

IRS Questions And Answers

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Q. My brother, sister, and I each help pay for my mother's support. Can any or all of us claim her as a dependent?

A. If none of you contribute more than 50 per cent of your mother's support, one of you who individually contributes more than ten per cent may claim the exemption. Each of the others must file a written statement that he or she will not claim the exemption for that year and these statements must be filed with the income tax return of the person claiming the exemption. Form 2120 may be obtained for this purpose from your Internal Revenue office.

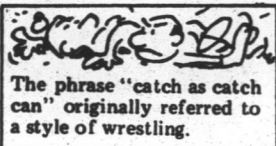
Of course, the person who claims your mother as a dependent must meet all the other dependency tests and, together, all of you must have contributed more than half of your mother's total support. For more details, see IRS Publication 501, "Your Exemption and Exemptions for Dependents." It's available free from your nearest IRS office.

Q. I'm going to school under the G.I. Bill to take some courses I need for my job. I know I can deduct my educational expenses, but do I have to reduce my deduction by the tax-free amounts the VA pays me for tuition and books?

A. No. You are required to reduce your deductible education expenses by the amount of tax-exempt educational benefits received from the VA.

Q. I'm ready to settle on a new house, but I haven't been able to sell my old home. I'm thinking of taking out a loan to settle on the new home and pledging the proceeds of the sale of the old house as security for the loan. Would this arrangement have any effect on whether or not I can take advantage of the provisions of the tax law postponing tax on the profit from the sale of a residence?

A. No. This loan arrangement would have no effect on your ability to postpone tax on the gain from the sale of your old house, if within one year before or one year after the sale you buy and occupy another residence whose cost equals or exceeds the "adjusted sales price" of the old residence. (In general, the "adjusted sales price" is your actual selling price minus selling expenses and fixing up expenses. For more information, see IRS Publication 523, "Tax Information on Selling Your Home." It's available free from your nearest Internal Revenue office.)



The phrase "catch as catch can" originally referred to a style of wrestling.

Shine-On! It's The Look Of The Seventies

Have you ever run into an old friend and sensed when she said, "My, you haven't changed a bit!" that it wasn't exactly a compliment? Then maybe it's high time that you stopped marking time and stepped into the shining seventies.



The no make-up look—pale face, subdued lips, flat colors and monochromatic eyes went out with the sixties. And so did every-strand-in-place hair. So if you suspect that the man in your life doesn't even know you own a lipstick and he goes on and on about your looking so wholesome—he's probably just being tactful. It's time you took a look at the cover girls and realized that natural doesn't mean plain Jane. Their faces are all-shine, all-gloss, all-free. And their hair is beautifully alive—swinging loose and free. Fortunately, it's a snap to update your look from the soft-focus sixties to the shining seventies...now that Cover Girl has a new collection of cosmetics with built-in brightness and gleam. It begins with SuperSheer Liquid Make-up smoothed on all over, to gently polish and even out the natural glow of your own skin tones. It

makes your complexion look fresh, clean and young. The next step is to add happy, healthy, sunny color -- and the newest, most natural way is with CreamShine Blush. The color seems to come from beneath the skin because it's pure, see-through color—not artificial paint-like rouge. So you can let yourself go and use more than one shade. For instance, Sunlit Peach to highlight cheeks and forehead, then a faint touch of Fresh Rose around the hairline.

Shiny Shadows, creamed on lids and right up to the brow, light up the whole eye area with soft, lustrous color. The newest shades are Earth Shine and Pearl Shine for deep contours and sparkling highlights. A cover girl trick is to smudge the shadow a little beyond the outside corner of the eye to elongate it. At night, Deep Black Liquid Eye Liner along the top lashline and huge amounts of Deep Black Thick-lash Mascara brushed on both upper and lower lashes give eyes that sooty, mysterious look.

The seventies mouth becomes your bright new punctuation mark with new SuperGloss Frosted. You just finger tip them on from their own little pots. Not only do they make your mouth shimmer and sizzle but they soften and smooth tender lips, too.

Just wait until you see your old school chum again! She may be too much of a spoilsport to say anything but you can bet she's thinking how much younger and more beautiful you look than you did several years ago. So don't be surprised if you catch her rummaging around your dressing table trying to find out your secret.



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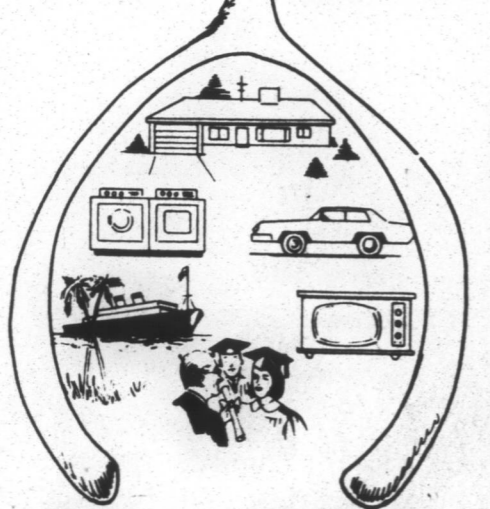
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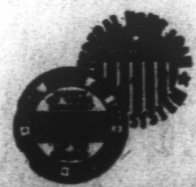
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