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Director Of Black Political Affairs For National Committee

WASHINGTON - One of the country's most experienced black Republican political professionals has been named director of black political affairs for the Republican National Committee, National Chairman Mary Louise Smith announced Saturday.

John L. Wilks, former director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance (OFCC), will head the RNC's black political

office and will also serve as executive director of the National Black Republican Council.

"We are delighted to have someone of John Wilks's ability and stature heading our efforts in the black community," Mrs. Smith said.

Wilks started in Republican politics in 1952 when Sen. Edward Brooke of Massachusetts ran for the state legislature. After

moving to the San Francisco area to become a business executive, Wilks worked in a number of local and legislative races.

He served as an advance man for former President Nixon's campaign in 1968 and was Nixon's East Coast coordinator for black voters in 1972.

In 1969, Wilks became deputy assistant secretary of labor and director of the OFCC, which sets guidelines for federal contractors to follow in regard to avoiding discrimination with respect to race, sex, religion or national origin.

Wilks said his first priority will be to re-organize the National Black Republican Council, which is made of about 30 state councils.

"The Council will provide an official vehicle for bringing blacks into the Republican party," Wilks said, "and for their participation in the party's affairs."

His office in Washington will provide support for the programs of the state councils, he said, and serve as liaison between them and the National Committee.

Wilks said blacks will vote Republican if Republican candidates "ask for their votes and show some interests in their concerns."

"The black vote is no longer automatically Democratic," Wilks said. "In fact, it is one of the more independent votes in the country today."

He noted that black votes help elect several Republicans last fall, including Sen. Robert Dole and Gov. Robert Bennett of Kansas, Sen. Henry Bellmon of Oklahoma, Gov. John Rhodes of Ohio, Sen. Charles Mathias of Maryland, and Gov. William G. Milliken of Michigan.

YOU AND YOUR HEALTH

By Peter J. Esse, MD

DOCTOR-PATIENT PARTNERS

Dear Dr. Esse: I don't have good relations with my doctor. I don't mean we argue. It's simply a feeling that I am nothing more than a number to him, he's so impersonal.

I have the same feeling as in a busy bakery store, where I take a number until called. There's always the expectation that he'll be more warm and understanding. But it's always the same story; I get "stale bread." — Mrs. L.

COMMENT: I understand how you feel. A good doctor-patient relationship is important for best results in the quest for health. Look upon yourself and your doctor as partners. He is the senior partner and you the junior.

He evaluates your health status and tells you what to do about it. You, in turn, have a job, too. As the junior partner you must make this important contribution: full cooperation. Without it, no matter how good your doctor, you are in danger of wrecking the relationship. Health bankruptcy may result.

Of course, your doctor has his responsibilities. He must keep up with the rapid advances in medicine and be able to diagnose and treat you with the most modern methods. He must answer your call when you are ill. He must be patient and understanding. (Especially in your case, Mrs. L.) He must be devoted to getting and keeping you well.

However, as I said, don't forget your own responsibilities. Don't procrastinate in seeking treatment. If you get to him late, he often has a hopeless task. The early curable growth becomes incurable cancer; the late diabetes becomes the reason for serious complications. Your responsibility is to get the early jump on disease.

Having gone to your doctor, it is also your job to cooperate fully. What good does it do to leave the bottle of medicine unopened on the medicine cabinet shelf?

Or to continue to overeat if he has warned you that your obesity is endangering your health? Or to be careless about overexertion after he has warned you your heart cannot take it like it used to.

I know it is not easy to conform to a new way of life. But when health is at stake, there really isn't any choice, is there?

Think of it as one partner saying to the other: "Let's do this for the good of the health job we've taken on together."

Remember this the next time you are in your doctor's office, Mrs. L. Have you been doing your job? Have you cooperated? Or are you still putting on weight, or smoking too much, or neglecting other advice? Perhaps this has turned him off in his "caring" for you. Some doctors become very upset when their "partners" don't take their advice.

One important way to prevent health bankruptcy is for each partner to really "care" for the other. If he is pulling one way and you are pulling the other, neither of you will be satisfied with results.

Perhaps it will make you feel better to know that we doctors don't really get any sadistic pleasure out of saying, "Don't do this and don't do that."

But let's assume you have been a good and cooperative patient. And he is still cold and impersonal. He still treats you as a number rather than as a patient. I know what I'd do. I'd go looking for the kind of doctor who is warm and friendly!

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1040 U.S. Individual 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. How can I get an exemption from withholding tax?

A. If you had no income tax liability for the past year, and expect to have no tax liability for the current year, you may apply for exemption from withholding tax. The exemption applies only to income tax and not to social security tax (FICA). To be exempt, you must give your employer a filled-in Form W-4E.

Q. Please explain the two common methods of accounting which the IRS recognizes.

A. In the cash method of accounting which is used by most individual taxpayers, all items of income are reported in the

year in which you actually receive them, or when they are credited to your account, or otherwise made available to you on demand. All expenses are deducted in the year when they are paid. In the accrual method, an item of income is accounted for when it is earned, whether or not it has been received, and an expense is deducted when it is incurred rather than when it is paid.

Q. I entered a contest in a local newspaper which offered a prize of anything advertised in its pages. I won and chose the services of a plumber as my prize. How do I figure the tax on my prize?

A. Prizes and awards in goods or services must be included in income at their fair market value. Whatever the going rate is for the work the plumber does for you will be the amount you must include in your gross income.

From The IRS

GREENSBORO - Many North Carolina taxpayers selling their homes may be able to defer the entire tax on the profit from the sale, the Internal Revenue Ser-

A&T Awarded \$245,000 For Study Program

A&T State University Thursday was named by the Naval Material Command in Washington to coordinate a \$245,785 work-study program designed to significantly enhance that command's minority recruiting efforts.

Under the project, approximately 250 students, from A&T, Tuskegee Institute, Prairie View, Tennessee State and Southern University will be able to pursue careers in engineering and physical and mathematical sciences at one of the colleges.

The initial grant was made for the period through next June, with additional funds expected over a two-year period.

The Navy grant was made to the Corporation for the Advancement of Experiential Learning Programs, a consortium of colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Executive director of the consortium is Dr. Burtleigh Webb, dean of the school of agriculture at A&T.

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In addition, the cost of the new home must equal or exceed the "adjusted sales price" of the old house. In general, Mr. LeBaube said, the adjusted sales price is the sale price minus selling expenses.

A portion of the profit may be postponed, not forgiven, Mr. LeBaube emphasized. Any profit not taxed in the year of the sale of the old residence is subtracted from the cost of the new one.

Mr. LeBaube also pointed out that there is a special rule applicable to taxpayers 65 or older.

Further details are provided in IRS Publication 523, "Tax Information on Selling Your Home," available free from IRS offices.

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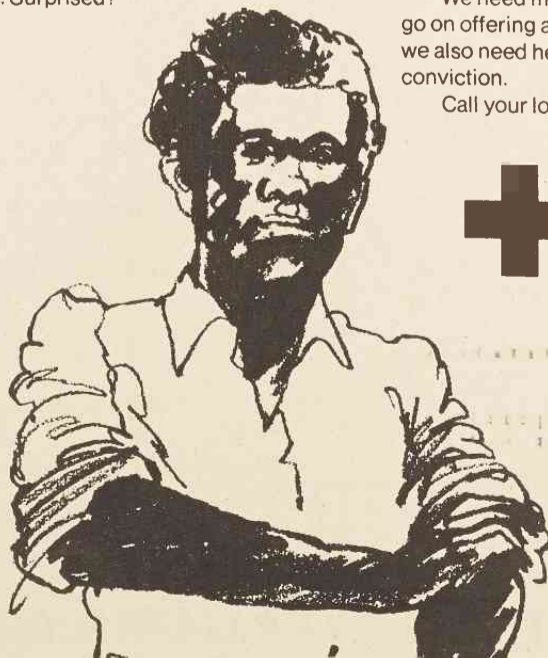
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