

Expressions In Poetry

by WILLENE RUCKER

Time, places, things, people, reality;
Can it all be a figment of
my imagination—a very
picturesque but real dream?
A dream that I can feel the
inner emotions of daily activity
—a dream I can touch and see?

I can visualize in this dream....
An elevated happiness and then,
a pain that no physical injury
can touch.
An inner torturing pain that only
mortals can give.
An eating away or erosion of
one's soul.
Slowly....slowly
Like a cancer, until there's no
more me.

A&T Awarded \$73,349, Study

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siderable research in rural transportation, and Douglas McKelvey, a research associate with A&T's Transportation Institute.

To conduct their latest study, a one-year long project, the A&T Transportation Institute has been awarded a grant for \$73,349. The funds are being made available by the Office of University Research of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

According to Arthur Saltzman, director of the institute, the A&T researchers will help to evaluate a \$9.65 million demonstration program which was recently authorized under the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1973.

That project will initiate pilot transportation programs in 45 locations across the United States, including one in North Carolina.

"The transportation problems in rural areas are much more severe than in the urban areas," said Saltzman. "This is contrary to what many persons believe. If a person in a rural area doesn't have his own public transportation, many times he finds himself in a real bind, because he can't usually walk like persons in the city can."

Saltzman said the A&T researchers will visit at least four of the experimental sites, including one in Cherokee, to ascertain how well the systems are

Increase

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\$114.5 million.
The Office of Minority Business Enterprise was created in the Department of Commerce in 1969 to serve as the coordinating agency of the federal government for minority business affairs and to assist in both federal and private efforts with the development of minority-owned businesses throughout the nation.

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Grants Made By Sears-Roebuck

NORTH CAROLINA Grants totaling \$90,000 from The Sears-Roebuck Foundation will be distributed to 40 colleges and universities including Shaw University in Raleigh and five other institutions in the state.

The total grant was presented in Atlanta by the Foundation on November 12 to The United Negro College Fund. Accepting the check for redistribution to member institutions was Christopher F. Edley of New York, executive director of UNCF. Colleges in North Carolina will receive \$12,634.

The Sears-Roebuck Foundation is a non-profit corporation organized and endowed by Sears-Roebuck and Company to carry on charitable, scientific and educational programs with established groups with a view toward improving the well being of American society.

In 1975 unrestricted grants totaling \$1,250,000 will be made to other private colleges and universities throughout the nation.

From The IRS

Greensboro--Lower income workers who are eligible for a special payment of up to \$400 from the Internal Revenue Service will not receive their check unless they file an income tax return, Mr. Robert A. LeBaube, District Director for North Carolina, pointed out today.

Some workers entitled to the payment wouldn't ordinarily be required to file a tax return, because their earnings are so low, he said.

However, the payment, called the "Earned Income Credit," can only be made to qualified taxpayers who file an income tax return, LeBaube explained.

To qualify for the credit, individuals must have under \$8,000 in total income from all sources, which include wages, salary, tips, or other employee compensation. Additionally, the workers must have paid more than half the cost of maintaining a home in the United States for themselves and at least one dependent child for the entire year. The dependent

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MRS. KOONTZ NAMED TO EDUCATION POST

Mrs. Elizabeth D. Koontz, nationally known former Salisbury teacher, has been named an assistant state superintendent of public instruction.

Dr. Craig Phillips, state school superintendent, said Mrs. Koontz will fill a position vacated by Dr. Von Valletta, and Bill Peek, an assistant to Dr. Phillips, said this morning that Mrs. Koontz will be concerned with teacher education, certification and staff development.

"We are in the process of doing some reorganization," he said, and Mrs. Koontz' duties will reflect the changes.

"We're just delighted to have



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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Mischievous
- Children
- Store
- Genuine
- Tibetan
- Mr. McDowell, actor
- Join
- Cuckoo
- Plague
- Spaces in Doric frieze
- Nickel (sym.)
- Babbler
- Performs
- Submarine
- S-shaped molding
- Account book
- Land measure
- Dreamily
- Mirrored image
- Commandments
- Hindu garments
- Booth
- Look for
- Detest
- Founder of Christian Science
- In bed
- DOWN
- Presser
- Fonder

ANSWER

- Tablet
- Cunning
- Great
- Quantities
- (var.)
- German
- boy's name
- Leave out
- Inventor's grant
- Sloping railway
- Godness of discord
- Puzzle
- Siouan (colloq.)
- Indian tribe
- Through
21. Af-fixes
22. Think
23. Even (poet)
24. Ew-ing
25. Lubri-cant
26. Wre-st
27. Vexatious
28. Fitted
29. Shinto temple
30. Check (colloq.)

US Individual Income 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. The county widened the street where I live, and everyone on the street was assessed for the costs. Can I get any deduction for this?

A. No. Any assessment for local benefits such as streets, sidewalks, sewers, etc., which usually increases the value of your property, is not deductible as taxes. Instead, you add the assessment to the cost basis of your property. If you later sell the house, this addition to the basis may reduce the gain on your property, and subsequently reduce the taxes you pay on the gain from the sale.

Q. I am divorced and have custody of my six year old son. I help support him, but my former husband also makes child support

payments. Which of us is entitled to the dependency deduction for the child?

A. Generally, the parent who has custody of the child for the greater part of the year is entitled to the dependency exemption, but there are exceptions. Your husband may get the exemption if the divorce decree specifies that he is entitled to it, and if he provided at least \$600 of the annual child support.

Also, he may get the exemption if he provided \$1,200 or more in child support, and you cannot clearly establish that you provided more.

Q. I work in a factory and have the choice of receiving free meals at the company cafeteria or re-

ceiving a cash allowance for them. Would I have to include the cash in my income?

A. Yes. Any cash allowance from your employer for meals must be included in your income. Meals your employer furnishes free are usually not income if they are furnished on the business premises, and if they are furnished for your employer's benefit. However, if you have a choice of accepting either the free meals or a cash allowance, and choose the meals, you must include their value in your income.

Q. I had a car accident and my automobile insurance will pay for the medical care of everyone injured in my car. Can I deduct the medical insurance portion of my auto insurance as a medical expense?

A. No. Since the medical insurance covers anyone in your car, not just your spouse and dependents, it is not deductible as a medical expense.

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