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Tax Accounting Method

Shows Income, Expenses

Pre-School **Centers** For

(EDITOR'S NOTE-This article, the third in a series describing the provisions of the Federal income and Social Security tax laws as they affect farm people, was prepared by Charles R. Pugh, W. L. Turner, and C. W. Williams, extension farm man-agement specialists, N. C. State College.)

An accounting method should accurately reflect income and ex-This purpose is valid penses. whether records are being used as ceived and inventories are not a basis of reporting taxes or as a needed to determine income. means of measuring progress in farming. Record systems can be organized to fit the basis of reporting income tax, found most favorable to the individual farmer. *

The most commonly used accounting method used by farmers is the "cash receipts and disburse- of Internal Revenue. ments" method. Under this system all taxable income --- whether received in cash or property-is listed in the year received. Expenses incurred in producing farm commodities are deductible only in the taxable year in which they are paid, Gross income under the cash method includes reecipts during the taxable year from the sale of raised livestock, poultry, crops, and produce breeding fees; rents; agricultural program payments; patronage dividends; and profits from the sale of livestock and other items which were purchased.

Many farmers who are likely to sell two or more years' production in one year use the "accrual" accounting method. Under this system, farm income is included in income for the year in which it is earned, regardless of when payment is received. Changes in inventory values of livestock, crops, produce, feed, etc, during the taxable year are considered equivalent to increases or decreases in income. Unlike the cash method, complete inventories at the beginning and end of the year are required for reporting on the accru al method, Under the accrual meth-



od, farm expenses are deductible in the taxable year in which incurred, whether paid or not.

Over a period of years, the accrual method may allow a smaller tax outlay since taxes are progressive and since a more uniform taxable income is shown than under the cash method. On the other hand

the cash method has certain advantages for more simplified record-keeping. When using the cash method, proceeds from crops and products are not included until re-

A farmer filing an income tax return for the first time in 1956 may choose the accounting method most suitable to his situation. However, once the accounting method is established, a change requires

the consent of the Commissioner information for completing tax re- State Department.

turns, Regardless of the method of

some of the numerous expense items are overlooked or forgotten. In addition to income and exas machinery, and livestock held

penses purchases of capital items a center. poses should be recorded. Without

a record of the cost of such items. the depreciation allowance cannot their nose; bird of paradise feather be determined. Records on capital headdresses and loin cloths." She assets and depreciable property brought back some of the bone and used in the farming business are shell tools, a head hunter's axe, also necessary to compute gains some native weaving, bamboo flutes and strings of seeds with

NOTICE OF SALE

U.S. Urged By JANE EADS

> WASHINGTON - Christine M. Heinig, pioneer in nursery school education, is urging communitysponsored centers for pre-school children.

She says she would like to see community child service centers within a five-mile radius of every residential area, to be used as laboratories and guidance clinics. offering parent education as well as complete health, recreational and training facilities, and cus-

todial care for youngsters up to regular school age.

Miss Heinig serves on the headquarters staff of the American Assn. of University Women. She has just returned from a tour of New Zealand, Australia, New

Guinea, Fiji, and the Philippines The accounting method of farm where she was invited to appraise records should be identical to the the status of preschool education method used in reporting income and advise on expanding programs. tax in order to provide adequate The tour was sponsored by the

She said she was especially imaccounting used, entries should be pressed with preschool centers in kept up-to-date and properly iden- New Guinea. Operated by a handtified. For example, all items of ful of top citizens, these centers receipts should be described to are set up in scattered posts of show whether they are taxable civilization in jungle country Records of expenses enable the They are so important that a regufarmer to substantiate his deduc- lar airline plane which she was to tions. Since expense transactions take to a speaking appointment occur more frequently than income, was held back to await a delayed carelessness in record - keeping shipment of vegetables and school could cost extra tax dollars when supplies. She was flown on, in-

stead, in a single-engine plane. At one place the local tribe prepared the land for the building of

"They used only bones and shells for breeding, dairy, and draft pur- for tools," Miss Heinig observed "They wore bones of the cassowary bird (like an ostrich) through

FIRST COMMUNITY CENTER in Haywood

County is this one at South Clyde, for which ground was broken in May, 1953. Added last year to the building were new chairs, cabinets, kitchen stove, serving counter, running water,

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lowing article by John H. Harris,

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View Garden Club of Waynes-

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ville.)

four reasons.

sink, new heater, window and door screens. The interior of the building, which measures 24 by 40 feet, also was painted last year.

(County Agent's Photo by Holloway),

N.C. Horticulturist Advises ers and editors." It was also stressed that there's lot of noise in the blacksmithing **Against Topping Of Trees** business. Pounding the anvil, and all that. Yet look at Longfellow's vision of the village blacksmith-A mighty man, with strong and Study Being Made inewy hands."

It may not always be the loud-Of Noises, And dismays the listeners, the doctor Affect On Health said. "It could be that a regular noise, like pounding on an anvil, is By PETE IVEY

factor.

seminar at Chapel Hill this week doctors and manufacturers are get-

Many Farmers Fearful Of Proposed U.S. Soil Bank

By OVID A, MARTIN Associated Press Farm Reporter

WASHINGTON - Many farm leaders fear that the proposed soil bank plan for reducing price-depressing crop surpluses might sow seeds for future farm headaches similar to the one it is designed to cure

Under the soil bank plan, farmers would be paid by the governpresent oversupplies have been disposed of and farm prices-no longer burdened by surpluses-are free to rise to levels more favorable to farmers

The general idea is favored by farm leaders in both major parties as well as by most of the major farm organizations. President Eisenhower made it the major point in new farm program recommendations to Congress. But many of the proposal's back-

ers look ahead and see the possibility of new surpluses developing after the present ones are disposed of. This might lead to farm prices and incomes falling again-unless, of course, markets not now in sight tevelop.

The administration believes that wheat, corn and other crops could be eliminated within three or four years if farmers went along with

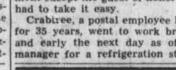
the program. Farm law authorizes use of these controls only when supplies become larger than the total of market needs and a normal reserve. The year 1960 would be a bright

one for farmers for still another reason. Government price supports for the major crops would be back

ness of the noise that disturbs and to the 90 per cent of parity level that prevailed during the war and early postwar years under the Truman administration.

not bad at all, healthwise. It may Parity is the price goal of farm be that the variety of noises is the programs. It is a standard for thing, or the rasping effects. "or measuring farm prices declared some other aspect of the noise by law to be fair to farmers in relation to prices they must pay The noise topic is just one of for necessities,

the health-industry subjects to be The flexible price support sys-



State College **Answers Timely Farm Questions**

QUESTION: Is light or heavy pruning best for older fruit trees? ANSWER: Prune young trees lightly, and older (13 years) bearing trees as needed to open them ment to reduce plantings until anl permit adequate spray coverage and sufficient light for good quality fruit.

> QUESTION: What is the best way to keep land from croding?

ANSWER: When it comes to holding the soil, controlling erosion, and checking runoff, a good sod is hard to beat. Consider this when planning coservation practices to be carried out this fall,

QUESTION: Can brown spot fungus carry over from one season to the next?

ANSWER: Yes. According to Furney A. Todd, extension tobacco specialist, it's a good idea for growers to cut their tobacco stalks as soon as possible after harvest and to plant next year's crop in different fields when possible

A recent survey of 424 herds doing DHIA testing in North Carolina showed that 422 of them-75 per cent-were using artificial breeding.

were still in effect in 1960-would pull the price floors back to the 90 per cent parity level.

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