

# U.S. Individual Taxpayers Ask IRS

Q-I paid my estimated tax in September and now you send me another bill for the same amount, what should I do?  
 A-Write your regional service center telling them you paid your estimated tax installment. Be sure to return you bill when you write and indicate the approximate date of your payment and where it was sent.  
 Several things could have happened that would cause you to receive an erroneous bill. One possibility is that your payment was received too late in the computer processing cycle to prevent the issuance of a second bill. Another possibility is that your payment was not properly credited to your tax account. This can happen if your social security account number is not shown on your payment or if there is no indication of what the payment is for. After the service center receives your letter, it will not issue any further bills on the account until it has investigated the matter. Within 30 days you should receive a letter advising that your payment has been located and credited or that further action will be needed to trace the payment.  
 Q-I work in the college dining hall in return for my meals. Will I have to declare the value of these meals as income?  
 A-The general rule is that the fair market value of room and board received as compensation for work is counted as taxable income. If this plus any other income you have amounts to \$600 or more for the year you will have to file a tax return.  
 Remember that if your earnings were less than \$600 and any Federal Income tax was withheld, a return must be filed to obtain a refund.

Q-My husband always handles our tax matters but he is in Vietnam. What should I do if I have a tax problem?  
 A-Telephone your local IRS office. They will give you all the help they can.  
 Q-I filed a 1040 return some weeks ago because I had forgotten to claim all of my deductions. When should I be getting my refund?  
 A-It should take about 3-4 weeks from the time you filed the 1040 until you receive your refund.  
 Q-What should I do about my withholding, to be sure I get a refund next year? I just started my first full-time job.  
 A-Do not claim an exemption for yourself on the withholding certificate you fill out for your employer. This will result in more being taken out of your paycheck.  
 Q-Are life insurance benefits taxable?  
 A-Death benefits from life, accident and health policies are not considered taxable income.  
 However, if the benefits are paid during regular installments instead of in one lump sum then a portion of the payment may be taxable as interest. This is explained in IRS Document 5045, Taxable Income and Nontaxable Income.

Q-I sent a post card to your district director for a free copy.  
 Q-Can we start taking a withholding deduction for a child we adopted?  
 A-Yes. A legally adopted child is considered to be your child for dependency purposes.  
 Q-I worked on a farm this summer and the foreman said I will have to pay estimated tax on my wages. Is that right?  
 A-Farm wages are not subject to income tax withholding and you may have to file an estimated tax return to put you on a pay-as-you-go basis. September is the next deadline for filing an estimated declaration or for amending a declaration filed previously.  
 Declarations must usually be filed if the estimated tax exceeds your expected withholding by \$400 or more. Details on the estimated tax requirements and the tax forms needed are available at local IRS offices.  
 A-You may elect to treat the cutting of the trees as a sale or exchange of a capital asset. For details send a post card to your District Office requesting IRS Document 5048, Sale and Exchange of Assets, and 5050, Depreciation, Investment Credit, Amortization, Depletion.  
 The Department of Agriculture also has a publication on this subject. It is Handbook No. 274, "Federal Income Tax Tips for the Small Timber Owner," and is available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402 for 35¢ a copy.

## Rural Mail Boxes Reported Wrecked

Postmaster John Anderson reported Monday that there had been several rural mail boxes destroyed and a few have been stolen. He emphasized the fact that there is a federal offense, subject to a maximum fine of \$1,000 and three years in prison.  
 If anyone should witness a mailbox being destroyed or damaged please notify driving expenses. Can deduct them on my tax return?  
 A-If you have to use your car on business then the costs can be deducted. However, the costs of getting to and from your job are personal and not deductible.  
 You may deduct the actual expense including depreciation, or if you prefer, a standard rate of 10¢ a mile for the first 15,000 miles of business use and 7¢ a mile thereafter, including parking fees and tolls may be deducted in addition to the standard mileage rate.  
 Q-How do I report the money I received for trees I cut from my property and sold?  
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## Hidden Diabetes Reported Wrecked

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 are excessive thirst, frequent urination, drowsiness and fatigue, unexplained weight loss, increased itching, slow-healing infections and changes in vision. But, sometimes, there are no symptoms at all or, at the most, just a vague "tired" feeling.  
 Dr. Hernandez stated that everyone can help in the search for Kentucky's 25,000 hidden diabetics by having the simple detection test themselves and urging their families and friends to do likewise during National Diabetes Week.

## Junior High Net Schedule

Nov. 11, Camargo, Home 7:00 p.m., Nov. 26, Camargo, Away 7:00 p.m., Dec. 2, Mt. Sterling, Away 6:30, Dec. 9, Harrison Co., Away 6:30, Dec. 17, Maysville, Away 7:00 p.m., Dec. 16, Paris, Home, 7:00 p.m., Dec. 19, Belmont, Away 7:00 p.m., Jan. 13, Belmont, Home 7:00 p.m., Jan. 20, Scott Co., Home 6:30 p.m., Jan. 27, Bourbon Co., Home 6:30, Feb. 3, Harrison Co., Home, 6:30, Feb. 20, Bourbon Co., Away 6:30, Week.

## Soil Conditioning

You can do something now about soils that run together and get very hard as concrete in the hot summer months. Such soils have very fine particles, mostly clay, and very little coarser materials to prevent them "cementing" together. It is usually inexpensive to add enough coarse sand to change the physical properties of the soil, so most of us want a cheaper way to make the soil easier to work. The commercial vegetable grower realizes the importance of an easy-to-work soil, and goes to considerable expense by doing so. The physical condition of this soil. The soil becomes heavier to work, quicker to dry out without becoming drab, and produces a bigger yield of higher quality. One of the most economical ways of soil is by using a cover crop. These crops usually are planted after vegetable harvesting is complete. They recopy the soil during the fall and winter months, then are plowed under in spring. They prevent much soil from leaching from the soil.

## Family Earnings Up 55.9 Survey Shows

(Special to the Mercury)  
 An analysis of family earnings in Nicholas County with particular reference to the distribution of this income, indicates a steady movement upward into higher brackets.

## Senior Scouts To Sponsor Toys And Games Drive

The Senior Girl Scout Troop 170 will be sponsoring a drive during the month of November to collect used games and toys that can be repaired. During the month of November the Girl Scouts will be repairing the items collected.  
 Toys will be made available to anyone in need of them during the Christmas season.  
 Collection points will be each church, the courthouse and Teen Inn.

## Americans To Spend As Much 'Eating Out' As In Grocery Stores, Distributors Say

Food distributors estimate that within five years Americans will spend as much money for food "eating out" as they spend in grocery stores.  
 If the trend toward eating away from home develops as expected food merchandising and advertising should be vastly changed in a short time.  
 Operators of grocery stores and cafes will have to take an entirely new view of selling methods.  
 Thus far, only a few great national chains have recognized the enormity of the trend away from home cooking. Even they have not advertised effectively. It has not been necessary because the great demand has kept business booming with minimum promotion.  
 In most cases the advertising of neither grocery stores nor the cafes has changed to meet changing conditions.

The syndicated eating places still depend largely on roadside signs for advertising. The grocery areas still depend largely on straight price advertising. If at locally owned restaurants are simply passing up the new demands by doing so advertising at all. However, the competitive situation will eventually force a drastic change in advertising methods. More and more people who wish to eat out will become operators of a restaurant as they select clothing and groceries from a relatively new study of newspaper advertising. In the meantime, grocery stores will find it necessary to recall families on the pleasures, convenience and savings of eating at home.

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**Round STEAK**  
 Fishers Mellwood Bacon lb. 69¢  
 Beef Liver lb. 59¢  
 Sirloin Steak lb. \$1.09  
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 Sirloin Tip or Rump Roast lb. 99¢  
 VAN CAMP #2  
 Pork & Beans 2/39¢  
 Mouth Wash 1 1/2 oz. 99¢  
 LA CHOY 4 1/2 oz. 99¢  
 Chicken Bi-pack 99¢  
 Axion reg. size 35¢  
**STOKELY'S**  
 8 oz. canned goods  
 Cut Green or Shellie Beans 2/29¢  
 White Cream, Whole Kernel Golden, or Golden Cream Corn 2/29¢  
 Party Peas 2/29¢  
 Shredded Kraut 2/21¢  
 Ping & Pong 46 oz. 2/53¢  
 Palmolive Liquid giant size 65¢  
 Palmolive Soap reg. size gold 2/23¢  
 Kern's Donuts cinnamon and sugar crunch 33¢  
 Carnation Milk 1/2 gal. 2/37¢  
 Keebler Cookies choc. fudge sandwich, vanilla wafer 16 oz., fudge stick 8 oz. 3/51

**Bananas**  
 lb. 10¢  
 Celery stalk 23¢  
 Radishes or Green Onions each 10¢

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