

Accumulating That Extra Cash

RALEIGH—Sometimes it seems we work just to pay our bills, and there's never enough money left over to have a little fun. But by planning ahead, spending carefully and budgeting where every dollar goes, it's possible to build up enough extra cash to enjoy that occasional day on the town, notes the N.C. Association of CPAs.

Look out for every angle you can use to help cut leisure costs down. Consider combining a day's pleasure trip with something that is tax deductible. Also shop around for discounts on tickets and transportation. Leisure expenses really add up, especially if you like to do something impulsive, like going on an unplanned shopping trip to the antique show.

Besides the basic cost of admission, you also have to pay for gasoline and parking and perhaps highway tolls. Then there's lunch or dinner, perhaps a program or souvenirs, a snack or drink—the list can go on and on until your pockets are empty. However, if you do a little financial homework and apply some business-like spending rules, you'll be able to reduce costs and enjoy your day without worrying about money, CPAs say.

One way to save is to combine your day's entertainment with a slide trip that could qualify as a tax deduction. For example, if you have to go into town for a routine checkup with your doctor, your travel costs are part of your medical deduction. If you plan your appointment early in the morning, you can spend the rest of the day entertaining yourself. The same principle applies to a volunteer activity—travel expenses may be deductible.

If you are in business, you may also get a tax break on what you spend to take a client out to lunch or to a sports event or show. Maintaining good will with clients is a legitimate, and deductible, business expense, and allows you to be entertained as well.

If such tax savings don't effect you, be on the lookout for price discounts on entertainment and travel. For example, you may not go to the theatre or ball games as often as you would like because the single ticket price is just too

expensive. Naturally, season tickets cost less per event, but you may not want to lay out that much cash at once and risk being left with unused tickets. However, the savings could be sizable enough to make it worthwhile, or you could buy tickets cooperatively with two or three other people to reduce your cost. Ticket subscribers are often granted reduced rates on parking, as well.

Package deals offered by many bus and tour operators may also afford some relief to your budget. Most planned trips include round-trip bus fare, admission to an event, and sometimes a guided tour and a meal. In addition, extra discounts are often allowed for children or families traveling

together. You might even consider the economics of organizing your own group if it is not too impractical. Theatre box offices often give discounts to groups of 20 or more people, or you can check with area sports centers for minimums to qualify for a group discount.

You could save even more, with a very large group, by chartering a bus for the trip. Check with local bus firms for details.

Look into every way you can save, from group deals to tax deductions, and start making plans or setting aside a little money from each paycheck. The money you save can help you solvent, and the money you spend will help you enjoy yourself.

New Books Are Received

New books received at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library are:

Adult Fiction
 "A Little Local Murder", by Robert Barnard;
 "Something Wicked This Way Comes", by Ray Bradbury;
 "One Dollar Death", by Richard Barth;
 "Killdeer Mountain", by Dee A. Brown;
 "The Grub-and-Stakers Move a Mountain", by Alisa Craig;
 "Murder Goes Mummung", by Alisa Craig;
 "The Theban Mysteries", by Amanda

Cross; "Poetic Justice", by Amanda Cross; "Gifts From Eykis", by Wayne Dyer; "Miss Bede is Staying", by Anna Gilbert; "Down Among the Dead Men", by Michael Hartland; "Darcourt", by Isabelle Holland; "Introducing C.B. Greenfield", by Lucille Kallen; "Raven", by William Kinsolving; "The Lonesome Gods", by Louis L'Amour; "Someone Waiting", by Anne Maybury; "The Cheshire Cat's Eye", by Marcia Muller; "Cast a Ling Shadow", by Mary E. Pearce; "The Complete Edgar Allen Poe: Tales", by Edgar A. Poe; "Doctor's at Risk", by Frank Slaughter; "The Bombing Run", by Aaron M. Stein; "The People and the Promise", by Ursula Sygne and "The Collector's Book of Science Fiction By H.G. Wells: From Rare, Original, Illustrated Magazines" by H.G. Wells.

Bottles To Be Collected

The Cub Scouts of Pack 164 will be collecting returnable pop bottles on Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 to 12:00. The Scouts will be going door to door in Edenton and nearby communities. If you have 12 or more bottles, Scouting leaders will be at WBXB to accept your phone calls on May 14 from 7:00 to 9:00, 482-3200. Your bottles will be picked up from your home or place of business.

This fund raising event is being held to provide funds for the advancement of Scouting. Pack 164 is sponsored by Post 40 of the American Legion, but all funds for the Pack's operation must come from fund raising projects. We urge everyone to support this worthwhile project. If you have any questions or bottles to donate you may call Cullen Baker at 482-2353 or Thelma Evans at 482-3932 after 6:00 P.M.

Church Bake And Yard Sale

Sat., May 7, 8 A.M.-2 P.M. on Ryland Road—Ryland Community Building. Old and new items for sale. Mother Day's cakes, pies, cookies, breads, fresh vegetables, potatoes, can goods and etc. Hot dogs, drinks and all sorts of goodies to eat while you are looking around. Follow sign to Ryland.

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PRESENT SERMON IN SONG — The Winslow Angels Residents Choir of the Winslow Memorial Home in Elizabeth City presented a sermon in song during the Day of Singing Celebration at the Edenton United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 1, 1983. Pictured (left to right) 1st row: Becky Howell, Pauline Perry and Carlice Hoffman. 2nd row: Tony Powell, Karen Timms - assistant, Martha Hollowell - accompanist and director and Sabra Bray. Not pictured: James Parisher, Mary Snowden and Annie Shipley.

Avoiding Mail Order Swindlers

Most mail-order businesses are honest, but Postmaster James Bond offers you this advice on how to avoid swindlers who take your money and give you disappointment in return:

* Be wary of what seems to be an exaggerated claim or a price that seems unusually low.

* Don't be rushed. Avoid offers that claim to be a last chance to get a bargain, "one day only" or for "cash only."

* Keep a copy of the advertisement from which you are ordering. If you have doubts, check with the Postal Inspection Service, the Better Business Bureau or some other local or state consumer agency.

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"Carousel" To Be Holmes Presentation

"Carousel," described by Brooks Atkinson, drama critic of the N.Y. Times in 1954, as "the most glorious of the Rodgers and Hammerstein works," will be presented at the John A. Holmes Auditorium on May 19, 20, and 21.

"Carousel" is the musical play about the swaggering amusement-park barker who marries a gentle girl, makes an attempt at robbery, commits suicide when trapped by police and then returns to earth to see his daughter and whisper affectionate words long unspoken to his wife.

It was the first musical written by the notable team of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein, 2nd, following their epoch-making success of "Oklahoma!" and, like that exhilarating hit, it scored a stunning success when first produced in New York in 1945. When it was revived in New York in 1954, it was declared by all critics as being even more enchanting than they had first considered it, many commenting, as the Times critic, that "Carousel" was better than such subsequently produced shows as "South Pacific" and "The King and I" by the same team.

The moving and melodious songs, noted one critic, had "improved with familiarity, since time is needed for fine

music to penetrate into our bloodstream." These songs range from the tenderness of "When the Children Are Asleep" and "What's the Use of Wonderin'" to the rousing choruses of "June is Bustin' Out All Over" and "This Was a Real Nice Clambake," to the comic gaiety of "When I Marry Mr. Snow," to the

climactic hymn "You'll Never Walk Alone."

"Carousel" is being presented by Holmes Drama Club with the assistance of Edenton Little Theatre. Performances will be at 8:00 P.M. in Holmes Auditorium on May 19, 20, and 21, 1983. Admission is \$3.00. Plan now to attend.

RiverSpree, May 21-22

RiverSpree weekend in Elizabeth City, May 21-22, is near and it's time to get involved in your favorite RiverSpree event. This year's new event is for the powerful, the macho and macha, it's the Lite Beer Tug-of-War an event to resolve the eternal argument about Lite Beer "less filling" or "taste great." Team may have up to ten members, and have a total team weight of 2,000 pounds. Teams may join either the "Less Filling" (red) team or "Great Taste" (blue) team.

Each participant will receive a specially designed t-shirt and "free" Lite Beer Ticket. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams and the individual members of the top two teams.

Registration forms and a \$75.00 team entry fee should be mailed to: Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 426, Elizabeth City, N.C. 27909 before May 13th.

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