

## IRS asks employers to issue W-2s early in January, 1974

LOUISVILLE—Paul Niedercker, Internal Revenue Service District Director for Kentucky, has asked employers to give their employees their W-2 forms or equivalent earnings statements early in January so they can file their tax returns by Jan. 31 and receive their refunds sooner.

The deadline for issuing W-2 forms remains Jan. 31, but taxpayers who file their tax returns in January should receive refunds in four to five weeks, Niedercker said. Those who file during peak periods such as late February, late March, or April may have to wait up to eight weeks for a refund.

It stands to reason, Niedercker pointed out, that the 10 IRS service centers can process returns and approve refunds much faster when workloads are not heavy.

As an integral part of an IRS program to be conducted next month to tell the

taxpayers "it pays to file in January," the IRS will remind taxpayers that "your refund is ready, but you must file your returns to get it. File in January and get your refund a lot sooner."

Another aspect of the "File in January" program relates to the frequency of errors made by late filers. Taxpayers who wait until the last few weeks to file, Niedercker said, often are in a hurry and make thousands of mistakes that can delay refunds.

As in previous years, an employee filing his return for 1973 must attach a W-2 form from each employer. Each form should show earnings, income tax withheld, and social security information.

The IRS expects to issue some 60 million refunds this year, totaling about \$2-billion. This year's average refund will probably approximate last year's \$36 average, Niedercker said.

## MEDICINE CHEST

by H. BOSWELL YORK, R.Ph.

**CUTTING THE COST OF CHRISTMAS**

What drugs can cause deafness?—H.L.

A study conducted by the Hamilton Collaborative Drug Surveillance Program implicated the following medicines: aspirin, certain antibiotics, ethacrynic acid when given intravenously and quinidine. The degree of deafness varied in severity and the percentage of patients affected varied from three-tenths of one per cent to one and three-tenths per cent, depending on the drug.

Does our natural environment play a role in how our bodies react to drugs?—P.D.

When combined with sunlight certain drugs may increase a person's susceptibility to skin rashes. Common drugs such as barbiturates, water pills, steroids, antibiotics, antidepressants and tranquilizers, plus dilantin are in this category. In tropical climates narcotics more readily produce excitement and delirium. Intense noise of long duration increases the dose of a sedative required to produce sleep. Isolation or crowding also alters responses to drugs.

Does eating raw potatoes give you worms? Or is that just an old wives' tale?—S.P.

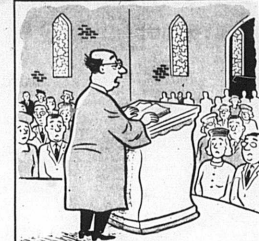
If the potatoes have worms or larvae and you eat them untreated you'll get worms. That's what my wife told me — she isn't old and doesn't tell tales.

Are aspirin, cough medicine, mouth wash and deodorants tax deductible medical expenses?—M.C.

The first two are, the second two are not. That's why you need itemized receipts to substantiate your purchases in a pharmacy. That's what my Medical Expense Record Book is all about. Send \$1 plus two eight-cent stamps to me with your address in care of this newspaper.

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## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



REV. TWEEDLE, D.D.

"Collections are down, the mortgage payment is overdue, but nevertheless Happy New Year!"

## GET YOUR \$ WORTH

BY GALLY AND JIM ADAMS

CUTTING THE COST OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas — the toughest time of the year on your pocketbook. It's discouraging to end up in debt in January, so here are tips that can pare your holiday expenses by 10 per cent or more — and painlessly.

1. Make a list of those you plan to buy gifts for. Set a maximum amount to spend on each person and stick to it. Impulse buying is the big budget-wrecker. As always, compare prices, read labels, ask questions to get the best value.

2. Why not make up your own gift baskets that are different and inexpensive? Put cheese, wines, rare coffees and teas in a wicker container; put nuts, spices and the like in attractive glass bearers and jars from a laboratory supply house.

3. Think about going a "gift of service" — a promissory note to act as baby sitter, chauffeur or whatever.

4. Comparison shop for packages of gift wrap and ribbon. There's a vast difference in price, as you'll see when you compare the cost per inch.

5. Save on gift wrapping by using ordinary shelf paper and decorating it with bits of yarn, decorative trim, paper cut-outs.

6. Trim your card list. Eliminate those people you barely know or haven't seen in years, old business acquaintances.

7. Is it absolutely necessary to buy more tree decorations? Why not make do with what you have and fill in, if necessary, with Christmas cards and colored paper cut-outs.

8. The same goes for Christmas tree lights. Use what strings of lights you have or none at all. And you'll be doing your part during the energy shortage if you skip outside lighting.

9. Give some to cut the cost of next Christmas. Draw up a gift list for 1974 and buy the items as they come on sale. Save wrapping paper, gift boxes, ribbon and ready-made bows for future use. Buy gift wrapping and Christmas cards at the January sale.

Merry Christmas.

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**Dinner Guests**  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Alexander and Jackie Alexander were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Brady and family of Lexington on Sunday.

**Births**  
Trussell  
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Paul Trussell, announce the birth of a daughter, Susan Dawn, on Dec. 14 at the Bourbon County Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, two ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Trussell, Carlisle. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McDonald, Carlisle Route 2.

**LODGE TO MEET TONIGHT**  
Dougherty Lodge, No. 65, FAAM will hold its annual election of officers tonight, Dec. 27. Oyster supper will be served at 6:30 p.m.

**LODGE TO MEET TODAY**  
Orient Lodge No. 500 will hold "St. Johns Day" Thursday, Dec. 27, at the Headquarters Lodge hall. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and pot-luck dinner at 12 noon.  
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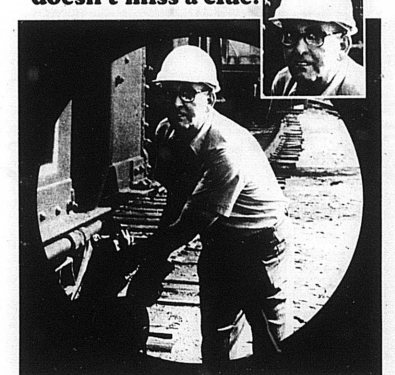
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He is active in the Estill County Chamber of Commerce, the Sportsman's Club, and the Board of Directors of the County Fair. He is an avid hunter and fisherman. These activities, together with his other community and railroad interests keep him a mighty busy resident of Irvine.

He has been employed on the L&N for 28 years. On the job, Carman and his associates inspect decking, ceilings and linings inside, car couplings, brakes and wheels outside. Only when their training and experience tell them "This car is safe," will the train move.

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