



Some Income Is Not Taxable, So Don't Report It

Washington, Feb. 24, (AP)—Some kinds of income are free from tax and need not be included in your tax return. Veterans are not required to pay tax on dividends from their government payments made to veterans and their families, with the exception of retirement pay which is not for disability. Among other major items of income free from tax are:

1. Money on a life insurance policy paid to you upon the death of the insured person. (However, money paid to you as a policy holder in endowment insurance is taxable to the extent that the amount received is greater than the premiums paid for the policy.)
2. Social Security benefit payments from the Federal Government or from a state under the Federal Social Security program.
3. Money or other property received as a gift, bequest or inheritance. (However, income later derived from such property such as dividends and interest is subject to income tax.)
4. Money received through health or accident insurance or under workmen's compensation laws for personal injury or sickness.

Since Jan. 1, 1949, all military service pay has been taxable. Service pay received from Dec. 31, 1940 to Jan. 1, 1949, by a person below the rank of a commissioned officer was not taxable. Officers formerly received a special exemption of \$1,500 of service pay.

Some annuity income is not taxable. Some is taxable. Reporting annuity income is a very complicated job, and taxpayers may need the help of a collector's office or other reputable tax authority.

Some kinds of interest payments received by taxpayers are free from tax. Among these are:

1. Interest on obligations (bonds) of a state, territory or any political sub-division thereof, of the District of Columbia or possessions of the United States.
2. Interest on obligations of the United States issued before March 1, 1941, to the extent provided in the federal laws authorizing their issue.
3. Interest on obligations issued before March 1, 1941, of a corporation organized under an act of Congress if such corporation is an instrumentality of the United States.
4. Interest on not exceeding \$5,000 of United States savings bonds (at cost) and treasury bonds at face value which were issued before March 1, 1941.

Texas Boxer Dies After K. O.

New York, Feb. 24—(AP)—Laverne Roach, handsome ex-marine idol of Plainview, Texas, died yesterday of brain injuries received last night in a 10th round knockout loss to Georgie Small of Brooklyn.

The end came at 12:50 p.m. with the patient in a deep coma at St. Clare's hospital where he had been taken on a stretcher from St. Nicholas arena.

"The patient was in a deep coma," the hospital report read, "and there was respiratory failure with final cessation of heart action due to the after effects of a cerebral hemorrhage and brain damage."

Huddled at the bedside in stunned silence were the boxer's wife, Evelyn, and his manager, Johnny Abood, who handled Roach's career since his days with the Cherry Point, N.C., marines. Yesterday was his 24th birthday.

Dr. Vincent A. Nardiello, New York State Athletic Commission physician, and four other doctors attended the stricken athlete after his last fight.

Only a handful, 1,832, waded through sleet and snow to see the middleweight battle. Hundreds of thousands and perhaps millions of

shocked television viewers saw the tragic ending of the fight at 1:57 of the tenth round.

Cameras focused on Roach's corner for several minutes as his handlers and doctors worked over him following the knockout.

The District Attorney's office announced a full investigation of the fight that resulted in boxing's first fatality of 1950. Ring Magazine records show 15 fight deaths last year.

Detective Lieutenant Henry Devlin, of the New York City police, said all persons concerned with the bout would be questioned at the District Attorney's office tomorrow morning. He said he had seen the match and "there does not appear to be any negligence at this time."

Chairman Eddie Eagan of the New York State Athletic Commission called an open hearing for 10:00 a.m. tomorrow. He said a preliminary examination indicated no infraction of the commission rules.

Small, shaken by the fatal accident, said, "I thought he was fresher than I was."

Later Small said that he had cancelled a scheduled appearance for a preliminary match on the

Charlie Fusari - Jimmy Flood program in Madison Square Garden, March 10.

Roach, boxing's "rookie of the year" in 1947, was on a comeback when tragedy struck. Rushed into a match with Marcel Cerdan, March 12, 1948, Roach suffered a bad beating that almost ended his career. This was few months before Cerdan won the middleweight title.

Cerdan, who died in a plane crash last fall, crushed Roach with superior punching power. After this disastrous setback, Roach lost a few bouts and "retired" for 16 months. Last Thanksgiving Day he moved his wife and two small children to Maplewood, N.J., for another try. Not since Lew Jenkins has the sprawling plains of Texas developed a champ. Roach dreamed he would be next.

Three out-of-town victories over outclassed opponents preceded last night's test with Small, a brilliant young boxer-puncher with a knockout wallop.

Scorecards of both judges and referee Frank Fullam had the Texan out front in the first nine rounds of his last fight. Early in the battle he outpunched Small with a solid left hook although he ap-

peared to be off in his timing.

A terrific right hand punch to the jaw, just as Roach was starting a left hook, smashed the Texan to the canvas for a count of nine in the last round. Roach, acting on instinct alone, followed through with his hook, spun weakly and flopped flat on his back. Out cold for seven counts, he bounced jerkily like a mechanical doll to beat Fullam's count.

Seconds later, Small battered Roach to the canvas again and he collapsed flat on his back. Referee Fullam quickly stopped the fight without a count, reaching down to remedy the boy's mouthpiece. Dr. Alexander Schiff, a Commission doctor, was in the ring immediately.

After Roach was half-dragged to his corner he came to and opened his eyes. Talking to his trainer he said, "damn it, this would happen."

Two or three times he started to get up but sagged and sat down on the stool. Dr. Mardello quickly gave him an injection and ordered a stretcher.

Roach was placed under an oxygen tent and fed through the veins. He was unconscious from the time he left the ring on a stretcher.

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Math Brain-Busters Easy For A&M 'Electric Brain'

By RAY WILLIAMS

Have you ever come home at night dejected and all out of sorts just because you couldn't solve that "ole algebra problem? Just listen my friend, for your worries are over.

On the second floor of the Electrical Engineering Building there is an "electric brain" that can

only solve two simultaneous equations but can also solve almost an infinite number of them. All that has to be done, is to set up the equation to be worked in an equivalent electric circuit and, presto, you have your answer.

The "brain" is known as an Alternating Current Network Calculator. It was built by the Westinghouse Electric Co. in 1947 and is owned by the A&M Research Foundation.

Installation of the calculator began in April 1947, and the first problem was worked out in June of the same year. The EE department, including some students, did the entire job of installing it. At the present, the estimated value is in the neighborhood of \$250,000.

The calculator is the only one of its kind in Texas, and is the largest in the U.S. other than one in the Westinghouse main factory. It has 4,170 plugs, switches, resistors, relays and capacitors, each having its own job.

Supervisor of the foundation project is L. M. Haulp, John Denison is in charge of operation, and he is assisted by Douglas Johnson, and Bill Evans, both electrical engineering graduate students.

This project was made possible by 11 power companies who are

located in this section of the country. Each company bought time, which was to be used in working their individual problems.

The sum of all these investments totaled enough to buy the Calculator. The charge now made for non-member companies is \$100 a day.

This amount seems large, but when you consider that one company, on its first trip here, saved from \$250,000 to \$300,000 through the work of the calculator, you may realize why this price is actually very reasonable.

Theoretically the "brain" can solve power network problems involving areas as large as the state of Texas, and it's done it.

Just recently, the staff worked out a problem covering parts of four states.

When the Calculator staff is asked how long it would have taken to do this analytically, they just smile and say "It could be worked at all, it would take years."



Radios to Replace Phones in Towers

The Texas Forest Service, a part of the A&M System, is converting from telephone to radio communication. Plans to sell approximately 2,000 pole miles of telephone wire have been made by the Forest Service because of this change.

Fire fighting vehicles of the Forest Service already are equipped with radio communication. Radios will be installed in the lookout towers after the sale of telephone lines is completed.

Ice storm damage to telephone lines sometimes is a menace to forest fire control work because vital communications are disrupted for weeks, J. O. Burriside, Forest Fire Control Department Head, said recently.

Greater use of radio will also reduce the cost of maintaining telephone lines and right-of-way and extension of communications to new areas, he added.

Water and Sewage Course Scheduled

An experimental course in water-works mathematics, which will last for three weeks, started Monday in Houston by the Industrial Extension Service according to Director E. L. Williams.

"Principles of mathematics are applied to water-works problems," Williams said. "At the end of this experimental course we will determine needs for other courses at various levels, depending upon the education of each student."

Because 60 students have enrolled, the classes have been divided into four divisions of 15 each. Classes are conducted on Mondays through Fridays in the city hall by J. E. Williams, I. E. S. instructor.

Piano Duo Presents Friday Program

Appleton and Field, duo piano team, will appear Friday, Feb. 24, at Stephen F. Austin High School in Bryan under the auspices of the Bryan Artists Series.

Michael Field was at first a disappointment to his father because of his refusal to practice on the violin, his father's favorite instrument. Instead, young Mike spent most of his time at the home of an aunt listening to his cousins practicing on their piano.

After very much persuasion, Field Sr. gave in to his son's wish and bought a piano. When the instructor arrived, she was surprised to find that her student could already play each one of the compositions he had heard his cousins playing.

The talented pianist studied with Carl Friedberg after his entry into the Juilliard Graduate School.

Mayo, Morgner Speak on Eco Club Program

Dr. T. F. Mayo spoke on the disadvantages of capitalism, and Professor Aurelius Morgner spoke on the national debt, in a two part program of the Economics Club Tuesday night in the YMCA chapel.

Dr. Mayo, head of the English Department, listed several "social costs" of our American capitalistic system, in which "business is privately owned and run for profit." A certain part of our crime and inequality of social opportunity may be traced to our system, he said.

Mayo cited the Harvard report on the high cost of education as evidence of the inequality of social opportunities. It costs \$90 a year to send a child to high school, Mayo said, and the cost is prohibitive to many poorer class families in our economic system.

As an example of what he called the two inherent, opposing urges in everyone, Mayo described the pig and artist in every person. Our system tends to make the pig, or basely possessive instincts, grow lusty, he continued, while the artist, or finer senses, become apologetic.

Emphasizing that he was not condemning the system, Mayo concluded that even though our system may be the best for our country, "we must not be blinded of its costs by its advantages."

Professor Morgner, of the Economics Department, said the average citizen places too much emphasis on the national debt.

Oversize national debts are nothing new, Morgner said, pointing out that the 18th English debt that arose to tremendous proportions during a century of war and war preparation. Their debt was so huge as to require 50% of the tax revenue to cover the interest on the debt. It was 9% of the national income as compared to our present debt which is only 2.5% of the nation's income.

"Nations do not go bankrupt from national debts," Morgner said, "because governments, unlike individuals, can tax or create money."

We have more to fear, he continued, from inflation or unemployment resulting from clearing a national debt.

Both speakers were introduced by club president Bill Turley.

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