheld closer to an employee's final tax liability after taking the above changes into account.

A significant change will eliminate the requirement of withholding for taxpayers, such as students with summer jobs, who incur no final tax liability and who previously have had to file tax returns for the sole purpose of claiming a refund of taxes.



LIVONIA'S NEW MAYOR, Edward McNamara (right), is congratulated on the eve of his 12,592 to 10,965 victory over four-term Mayor Harvey Maekle in Monday's election. Wearing the hat is Joe Falk, president of the Federation of Civic Associations. At left is Observer Newspapers Publisher Philip H. Power, and in the lower left is City Clerk Addison Bacon, who bought ads endorsing McNamara even though Bacon himself was unopposed. (Observer photo by Craig Gaffield)

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## Sisson's Car Tops Cub Derby

FARMINGTON  
Tim Sisson took top honors in Farmington Cub Scout Pack 111's biggest Pinewood Derby ever which was the feature of the March meeting.

Den champions were Scott Zimmie, Tim Sisson, Tim De-orytyn, Jeff Nichols and Brian Briggs. Den runner-up ribbons went to Kurt Hugger, Gary Koeleian, Bill Mack, Mike Fisher and Kevin Briggs.

The final race featured the five den champs in a best of five series. Tim Sisson won in the fifth race by a nose over Jeff Nichols after each had had a win with the other two races ending in dead heats. Jeff was awarded the runner-up trophy.

AWARDS WERE also given for the best built car in each den with Dan Murphy, John Keller, Steve Zerio, Kevin Jones and Brian Briggs winning. Brian's car was judged

the best built overall, a trophy he also won last year.

The top chief's race was won by Scott Zimmie, with Mike Benjamin runner-up. Scott also won the cup for the best built den chief's car.

In the Race of the Champions, Tim Sisson beat the fastest den chief and the fastest dad to emerge as the fastest overall car of the meet.

The Pinewood Derby is an annual March event for Pack 111. The boys race their home-made cars on a 30-foot-long downhill track.

TWO NEW BOYS became members as they received their bobcat badges. They were Kurt Hugger and Bob McNeill.

John Barto was awarded a wolf badge and two arrow points and Cass Grandone received an arrow point. Webelos awards were presented to Mark Evans, Tom Warhus and Brian Briggs.

New denners were Mike Dugan, Joey Jurgiewicz and Ryan Tim. Assistant denner awards went to Greg Laporte, Steve Zerio and Kurt Zimmie. A one-year service star was presented to Kevin Jones.

The boys are now busy building kites for the April 12 kite flying contest and looking forward to the spring carnival and the annual canoe trip.

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