

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 person I paid to fill out my tax return has not signed it. Should I make sure that he does?

A.—Yes. Anyone who prepares a return for compensation is required to sign your Form 1040 in the space provided at the bottom of the form. Spaces are also provided for the preparer's address and the date he signs the return.

Q.—I am supposed to receive a refund from my company for the most sales last year. I have to pay tax on the refund this year or the year it's actually paid me?

A.—The bonus or award is taxable to you when paid or made available to you.

Q.—Instead of taking the standard deduction as I did on last year's return, I decided to itemize this year and saved some money. I now think I could have saved by itemizing on my return. Can I go back and itemize for that year?

A.—This is done by preparing Form 1041X. On this form, you simply recompute the tax on that has changed from the original return and send it along with any necessary related information to the address shown in the instructions for that form. Forms 1041X can be obtained from any IRS office.

In general, your amended return claiming a refund must be filed within 3 years from the date your original return was filed or 2 years from the date you paid the tax, whichever is later. For this purpose, a return filed early is considered to have been filed on the due date.

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Q.—Does the Internal Revenue Service pay interest to the taxpayer when it is late in issuing a refund?

A.—Yes. However, the IRS has 45 days from the due date of the return or the date of filing, whichever is later, to issue a refund without payment of interest. If it takes longer than that, interest at an annual rate of 6 percent from the due date or the date of filing, whichever is later, is added to the refund.

Q.—I drive a 4-cylinder sports car. Can I take the full amount allowed by the state gasoline tax credit in my tax form instructions as a gas tax deduction?

A.—No. For mileage driven in a 4-cylinder (or less) car, deduct half the table amount. Of course, if you can establish that you paid a larger amount than that shown in the table, you may deduct the larger amount.

Q.—Can I deduct the rent I pay on a safe deposit box?

A.—Yes. If you itemize, safe deposit box rent is deductible provided the box is used for the storage of taxable income-producing stocks, bonds, etc. The rent is not deductible if the box is used for personal effects or tax-exempt securities.

Gardner-Webb Sets Workshops

BOLING SPRINGS.—Six workshops for school teachers will be taught this summer at Gardner-Webb college, beginning June 5.

Included in the summer school schedule are the following workshops: A one semester hour workshop, July 10-15, to be taught by Dr. George Criss to update teachers in public education; a two semester hour workshop, June 5-15, taught by Dr. Robert Backburn, Health, Education and Drug Abuse. This workshop will be updating teachers through study of pharmacological, sociological and psychological aspects and programs available.

A two semester workshop taught by Dr. David W. Crothers, Education and Supervising Student Teachers. The workshop will be updating teachers with the newest techniques and what the supervising teacher may expect of the student teacher.

A two semester hour workshop, July 10-21, to be taught by Mr. James Rosh, to update teachers in art education. A three semester hour workshop, July 10-23, to be taught by Dr. Michael Hagreiser, Environmental Science 320. Designed to update teachers and for planning, it deals with pollution as it affects nature.

A three semester hour workshop using team teaching for Contemporary English. This is a free tuition course for the first 25 to send in the following information: A letter from school superintendent stating teacher is under contract for 1972-73; that the course will be accepted as inservice credit.

The course will update teachers in language, writing, Black literature, contemporary literature, current criticism with suggestions for imparting to students practical criteria and Eng-

Byers Aboard New Destroyer

USS COOK.—Navy Seaman Apprentice Byers, of 503 N. Waterson St., Kings Mountain, N. C., has rounded the horn of South America and will soon end a 15,000-mile journey from Boston to Long Beach aboard the navy's newest destroyer escort, the USS Cook.

His ship has visited Jamaica, Brazil and Argentina, took part in the rescue of merchant seamen from a burning freighter in the Southern Atlantic and was two days transiting the slender channels of the violent and forbidding Straits of Magellan at South America's tip.

His schedule calls for stops in Chile and Acapulco before sailing the last leg to a new home port Long Beach, with arrival slated for late this month.

Registration for the workshops will be held the first day of the class meets. Further information may be obtained by contacting Mr. Jesse Taylor, Gardner-Webb College, phone 434 2311.

ACCENT ON AGRICULTURE

CONVENIENCE FOODS

Today's American life style encourages us to eat more but lighter meals and to take less time to prepare them. Food processors are getting on the bandwagon and have come up with a variety of products to eat in heatable bags, full meals, snacks, popups (toaster foods) and instant soups.

These new health convenience foods cost the consumer more but most Americans seem to be willing to pay for them.

The housewife who has these items is not spending all her money for the food. In cases not even half. What she is buying is a "built-in maid service" as one food economist writer describes it. These frozen, ready-to-heat fries or packaged instant mashed potatoes save her time and trouble of peeling and cutting up real spuds, but she pays a premium for the convenience.

The higher price tag on the new processed items is the result of additional research, devel-

opment and packaging and little, if any, of it is received by the producer of the raw product, the farmer.

Other innovations in the food industry include need diet foods, health foods, ethnic foods and imitations. Soup companies are expanding their lines, concentrating on new textures rather than new flavors. In addition, food processing is getting faster and more efficient with greater speed in product movement through more frequent deliveries, assuring freshness.

All of these food items assist today's housewife in feeding her family, but—at a high price—add costs of transportation, packaging and labor—add to her bill at the supermarket.

Further expanding its overseas benefits counseling program, VA announced recently an agreement with the Navy for briefings of servicemen aboard four aircraft carriers.

Joe Champion Wins Prize

CHARLOTTE.—Joe Champion of Kings Mountain, has won a purchase prize and three judges commendation for work he exhibited in the Fourth Annual UNCC Art Exhibition.

His silkscreen, "Coothsayer" won the Office of the Dean of Students \$40 purchase prize.

He received judges' commendations for "Woodcuts," a woodcut; "Gilded Form," pencil; and an unlit stoneware piece.

Champion is a senior art major.

The exhibition lasts from April 23 through May 5 in the Rowe Fine Arts Building at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

In Tabasco, Mexico, rainfall reaches around 150 inches a year.

Arkansas is an irregular rectangle.

White Finishes Recruit Training

ORLANDO, Fla.—Navy Seaman Eddie C. White, son of Mr. Lawrence T. White Sr. of Route 1, York Road, Kings Mountain, N. C., graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training in Orlando.

A 1968 graduate of Kings Mountain high school, he attended Gaston college, Gastonia, N. C., and is scheduled to report to Electrician's Mate School at Great Lakes, Ill.

West Virginia leads all U. S. states in coal production.

Japanese are eating more red meats.



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