

## Adjustment Errors Causing Federal Tax Refund Delay

Greensboro -- Early Federal income tax returns indicate that many taxpayers are making errors in claiming adjustments to their income which may delay their refunds, the Internal Revenue Service said today.

The term "adjustments," as

used on the tax form, refers only to sick pay, moving expenses, employee business expenses, and payments to self-employment retirement plans. The total of these items is entered on line 15B of the form 1040, the IRS said.

Some taxpayers are incorrectly reporting on line

15B, the total of their itemized deductions such as interest expense, state and local taxes, contributions, medical, or miscellaneous expenses. These deductions should be computed and entered on the appropriate schedules as provided in the instructions.

The IRS also said that taxpayers are making mistakes by including as adjustments the exemption allowances for themselves, husbands or wives, children, or other dependents. For taxpayers who use the tax table to compute their tax, the exemption allowance is already figured into the table. Taxpayers who use the tax rate schedules should make their computation on Schedule T, which included in the regular tax packet.

To avoid errors in claiming adjustments, the IRS suggested that taxpayers read the instructions carefully and make sure they have attached the proper supporting documents.

## 79% Of Public Funds For Schools Locally

(Special to The News-Journal)

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 -- What does it take, in the way of money, to meet Hoke County's educational needs? How much is spent in other localities? What proportion of the local budget goes for school construction and maintenance, for teachers salaries and for other school costs?

Just as in most other communities across the country -- the largest as well as the smallest -- local officials are faced with the problem of providing, with the amount of money available, sufficient educational facilities and opportunities to meet the ever-growing demand.

A Federal study of expenditures for education at the local level, covering all parts of the country, shows that such costs usually amount to nearly as much as all other costs combined.

In Hoke County, the figures indicate, approximately 79 percent of all public spending is for education. In some communities the proportion is somewhat lower than that and, in others, quite a bit more.

Nationally, the average is 48 percent. It is 57 percent in the State of North Carolina.

The analysis of local government expenditures, made every five years, is based upon data compiled by the Department of Commerce for its current "Census of Governments." The previous one was in 1962.

The report shows that total spending in Hoke County for

public purposes amounted to \$202 per local resident in the year. Of this, \$160 was for education.

In other counties across the country, the per capita cost of education averaged \$146. Throughout North Carolina, it came to \$118 at the local level.

According to a survey of 1,200 school districts, made by School Management Magazine, the average school is spending 13 percent per pupil this year than last.

The current outlay is \$582 per elementary pupil, compared with \$516 in 1969, and \$757 per secondary pupil, as against \$671 previously.

The increase has had little effect, however, on the quality and quantity of education that children receive, it finds. The extra money represents higher operating costs.

"Until inflation cools down, school districts that increase spending will, in effect, simply be spinning their wheels," it concludes.

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LOADED -- The Boy Scouts of Troop 401 get ready for an overnight backpacking trip week-end before last. The boys had to carry everything they would use so one resourceful Scout brought along his little red wagon for the three mile hike to the campsite.



BACKPACKING -- These Scouts last prepared for any contingency on their recent overnight campout. Members of Troop 401, the boys are: Andy Gibson (left with backpack) Andy Posey, holding duffelbag; Frank Kicklighter, Jr. (center) Henry Hostetler (right). Robert Gibson stands in the background to see son Andy off.

### School Menu

- MONDAY, FEB. 16  
Hamburger on Bun  
Slaw-C  
Succotash  
Cake  
Milk
- TUESDAY, FEB. 17  
Beef-A-Roni  
Mixed Greens-A&C  
Cornbread  
Apricot-Up-Side-Down Cake-A  
Milk
- WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18  
Hot Dogs w/Baked Beans  
Steamed Cabbage-C  
Peach Pie  
Cornbread  
Milk
- THURSDAY, FEB. 19  
Turkey Pie  
Sweet Potato Souffle-A&C  
Biscuits  
Fresh Pear  
Milk
- FRIDAY, FEB. 20  
Toasted Cheese Sandwich  
Potato Salad on Lettuce  
Cherry Jello  
Cinnamon Buns w/Raisins  
Milk

### Raeford Troop Observes Boy Scout Week Feb. 7-13

Raeford Boy Scouts are helping celebrate Boy Scout Week Feb. 7 to 13 with a variety of activities. Last Sunday was Scout Sunday and the boys in troop 401 attended the Presbyterian Church for services. The troop led by George Ashley and Robert Averette, held a cracker - barrel get-together Tuesday night for the fathers with a film on the 127,000 acre Scout ranch, Philmont, near Cinnamon, New Mexico, for entertainment. Lee Gillis, junior assistant scout

leader, also showed slides of his trip to the national Jamboree last summer. Tonight the Scouts will attend the Kiwanis meeting and display equipment that was purchased for the troop by the Kiwanis club. Recently the troop held an overnight backpacking trip at the Benton Thomas Pond about three miles from town. The campout, the second since the troop formed in September, was entirely planned by the Scouts.

### Veterans Corner

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to some of the many current questions from former servicemen and their families. Further information on veterans benefits may be obtained at any VA office.

Q -- Can I receive G. I. educational allowance while doing post graduate work on a National Institute of Mental Health fellowship?

A -- Yes, effective Oct. 15, 1968, all grants and awards made by the public health service are exempted from the bar to concurrent payments in the G.I. Bill.

Q -- Is there any age restriction with regard to attending school under the G. I. Bill? I am 42 years old and have just retired after 20 consecutive years on active duty in the Army.

A -- No, there is no age limitation. Your letter indicates that you have had the required 180 days of continuous service after Jan. 31, 1955 and that you received an honorable discharge. Now, all that is required is that you are accepted by a school to pursue an approved course. You are entitled to 36 months of educational assistance provided you have not previously used any of your entitlement.

Q -- Does the Government pay a medal of honor winner anything for winning this honor?

A -- Yes. He receives \$100 a month for this upon written application.

"Horn In The West," the story of the efforts by early American settlers to develop Western North Carolina is recreated each summer near Boone.

### Local Business

A survey by the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks show that the country's savings banks will increase their advertising and promotion expenditures by almost five per cent during 1970.

Indeed, during December and January there was an upsurge of ads in newspapers placed by banks of all types, including savings banks.

commercial banks and savings and loan associations.

The national survey is not only indicative that banks are continually promoting their own growth, but that they recognize the force of the newspaper as a proven medium for their message.

What makes the phenomenon even more interesting these days is that banking practices by the consumer are nominally used as one of the best indicators of the country's true economic condition.

The views of financial executives in America's banking institutions is always of vital interest to the public, for by those views a general trend can be established as to the "state of the nation" financially.

By all indications, growth and progress are assured.

The record \$33.3 million expected to be spent this year by America's banks will go principally to hometown newspapers. In fact, the survey points out that "newspapers continue far out in front as the favorite medium for savings banks' advertising..."



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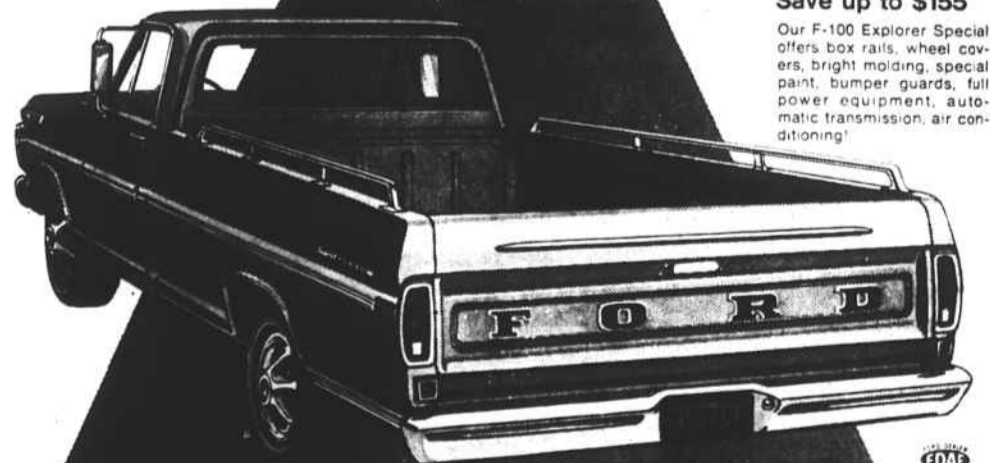
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