

### IRS Questions and Answers

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—When can I expect to get my W-2?

A—Employers are required to issue W-2 statements to their employees by January 31. However, the final date is February 1 this year since January 31 falls on a weekend. Many, however, issue them sooner for the convenience of those employees who are expecting a refund and want to file early.

Q—I was married last year and both my wife and I got a tax package in the mail. If we file a joint return, whose label should we use?

A—Use your name label since the husband's Social Security

number is used to identify joint returns. However, you should print your wife's name on the label. Her Social Security number should be entered in the space provided on the return.

Q—If I let IRS compute my tax and I have a refund coming, how long will it take to get it?

A—IRS can compute the tax and issue a refund within 4-5 weeks from the date the return is filed with the service center. Actually, it won't delay a refund by having IRS compute the tax since the computations are checked on all returns we receive.

Q—If you don't have to have a job before you move, can any one deduct moving expenses under the new law?

A—No, there are still limitations on who can deduct moving expenses even though these limitations are less restrictive. For details, send a post card to your local IRS office and ask for a free copy of Publication 521, Tax Information on Moving Expenses.

You can also find information on moving expenses, as well as many other subjects in Publication No. 17, Your Federal Income Tax. This booklet may be purchased from most IRS offices or the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402, for 75 cents.

Q—What kind of mistakes held up taxpayer refunds last year?

A—Refunds were delayed when taxpayers had to be contacted to supply information they forgot to include—or listed incorrectly—when they filed their Form 1040's. Missing W-2 forms, missing signatures, and missing or inaccurate Social Security numbers were some of the major types of errors.

Q—The name label is on the front cover of the instruction package this year instead of where it used to be on the Form 1040. Why the change?

A—To reduce costs and add flexibility to printing procedures. To put the name label on the Form 1040 required the cover of the package to have a cut-out space. The cutting added to the cost of the packages and also limited the number of printers who could supply the packages.

Before the present system was adopted, it was tested successfully last year in several parts of the country.

Q—I have a partial scholarship that covers some of my college costs. Do I have to report this as income?

A—Most scholarships are not taxable and do not have to be reported. Since there are many different types of scholarships, check with the organization that gave it to you for information on its tax status. Details can be found in Publication 507, Tax Information on Scholarships and Fellowships, available free by sending a post card to your local IRS office.

Q—What taxes can I deduct on my return?

A—If you itemize deductions, then your state and local income taxes, personal property, real estate, general sales and state and local gasoline taxes may be deducted. List these on Schedule A, Itemized Deductions.

Federal taxes such as Social Security tax or those on alcohol or tobacco are not deductible. Hunting licenses, driver's licenses or auto inspection fees are also not deductible.

Q—What are the new tax rates for single people? I can't find them in the 1040 instructions.

A—These rates go into effect for the 1971 tax year and therefore do not affect the 1970 tax forms and packages that were just mailed out.

The new withholding schedules just issued to employers do incorporate the rates for single people, however.

### Tax Exemption Is Explained

Greensboro — The Tax Reform Act of 1969 raised personal and dependency exemption deduction for federal income tax from \$600 to \$625 for 1970, J. E. Wall, IRS District Director for North Carolina, said today.

The extra exemption for taxpayers 65 or over or for those who are blind is also \$625.

The increase in dependency exemptions was accompanied by a change in the income test for claiming dependents. Previously, a person had to have income of less than \$600 to qualify as a dependent. That amount has now been raised to \$625 for 1970.

The gross-income test, however, does not apply to children under 19 or to full-time students, but parents still must furnish over half of the child's support and meet the other dependency requirements to claim him as a dependent.

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### Nazarene Pastor To Meeting

Nazarene church pastors and their wives from this community and area will take part in the annual preachers' conference of the North Carolina district to be held at Camp Munda Vista, near Asheboro, Monday through Wednesday, Feb. 1-3.

Nearly all of the 48 churches on the district will be represented according to the Rev. T. C. (Jack) Sanders, Jr., district superintendent.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Samuel Young, Kansas City, Mo., senior general superintendent in the denomination.

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### Math Teachers Plan Meeting

Representatives of the N. C. Council of Teachers of Mathematics will meet in Winston-Salem January 30 to discuss vital issues to the success of the newly launched organization, Robert Jones, Math Director for the State Education Agency, noted that the group was formed this winter.

All math teachers in the State (kindergarten through college) as well as laymen interested in mathematics are invited to join, said Jones. To date some 200 teachers have expressed interest in membership.

The new organization will meet at Winston-Salem State University from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The meeting will be held in Coltrain Hall. Discussion will cover membership dues, a proposed informational brochure and constitution, spring activities, and involvement of new members in the organization.

Mrs. Margaret Calahan of Shelby Jr. High is among the members who will attend the Winston-Salem meeting.

organization, according to Jones, is to allow mathematics teachers of all levels to communicate regarding teaching methods, curriculum development, and related matters. State School Superintendent Craig Phillips applauded the new group, saying that such organizations are essential to the growth of professional competency among North Carolina teachers.

A "roorback" means a falsehood used for political effect by a candidate.

The President's Commission on Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke reported that a total of 132 million work days were lost in a single year by members of the labor force, housewives and others who were unable to attend to their usual activities because of heart and blood vessel disorders, relates the North Carolina Heart Association.

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Beginning next week, only black and white photographs will be accepted since only poor reproduction can be expected from colored photographs.  
For birthday pictures and other single-column pictures, only wallet-size (2x3) photographs will be accepted, and for brides and brides-elect, 5x7 pictures are requested.  
Also, all brides pictures and birthday pictures must be in the Herald office no later than Monday for inclusion in that week's edition.  
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