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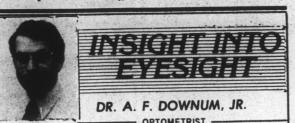
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Plan A Commonsense Christmas

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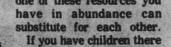
A Commonsense Christmas The joys of Christmas usually come from being with friends and loved ones on that day. On that day, of all days, no one wants to be alone, or sick, or hungry. We try to express our Christian love with others, sharing from our abundance to those most needy.

Is that Christmas at your house? Or is the emphasis on giving and getting - each year trying to top last year's gifts in price and glamor? Do your children expect gifts you know the family can't afford? Do you feel compelled to provide gifts or send Christmas cards because of social pressures? Do you try to do too many things in too little time? And at the last minute, too? Do tempers get frayed as the time and money run short? Have you already reached your credit limit for the



by far, is something we all experience - the process of aging. Fortunately, it can be corrected by surgery (if needed). Then when the property prescribed glasses or contact lenses are applied you should be able to see as

If you are experiencing any



are more demands on your resources, but the children provide extra hands, feet and time. Let them help you

plan and carry out a com-monsense Christmas plan. The basic key to your plan is thinking of what you have in abundance, and the needs of others. Put a plan on paper now.

others can you help to relieve?

or depressed? What do you have

you can share?

Here are some gift giving ideas that only you can give,

effort: - Babysit for a young

one of these resources you offer sleeping space to relatives visiting crowded neighbors. Slide a few snapshots in

with Christmas cards you're sending to special people you don't see often. - Cook a special dish or two for someone who has

meal.

little time to prepare them for holiday meals. - Invite someone you think

What personal needs of

- Who around you is lonely

already in abundance that

When can you put your plans into action?

by using your time and

children.

will be spending the holidays alone to visit your family and share a special - Gift wrap your prizewinning jams, jellies or pickles to share with a neighbor who has no time to can. - If you're older, share a

family heirloom with a favorite younger relative. Share a pretty

houseplant you have grown. - The spirit of giving which your children observe in you should help them grow into

HAVE A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY!

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Tax Law Changes Affect Everyone

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(EDITOR'S NOTE - This is the first in a series of articles aimed at helping taxpayers prepare for the close of the tax year on December 31, 1981. This first article highlights the changes in the tax laws as a result of the Economic Recovery Act of 1981.)

The Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 was signed into law by President Reagan on August 13, 1981. ERTA, as it is commonly called, makes tax planning extremely important this year. Although many of the provisions of the new Act are not effective until 1982, careful decisions may have to be made this year to

maximize tax savings. Summarized below are some of the major changes made

by the Act. • Individual income tax

rates will be reduced by approximately 23%, phased in over a 33-month period.

return will be allowed a deduction from gross income equal to 10% (5% for 1982) of the lesser of \$30,000 or the earned income of the spouse with the lower earned income.

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July 20, 1981, a taxpayer has two years (increased from 18 months) before and after the sale to replace the residence and defer recognition of any gain on the sale. In addition, qualified taxpayers over age 55 may elect to exclude \$25,000 (up from \$100,000) of the gain on the sale of a personal residence. • The child care credit available to working spouses has been increased beginning in 1982.

· Savings certificates purchased after September 30, 1981 and before January 1, 1983) may qualify for a \$1,000 (\$2,000 on a joint return) life-

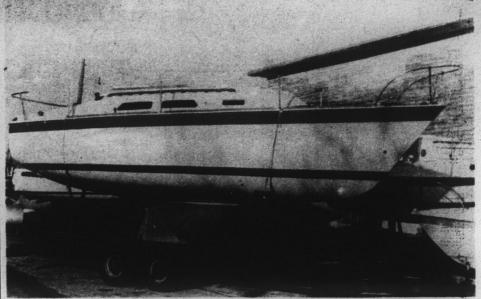
retirement plan.

begins in 1982.

ment credit, research and debusiness provisions are greatly liberalized, providing a very positive tax effect for all types of businesses. In addition, small businesses are specifically helped through lower tax

Monday. "Although the most spectacular elevator failures have occured in other states, there have been losses in North Carolina," the commissioner said. "This is a very complex problem which will require the best ideas from all segments of North Carolina agriculture.

recommendations."



TANZER YACHTS INTRODUCES NEW MODEL- Tanzer Yachts of Edenton has begun production of their new 27 foot sailboat. This versatile craft, available with either inboard or outboard auxiliary power was introduced this fall at the Newport, Rhode Island and Annapolis, Maryland Boat Shows. Barbara Hendee, manager of Tanzer's Edenton operation, states that in spite of current national economic indicators sales are strong for this and other models in the Tanzer line.

Holiday Series

TV will telecast its annual holiday series of Christmas Carrousel programs on chairman of WITN-TV, Inc.

comprise this special choral groups from colleges, country and abroad.

Kay Currie will host the

