

Real Estate

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REALTOR

TAX TIP IF YOU SELL FOR A PROFIT

Normally, Taxpayers who sell their home for a substantial profit face a heavy tax load, but this burden can be avoided. If you buy another home that costs as much or more than the sales price of the old one, within a specified time, the profit from the sale is not included in your taxable income.

The second home must be bought and occupied within a period ending 18 months after the sale. (This is a new change, previous time period was one year). A 2-year period is permitted when building a new home. This tax deferral applies only to the sale of a home which is the family's main residence.

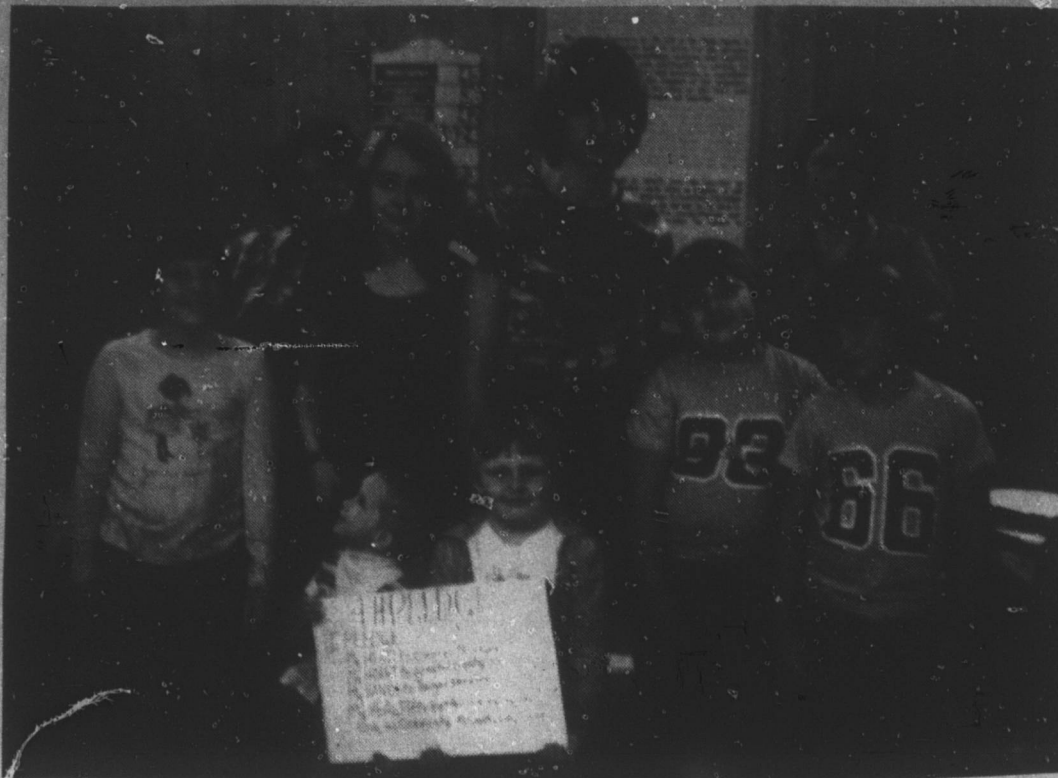
When figuring the amount of gain for which tax may be postponed you may deduct for "fix-up" expenses if they were accomplished within 90 days prior to the sale, and paid for no later than 30 days after the sale. Check with your accountant or the IRS on details if this matter affects you. It could be well worth your while.

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New 4-H Club At Fox Creek

Fox Creek Community held its first 4-H meeting September 29 at Fox Creek Church. Joyce Watts, 4-H agent, discussed the meaning of 4-H and how to be a member of a community 4-H club. The club discussed a possible group project and individual projects. Those attending were [left to right] front row: Billy Stamey and Patrick Fox; 2nd row: Rebecca Shepherd, Suzy Metcalf, Clyde Ramsay, Gregory Fox and Craig Fox; 3rd row: Peggy Fox and Wanda Shepherd. Also attending were Norman Griffin, Kenny Griffin and Jeff Fox.

Anyone age 9-19 can be a 4-H member without regard to race, color, or national origin. Contact the Yancey County Extension Office at 682-6186.

Corn Blight

BY WM. C. BLEDSOE
County Extension Chairman

Several fields of corn in Yancey are infected with "Gray Leaf Spot." Farmers are referring to the condition as corn blight, however it is a different and distinct disease from what we had so bad a few seasons back.

Gray leaf spot has been identified in field samples submitted to the plant disease and insect clinic at N.C. State University.

Gray leaf spot of corn is caused by the fungus *Cercospora zeae-maydis*. The fungus can infect leaf blades and, to a much lesser extent, leaf sheaths. The gray or pale brown lesions are long and narrow with parallel sides delimited by leaf veins. The ends are usually blunt, giving the lesions a long rectangular

shape. Lesions commonly are about 1/4 inch wide by about 1 inch long. When the infection is heavy, lesions merge into long stripes. Eventually the entire leaf may be killed.

Gray leaf spot was first reported on corn in Illinois in 1925. Although it has been said to be common in South America, it was not reported in the United States again until 1943 when it was found causing moderate to severe damage in some fields in eastern Tennessee and Kentucky. In recent years gray leaf spot has caused minor damage to corn in the mountain valleys of western Virginia. In 1972 we observed severe damage from gray leaf spot in one field in Madison County, North Carolina and very minor damage in several nearby fields. In 1973 severe damage occurred on corn in Blacksburg, Virginia and in several locations in North Carolina. The disease was most serious in areas of Macon, Haywood, Transylvania, Madison, Yancey and McDowell Counties in fields where most of the leaves have been killed by mid-August. It was also found in Caldwell, Surry, Davie, and Moore Counties.

The gray leaf spot fungus probably survives the winter as resistant mycelium or thick-walled spores in dead corn leaves left in the field. Other species of *Cercospora*

are known to survive in this way, and it appears that gray leaf spot is most severe in fields of corn following corn with minimum tillage. Judging from what is known about other species of *Cercospora*, weeds are probably not susceptible and would not be likely to be important in the disease cycle. Very little is known about the susceptibility of different corn hybrids, but some studies are underway in Virginia.

It has been observed that the gray leaf spot infection has been building in certain Yancey communities for the past 2-3 years. The Agricultural Extension Service strongly suggests a complete harvest and thorough clean up of all corn fields in the county this fall to keep the disease down next year.

Lion 'White Cane' Drive

The Burnsville Lions Club announces their "White Cane Drive". There will be members of the Burnsville Lions Club stationed at the entrances and exits of the Banks Family Square and the Ingles Shopping Center this Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They will be soliciting donations for the blind of our community. Please-do not pass them by. All of your donations will be used to help the visually handicapped of our community.

Yearling Price

Prices for the graded yearling steers are running from 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 cents per pound higher than a year ago. The second sale was September 27th and the last yearling steer sale of the season will be October 18th (weigh-in 17th). The Feeder Calf sale was held October 4 and another one is slated for November 1.

Farm Bureau Meeting Set

The Yancey County Farm Bureau will hold its annual meeting on Monday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the courtroom. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss loose leaf tobacco and other commodities. All Farm Bureau members are urged to attend and take a part in forming Farm Bureau policies.

National 4-H Week Theme

Freedom To Be

During National 4-H Week Oct. 2-8, 4-H members will be exploring the theme, "Freedom to Be." Over the years, 4-H has helped millions of boys and girls grow into self-directed, productive and contributing members of society. It has done this through an informal, learn-by-doing approach to education, in which young people choose their own projects and set individual goals for achievement.

The strengths of 4-H come from several sources. The Cooperative Extension Service of the land-grant universities, state and local governments, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture provide substantial resources and versatility for the 4-H program. Private sector donors—businesses, foundations and individuals—contribute significant financial and technical assistance. And parents who are involved in 4-H help to reinforce their children's learning experiences in the program.

But the real key to the success of 4-H lies in the hundreds of thousands of volunteers who lead organized clubs and special interest groups or serve as advisors at the local level. It is estimated that for every hour spent on 4-H by a professional extension worker, a volunteer leader spends 10 hours. This amounts to about 20 eight-hour days each year.

Volunteer leaders provide healthy, adult-youth relationships, teach skills, and give supervision and encouragement. Although the number of leaders has doubled in the past decade, even more will be needed if 4-H is to offer positive educational opportunities to increasing numbers of youth. We can't think of a better way to invest in America's third century than by volunteering time and talents to help prepare young people for the future.

Youths Participate Gardening

Fall is a rich gardening season and planted in mid-July, cool-season vegetables will bear during most of the fall, or until frost or a freeze.

Although the fall garden generally requires less care than the spring and summer garden, it still must be watered, weeded, fertilized and kept free of insects.

July efforts have resulted in an autumn-long harvest of tomatoes, beans, okra, squash, cabbage, carrots, pepper, corn and greens for youth enrolled in the Expanded Food Nutrition Extension Program, under the supervision of Nelle Johnson, Program Aide. Their garden projects were planned to include three plantings from April through July—so that they would have a plentiful supply of these Vitamin rich vegetables to eat fresh and to can, freeze or store for the winter months.

Information is supplied to the young gardeners by the Agricultural Extension Office in addition to supervision by the Extension Program aides.



Jerry Woody & Mother Pick Corn



Marvin, Benny, Ricky Laws Pick Beans



Susan & William Silvers Help Mother



Lynn, Grace Ann, Jimmy Silvers

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