

## Accidents High

If you're one of the more than 3 million persons licensed by North Carolina to drive on the roads, chances of your being involved in an auto accident in the next

National accident figures show that in 1972, 29.1 million drivers were involved in 24.8 million accidents. Because there were 118.2 million licensed drivers that year, one driver in four may have been involved in a crash.

What should you do in the aftermath of an accident—a sudden and frequently traumatic

The most valuable preparations for such emergencies, the Insurance Information Institute says, is for every driver to understand fully and memorize these primary responsibilities: Stop, Identify yourself! Offer aid to any injured person!

Failure to perform these duties at the scene of an accident may carry severe legal penalties. The Institute notes that drivers involved in accidents where a person is hurt must come to a stop, provide identification and offer to assist the injured, or face a possible fine and/or imprisonment. Most states require a convicted person's license to be revoked.

Being "involved in an accident" has little to do with causing it, the Institute points out. You are "involved" if your vehicle comes into contact with another vehicle, pedestrian or object, or if you cause or contribute to a crash by another driver even though there is no physical contact with your vehicle.

An involved driver's first duty is to stop immediately — as close to the scene as possible but without unnecessarily obstructing traffic. Park on the shoulder and pull clear of any intersections, the Institute says. It not only is unlawful for a movable vehicle to be left in the roadway, it also is inconsiderate and dangerous. Be careful, however, to note where the vehicles were at the point of impact for subsequent reference in preparing accident reports.

Identifying yourself is extremely important in all types of motor vehicle accidents — whether the accident involves other drivers or unattended property such as parked cars or fixed objects along the roadside.

In an accident involving other drivers, you must supply all injured and involved persons and/or investigating police officers with your name, address, vehicle registration number and driver's license number. In an accident involving unattended property you are required either to locate the owner and give him the same information or attach a note containing this information to the property and immediately notify the police.

Never leave the scene of an accident without identifying yourself in some way. If you go to call for an ambulance or the police, the Institute recommends you leave some identification behind to avoid any possible mis-

understanding of your intentions. Prompt medical attention can mean the difference between life and death to many auto accident victims. It therefore is not only the legal but also the moral duty of a driver involved in an accident to aid an injured person who requests or obviously needs medical treatment.

This requires making arrangements for transporting the person to a hospital or doctor. Usually, you simply call for an ambulance, but if his injuries are minor or a telephone is a long way off, it may be preferable to drive him yourself. As a general rule, however, you should not attempt to move an unconscious or seriously hurt person. The primary concern is obtaining qualified medical or first-aid treatment as soon as possible.

Drivers involved in accidents resulting in death or injury must notify the police by the quickest means of communications, usually by telephone. In such cases or where property damage exceeds \$100, drivers normally are required to file within five or 10 days written accident reports to the appropriate agencies in the state where the accident occurred.

Apart from these legal requirements, the Institute also advises contacting your insurance agent or representative as soon as is reasonably possible. His phone number usually appears on your policy identification card, which you should carry with you at all times.

Because insurance policies often specify requirements for oral or written notice of accidents, your agent is an invaluable assistant in preparing these reports and preventing any undue delay in informing the insurance company of the incident. Be sure to give the agent the exact details of the accident, including the names and addresses of all involved drivers, injured persons and witnesses.

## Distaff Deeds

By JANICE CHRISTENSEN

You can live on a limited income and still have attractive home furnishings, believes a Rockingham county homemaker.

All you need is the skill to take items already on hand and convert them into attractive furniture and accessory pieces, says Mrs. Dorothy Dennis of Eden.

Mrs. Dennis has constructed several pieces of furniture out of cardboard boxes and plywood and Lydia Scott, assistant extension home economics agent.

"The furniture is steady and holds up well," the homemaker told Miss Scott. "I receive the most compliments on the end tables I made," she added.

SANTA'S HELPERIS Santa's helpers are already at work in Cleveland county.

The helpers, members of Cleveland county's Extension Homemakers Clubs, are making large-broughton hospital, report Jesse size dresses for patients at Ann Wingo, home economics extension agent.

Fabric for the garments was donated and club members who cannot sew are sending money to buy zippers, thread and trims, the agent added.

BUYING TOYS Selection of toys for children should be a carefully thought through decision, says Mrs. Josephine T. Cawthorne, associate home economics extension agent, Johnston county.

Much money is spent and wasted on toys, but careful selection can reap great benefits, she adds. For a child learns something from every toy he play with.

Toys that are safe, durable, fun and suited to the stage of development of the child are wise choices, she observes.

## TAXPAYERS ASK IRS

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U. S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

Q.—Is it true that a person who is eligible to exclude sick pay from his income must always attach to his return a supporting statement showing computation of sick pay, nature of the illness, etc.?

A.—No. A taxpayer excluding sick pay is not required to attach a supporting statement to his return as long as the employer reports the employee's excludible sick pay in a separate block on a W-2 form, keeps appropriate records, assumes full responsibility for the accuracy of sick pay figures furnished employees and keeps those figures available for IRS inspection.

Q.—How is a partnership treated for income tax purposes?

A.—A partnership pays no income tax. However, it must file an information return on Form 1065. This shows the results of the partnership's operations for its

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tax year and the items of income, gain, loss, deduction, or credit affecting its partners' individual income tax returns.

A partner must include as income on Schedule E of his federal income tax return his distributive share of partnership earnings, gains, losses, deductions, or credits, regardless of his actual withdrawals.

Q.—My teen-age son has a part-time job, but I still give him a weekly spending allowance of \$5. Can I include the allowance in total support I furnished for him when computing whether or not I can claim him as a dependent?

A.—Yes. Total support includes funds spent for a dependent's allowance, as well as money spent for food, shelter, clothing, education, medical and dental care, transportation, and similar necessities. Remember, you must furnish more than one half of your son's total support in order to claim him as a dependent.

Q.—My Army Reserve unit meets two Thursday evenings and one Sunday each month. Can I deduct my mileage to and from these meetings?

A.—If you work on week days, you may deduct the cost of getting from your place of work to the armory for a week-day meeting. A different rule applies for weekend drills. If the meetings are held within the general area of your tax home, you may not deduct the cost of getting from home to a weekend drill. However, if the meetings are held outside the general area of your tax home, such transportation expenses are deductible.

Q.—I had an auto accident, but I don't want to report it to my insurance company because my policy might be cancelled. Can I deduct the damage to my car as a casualty loss?

A.—No. Although a portion of your unreimbursed damage from an auto accident is generally deductible as a casualty loss, a deduction will be denied to the extent that you fail to claim available reimbursement.

Q.—I read that taxes "checked off" on last year's tax return to particular political parties will be transferred to a general fund to be divided among all parties. Is this true?

A.—Yes. Recent legislation approved by Congress transfers taxes designated to particular parties or 1972 returns to a general Presidential Election Campaign Fund. The new legislation also provides that on 1973 returns taxpayers will have the option of designating tax only to a general fund which subsequently will be divided among all parties.

Q.—Isn't there some sort of tax credit for which retirees may qualify?

A.—Yes. A retiree may qualify for the retirement income credit if he is a U. S. citizen or resident, had \$600 of earned income in each of any 10 calendar years before the current year, and had retirement income during the tax year. For more details, see IRS Publication 524, "Retirement Income Credit." You can get a copy free by contacting your nearest Internal Revenue office.

Q.—I paid an employment agency \$300 to find a job for me. Can I deduct this fee?

A.—Yes. Employment agency fees paid for securing employment are deductible. However, the IRS regards fees paid for seeking rather than securing employment as not deductible.

## Drive Launched By Winn-Dixie

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc., has begun a company wide drive to help conserve energy in the company's retail food stores across the southeast, Winn-Dixie executive vice president Joe A. Adams has announced.

In a memorandum to Winn-Dixie division managers outlining the firm's power saving program, Adams said, "Conservation of electric power through proper refrigeration, electric lights, proper thermostat setting for store heat and air conditioning will help our country during this grave power crisis."

Adams outlined immediate steps to be taken by Winn-Dixie to help conserve energy, including:

Resetting of all store thermostats to low heat temperature (or raising the setting in cases where air conditioning is in use.)

Using only half of store lights before opening and after closing hours.

Eliminating refrigerated case spillover causing colder store aisles.

Reviewing store hours to determine the possibility of shorter work days.

Requesting all Winn-Dixie employees to reduce the speed in their personal automobiles to conserve fuel.

Checking for small heaters in stores and eliminating their use when possible.

Adams also requested that "all maintenance personnel be alerted for idea to further conserve oil, gas and electricity" and suggested that store managers review their early week deliveries on perishables in order to consolidate truck shipments of those items.

Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc., has also launched a company wide information program to better inform employees about ways to save energy.

Using the theme "Thanks a million for the watts you save" the six week program is designed, in Adams words, "to help our country during this grave power crisis."

The program includes posters bearing energy saving themes for employees, stock on signs and reminding employees to "turn off the lights, and 'don't adjust thermostat,' 'close the freezer door' and 'conserve water.'"

"Our people have always been cooperative when we have problems," Adams says, "and this is one which needs the support of all people both in our business and our homes." It's a national problem.

Wage and price regulation goes far back into history, according to an article in the U. S. Department of Labor's "Monthly Labor Review," which adds that

the Roman emperor Diocletian in the fourth century A. D. not only prescribed ceilings on prices and wages but also froze workers to their jobs.

## Special Program During November

Howard Bryant, of Kings Mountain, president of the Cleveland County Association for Retarded Children, announced today that the Cleveland County Association is joining the state and national Association for Retarded Children in observing November as Retarded Children's Month throughout the county and North Carolina.

In observance of this month, which is designed to call attention to the services for retarded citizens, Mr. Bryant invited the public to visit one or all of the local program serving the mentally retarded in Shelby, Kings

It is conservatively estimated that thirty (30) babies born out of every thousand are mentally retarded to some degree.

Today, we know that the great majority of these babies can attain a degree of independence through appropriate education and training. Without the necessary training, these children may be destined to a useless life. Mr. Bryant says, "Ninety-five per cent of the people who are mentally retarded live in our communities, and we must provide adequate and appropriate services to them so that they will have a chance to become contributing citizens." The public is invited to join with the Cleveland county association and to assist them in obtaining the appropriate services for our mentally retarded.

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For Friends and Family... Home and Hearthside... Be Grateful!

Pause in the midst of the fun and the feasting... reflect for a moment or two... and count up the things you're glad about.

Probably they're the same things that inspired the Pilgrim Fathers: food, fellowship, and a sense of caring, sharing and purpose, and faith in God.



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