

### 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.—Does the increased deduction for child care and household services apply to amounts spent to care for a teenager?

A.—You are allowed a deduction of up to \$400 per month for expenses for dependent care and household services provided in your home: 1) if your dependent is under 15 and you are entitled to claim an exemption for him; or 2) if your dependent is physically or mentally incapable of caring for himself, regardless of age. Of course, these expenses must be incurred to enable you to be gainfully employed and you must furnish over half the cost of maintaining the household that includes the dependent.

For more information on the deduction for household and de-

pendent care services and the income limitations on the deduction, see IRS Publication 533, "Highlights of 1971 Changes in the Tax Law." It's available free by dropping a postcard to your IRS district office.

Q.—I'm single and claim the one withholding exemption to which I am entitled, yet I'm still having too much tax withheld from my paycheck. Is there anything I can do about this?

A.—Yes. Each single person, and each married person whose spouse is not also employed, is entitled to one "special withholding allowance" which is like another exemption. This allowance may not be claimed by an employee who has two or more concurrent jobs or by either husband or wife when both are employed.

Q.—My doctor has prescribed that I take two oz. of whiskey a day for relief of pain resulting from a coronary disease. Is this deductible as a medical expense?

A.—Yes. If you itemize deductions, payments for a special food or beverage, prescribed by a physician solely for the alleviation or treatment of an ailment, are deductible as a medical expense subject to the one per cent limitation on medicines and drugs and the three per cent limitation on general medical expenses. The special food or beverage must be in addition to your normal diet and in no way a part of your nutritional needs. In such a case, you should submit a statement from your doctor with your return.

Q.—My son is 22 and works full time during the day and goes to school at night. Can I still claim him as a dependent regardless of how much money he makes?

A.—No. Generally you may not claim a person as a dependent if he had gross income of \$750 or more during the year. The only exceptions to this rule are if your child is less than 19 at the end of the year or a full-time student during five months of the year. In your son's case, he is over 19 and is not considered a full-time student because he is attending night school and is employed full time during the day.

### Keep Kids Busy With Dough

RALEIGH. — An easy and profitable way to keep kids busy on rainy afternoons is to set them "creating with dough."

Dough can be shaped and baked to make creations that look like ceramics. It can be made into mobiles, plaques and stand-alone objects for tables and shelves, notes Mrs. Faye Haywood, extension family life specialist, North Carolina university.

Mixing the dough is the first step. Combine four cups of flour, a cup of salt and one and three-fourths cup of water. Then, let the children do the creating on greased pans.

They can make whatever shapes they want, but should keep their creation at least a quarter of an inch thick or it could crack. If they want texture in their forms, add it before baking. They can use any kitchen utensil — fork, meat hammer, sieve or grater — anything that has texture itself. Just press it into the dough.

If the pieces will be hung later, make sure hanging holes are in the right places before baking.

Bake dough figures at 350 degrees until golden brown. Some may be done in a half hour and some may take longer, so check often. Let the "dough art" cool on the racks, and the children can paint them later.

Paints can be tempera or food coloring. Tempera is easier to remove from hands, but the colors aren't so intense as those formed when using food coloring.

Now put a soft gloss on their creations, have the would-be artists cover their works with a thin coat of white glue. Or hair spray or a clear fixative could be used instead.

Make three-dimensional plaques by gluing a dough figure to a weathered wooden board. Cut the board to size and paint the raw edges with diluted India ink. Then wax the entire plaque for a permanent finish.

### High Rise In Venereal Disease Seen

The Cleveland County Health department announced today that the high incidence of venereal disease continues. The two most common venereal diseases are gonorrhea and syphilis. They are transmitted from an infected person to other people by either sexual relations or close body contact. In July 52 people were treated for active or suspected VD. This compares to approximately 15 people treated during the same period last year. In June more people with VD or suspected VD (53) were treated than in any recent year in Cleveland county. Looking back we see that 3 were treated in May, 19 in April, 36 in March, 51 in February and 43 in January. The majority of the patients are in the age group 15-24 years with over 50 per cent of them being females.

The Cleveland County Health department has diagnostic and treatment facilities open from a. m. to 5 p. m. to anyone who suspects they have a venereal disease. If there are questions regarding venereal disease call 487-8511 and ask to speak with our VD representative.

In order to curb the increase in venereal disease the Cleveland County Health department has taken several steps. It has trained one member of the staff in contact interviewing and epidemiological follow up of contacts and is performing routine cultures on most of the female patients it examines. They are also encouraging private physicians in the community to be more aware of the current epidemic and follow their infected patients epidemiologically. It is felt, after talking with several physicians in the county, that the number of venereal diseases the health department sees represents the tip of the iceberg. Although venereal diseases are reportable diseases to the public health authorities, a major part of it is never reported. The North Carolina State Board of Health has just received one-half million dollars to assist counties in the development of venereal disease screening programs. It is anticipated that within the next several months the local health department will be able to provide culture media to local physicians so that more routine screening can be done for gonorrhea.

### Smith Finishes Basic Training

FT. JACKSON. — Army Private Donnie L. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Smith, Route 1, Blacksburg, S. C., recently completed eight weeks of basic training at Ft. Jackson.

He received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, combat tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and army history and traditions.

Pvt. Smith received his training with Company C, 6th Battalion of the 2nd brigade.

The soldier, whose wife, Pamela, lives on Route 2, Beasleysville, N. C., is a 1970 graduate of Blacksburg high school.

### QIANA VELVET

Velvet made from Qiana rayon fiber will soon be available in fabric shops and in ready-to-wear. The new fabric consists of a Qiana face on a silk organza backing, says Harriet Tutterow, extension clothing specialist, North Carolina State University. Currently Qiana velvet comes in six colors, all with an anti-static treatment.

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### Cheshires At Conference

BANNER ELK. — Mr. and Mrs. John Cheshire were among the thirty-five couples attending the Humble Oil and Refining company's Charlotte district conference held last week at Sugar Mountain resort.

The conference, which is the yearly business meeting of the Humble Oil distributors had as its main emphasis the conversion what is known as Humble, Esso and Enco oil services to Exxon. Also under discussion were self-service gas stations.

While their husbands were meeting, the wives participated in the various resort activities of tennis, horseback riding, swimming and golf. A highlight of the three day meeting was lunch at the summit of Sugar reached by the resort's mile-long chairlift.

The Cheshires returned to Kings Mountain Wednesday.

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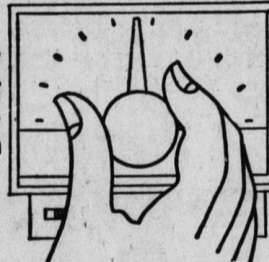
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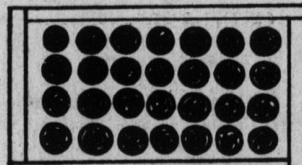
Sizzling summer heat causes you to use more electricity for air conditioning. But don't waste it; use it efficiently by following these simple hints.

Don't cool it too much



Set your thermostat to the highest comfortable temperature. For most people, it's about 76° to 78°. Each degree lower will add about 8% to your air conditioning cost.

Keep filters clean



Clean or replace air conditioner filters once a month.

Your unit will run more efficiently, and the cooled air will circulate better.

Keep your cool indoors



Windows and outside doors should be kept closed when your air conditioning is on, to keep cool air from escaping outdoors.

Turn off the sun



Close blinds, shades and drapes on the sunny side of your home, to keep out the sun's hot rays.

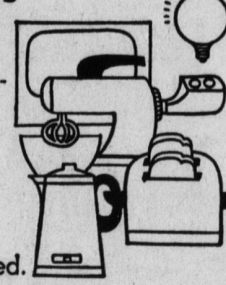
Give your range a rest



Avoid using your oven and surface units any more than you have to. Cooking hot meals adds heat and moisture

inside your home.

Control the heat-producers



Turn off heat-producing lights, irons, TV sets and other appliances when not really needed.

These simple suggestions will help you use your air conditioning wisely... and reduce your use of electricity.

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