

State Starts Collecting New Income Tax

It Hits Checks This Week

The day of reckoning is near—in fact next Friday—when your paycheck will be smaller than it was a week ago.

The reason is that Michigan's new 2.6 per cent personal income tax is in effect and more than 200,000 firms must withhold an amount to meet your liability.

How much smaller the net pay will be is dependent on income and the number of dependents.

Each employer has a tax guide and tables to help him with the figures.

The tax exists on "income received on or after Oct. 1." Thus if your pay check is for work of last week or last month, the tax still is withheld.

Any employer who didn't get a tax guide or withholding tables better get them and start the paycheck deductions.

Nearly three million Michigan residents pay the federal income tax, which allows a \$600 exemption for each person in a family. The state tax allows a \$1,200 exemption. Some residents therefore may escape the state levy.

Hare Makes Plea For Road Safety Programs

LANSING—Several concepts on better administration of Michigan's total highway safety program have been advanced by Secretary of State, James M. Hare, at regional traffic safety conferences.

Hare has urged: Abolition of the present license appeal board structure and having all appeals conducted as administrative hearings by Department of State personnel; Adoption of the "Illinois-type" traffic ticket system that would allow use of traffic violation notices as temporary driver permits pending court appearances; and Legal authority for the Department of State to deal with problem drivers on the basis of frequent accident involvement without regard to points.

"Final determination on a driver's initial appeal should be made administratively within the Department of State," says Hare, "instead of being vested in three-man license appeal board."

HARE SAID he has been of the opinion for some time that appeal boards should be side-tracked in favor of an administrative appeals mechanism backed up by circuit court action on the part of appealing drivers.

College Sets Counseling Test Dates

A schedule of test dates for the Schoelcraft College counseling tests has been announced by Director of Admissions Barbara Gell.

"If a student has not been formally admitted to the college, he or she is urged to contact the Admissions Office to make an appointment," said Miss Gell. "Failure to take the counseling tests may prevent the student from taking the courses of his choice during the winter term."

Three of the dates are scheduled for Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. on Oct. 14, Nov. 4, and Dec. 2. The other dates are scheduled for evenings at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24, and Wednesday, Nov. 15.



FOR THE FIRST TIME in years and perhaps in area history, strikes have idled thousands of workers in Observerland. These pickets are marching in front of the Kroger store on N. Main in Plymouth.

Youth Read Out Sentences

The Detroit Archdiocesan Opportunity Program, in cooperation with Wayne County Juvenile Court Judge James H. Lintola, has completed a pilot remedial reading program for youth under temporary detention at the Wayne County Youth Home.

The program involved approximately 100 students during a six-week period.

Objectives of the program were to offer remedial reading to youths who spend from several days to several weeks in the youth home waiting for transfer. These youngsters do not participate in the regular youth home school, and have no activities planned other than movies and TV during their temporary confinement at the Home.

It was also hoped, program leaders said, that the program would awaken Wayne County Youth Home School administrators to the need for a full scale remedial reading program for youth in permanent custody at the Youth Home, and who attend the school on a regular basis.

At this time, there is no such program, although the majority of youths in detention read below the expected grade level three grades or more.

Under the direction of Mrs. Patricia Ergler, who directs other tutorial programs for AOP, three classes were set up for boys and two for girls.

There was one teacher and one assistant teacher each for the boys and girls, and they worked in groups of not more than four. The teachers have degrees in special education and teach during the regular year in special education classes at the Detroit Board of Education.

The youths were tested at the beginning of the program and again at the end. Those that remained with the program showed improved attitudes towards reading and some actually raised their reading scores. Almost without exception, they preferred the remedial reading sessions over watching TV or a movie.

The program cost was approximately \$100 and was paid for with Archdiocesan funds.



WORKERS, carrying signs, have halted production at the Ford Plant on Sheldon Road in Plymouth Township (Above) and at the Burroughs Plant on Plymouth Road in Plymouth Township. It was the first time in 60 years that work had halted at a Burroughs plant because of labor problems.

Jr. Fire Marshals To Join In Parade

A call has been issued for Junior Fire Marshals in the area to join in the annual parade, through the business area in Redford Township, sponsored by the Zink Agency, 26205 Five Mile Road. It starts at 11 a.m. with judging at 10 a.m.

Zink's Junior Marshal parade has been one of the highspots of the fall for youngsters between the ages of five and up. It includes four categories and prizes are awarded in each.

The judging includes: best decorated bicycles and tricycles; best decorated floats; best original fire prevention slogan and banner carried by individual marchers; and best individual costume for marchers and for the most original fire prevention idea.

There will be three prizes in each division and three honorable mention awards with two grand prizes, one for girls and the other for boys.

Junior Fire Marshal helmets, badges and rings will be given to all entering the parade. Children are urged to register at the Zink Agency, 26205 Five Mile Road, during the week but registrations will be accepted on Oct. 14.



EMU Players Have Scheduled 1st Production

The first production of the 1967-68 Eastern Michigan University Players Series, "Harvey," is well into rehearsal for performances scheduled for EMU's homecoming weekend, Oct. 12-15.

First choice reserved seat tickets for the six performances are now being issued to EMU Players Series season coupon bookholders by mail or in person at the EMU theater box office, weekdays from 12:45 to 4:30 p.m.

Open sale and telephone reservations will begin Monday, Oct. 9.

Other plays scheduled for the season are: "The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus," Jan. 10-14; "The Plough and the Stars," March 13-17; and "Brigadoon," May 17-25.

The EMU Players Series sells for the price of \$4.

Fton Coed Joins Pi Beta Phi

Mary Jo Hopkins, 29910 Old Bedford, Farmington, was among Miami University's 391 women students who have been pledged to 18 sororities in the annual fall rushing period just completed.

Miss Hopkins was pledged into Pi Beta Phi.

The pledges were announced by Panhellenic Association through the office of the dean of women.

How To Compute State Income Tax

How will the 2.6 per cent state personal income tax affect you?

The Michigan Manufacturers Association has worked out some examples.

If you are single you will pay 2.6 cents every week on each dollar you earn over \$23.08. If you are married, with no dependents except your wife, the tax will apply on earnings over \$46.16. If you are married and have one child, you will pay on earnings over \$69.24.

This schedule allows the wage earner a \$23.08 deduction for each dependent.

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College Group At Convention

Schoelcraft College President Dr. Eric J. Bradner, heads a delegation of four Schoelcraft administrators attending the 24th annual convention of the Council of North Central Junior Colleges in Cleveland.

Dr. Bradner, a member of the Council's executive committee, served as chairman of a group discussion for administrators.

Accompanying Dr. Bradner were John H. Britin, Vice-President for Instruction; Jon P. Adams, Dean of Technical-Vocational Instruction; and Robert A. Steeger, Dean of Academic Instruction.

The convention attracted approximately 300 delegates from community and junior colleges from 19 states. Host was Cuyahoga Community College and the Council of Ohio Community Junior Colleges.

Dr. Dell Reed, former dean of instruction at Schoelcraft, was chairman of the host committee. Dr. Reed is now Vice-President of Cuyahoga Community College and Director of the Western Campus.

State Issues 4-Millionth Driver Permit

LANSING -- A 46-year-old Petoskey man with a spotless driving record was the recipient of the four-millionth color photo license issued in Michigan.

William Henry Kunkel, Sr., 505 Michigan, Petoskey, was recipient of the license issued by the Michigan Department of State.

Secretary of State James M. Hare disclosed that it will be 1969 before the total change-over to the new type licenses will be complete in Michigan. The last statute to switch to the new licenses was in February of 1966.

"By the time we are able to affect a total turnover," Hare said, "we should be licensing close to five and one-half million drivers in Michigan."

REPRESENTATIVES of the Attorney General, usually a member of the local prosecutor's staff... could spend more time prosecuting criminal cases and eliminating some of the present court backlog and representatives of local police jurisdictions could devote more time to enforcement duties, Hare said.

In Saginaw, Hare renewed his plea for the legislature to pass the Illinois system.

"Currently, we have reports that at least 300,000 moving violation citations have not been settled in court within the statutory time limit because of the pressures of the point system on the violation period driver."

"During the same two-year period, probably 100,000 drivers avoided or delayed their punishment under the point system by refusing to answer summons for periods of from six months to three years," Hare said.

"This would close a major loophole in our present system of dealing with problem drivers," Hare said.

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