



INDUSTRIAL ARTISTS... The entire South High industrial arts department will be open to visitors Wednesday from 7:30 to 10 p.m. under the direction of department head William Maley. Shown here hard at work are (top left) David Berry, tapering an aluminum handle on a lathe in metal shop; Martin Combs (top right) checking the operation of the starter and distributor on the cutaway visual aid car in auto shop; Tom Angone (bottom left) preparing a walnut storage chest for finishing in wood shop; and Paul Medeiros (bottom right) returning his engine after having overhauled it in auto shop.

Refund Doesn't Mean Audit Won't Be Made

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.

I have my refund. Does that mean my return was all right and will not be audited?

No, it does not. The fact that you have your refund indicates only that your return contained all the required information needed to process it.

IRS generally has three years from the filing deadline of the return to examine the return and propose an adjustment in the tax liability.

For this reason, keep your tax records for at least three years from the due date of the return. Some records, such as those relating to the acquisition of a house or other property, should be kept longer.

I lost my refund check. Can I get it replaced?

Yes, report the loss to the IRS Service Center where you

filed your return. They will send you the forms needed to apply for a replacement check.

I forgot to deduct my medical expenses when I filed my 1968 tax return. Is it too late to do it?

No, it is not too late to amend a 1968 return. To make a change, obtain a Form 1040X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, from your local IRS office and enter the information called for. It is not necessary to file a completely new return.

Is a gardener considered household help? If so, will I have to withhold social security taxes on wages paid?

Wages paid to a gardener are subject to social security taxes. If you pay him cash wages of \$50 or more during a calendar quarter then you are required to file a Form 942, Employer's Quarterly Tax Return for Household Employees, and pay social security taxes. Income taxes, however, do not have to be withheld from wages paid gardeners and other household help.

My son is taking a job this

summer and plans to put most of the money he earns in the bank to pay his college expenses in the fall. If he earns over \$600 will we lose our dependency exemption for him?

If your son is under 19 at year end or will be a full-time student during the year, the amount of money he earns will not disqualify him from being claimed as your dependent as long as you furnish more than one-half of his support and the other dependency tests are met. He must file his own return, however, if he earns \$600 or more during the year.

Do you have to be a doctor or a lawyer to set up your own retirement plan?

No, other persons in business for themselves can take advantage of the tax provisions allowing them to deduct contributions to a self-employed retirement plan. This includes people who have their own business and also those who have income from part-time self-employment which is in addition to their regular job. Publication 566, Questions and Answers on Retirement Plans for the Self-Employed, gives more information on these plans. Send a post card to your District Director for a free copy.

A Letter . . . To My Son

By Tom Rische

High School Teacher and Youth Worker

Dear Bruce,

One of today's biggest myths is that everybody ought to be happy all the time.

Ads often make us feel guilty if we aren't continually smiling. They suggest that the missing ingredient on our happiness scale is a deodorant, a new hair dye, a later model car, or a lot out in the desert.

Many parents work themselves silly trying to make sure that Little Junior is never frustrated so that, theoretically, he won't be unhappy. What they too often find is that he gets unhappy when he can't have more of the stuff that was supposed to make him so happy.

Many of my short-term pains have become long-term happinesses. Making a fool of myself, getting fired from a job, failing tests, taking basic physical training — all were experiences I would have avoided if I could at the time. All, however, taught me valuable lessons that made me happier later; they inoculated me.

I like to compare living to taking a hike through the mountains. When you reach the top of the mountain and the view is splendid, I say to myself, "I'd like to stay here forever." But after a while, this pleasure palls and I begin to wonder what's on the top of the next mountain or over the next rise.

I start down into the valley, sometimes getting depressed by the fact that my view is so narrow and the way is so hard. Sometimes the upward climb again seems endless and I wonder why I ever felt the other mountaintop.

But those experiences — the views — the feeling of exhilaration at the top of the mountain make all the work and sweat and, sometimes, tears worthwhile.

I wouldn't know what happiness was if I hadn't been sad sometimes.

YOUR DAD

Tax Rebate Deadline Is Today

Capitol News Service

SACRAMENTO — Today, at 5 p.m. is the deadline for all California taxpayers to file for their \$70 property tax rebate with their county assessor.

It is also the deadline for filing for this year's \$750 property tax exemption.

The rebate is on the property owner's 1968 taxes while the exemption will amount to about \$70 on the 1969 assessed value exemption.

THE STATE Board of Equalization warned taxpayers that the new deadline will close at that time and that no additional extension of the filing time is anticipated. Some officials have estimated that as many as 500,000 homeowners failed to apply before the original April 15 deadline.

The only requirements are that those who file for the \$70 rebate had to own their homes on the March 1, 1968, lien date, while those filing for the 1969 exemption, had to own their homes on March 1, 1969.

THE BOARD of Equalization urged those who believe they are eligible to check with their county assessor's office and to file the necessary forms.

The April 15 deadline was extended by the State Legislature and the Governor until May 23 so that taxpayers burdened with federal and state income tax filings could still take advantage of the property tax aid.

Concert Planned Tonight

The Torrance High School Music Department will present a free concert of music by 20th Century American composers this evening at 8 in the Torrance High School Auditorium.

Under the direction of David Norman, the Tartar choir will sing a major choral work, "The Ballad of William Sycamore," by Halsey Stevens based on a poem of Steven Vincent Benet.

John Spence will direct the Tartar band in Ferde Grofe's "Mississippi Suite" and "Folk Songs of America" arranged by Ellie Siegmeister. Also performing will be the girls' glee, mixed chorus, Tartar Troubadours, and Tartar Twelve.

Loan Company Moves Offices

One of the oldest and largest home loan companies in the State of California has moved its Long Beach office to 20926 Hawthorne Blvd.

The move was made to better serve homeowners in the growing Torrance area, according to officials of Union Home Loans. The company was established in Los Angeles two decades ago and now has offices in both Northern and Southern California.

Los Angeles Girl Scouts To Hold Annual Meeting

Mrs. Holton R. Price Jr., president of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, will be the keynote speaker for the annual meeting of the Angeles Girl Scout Council Monday in Los Angeles.

Prior to accepting the national presidency of Girl Scouts in 1963, Mrs. Price served Girl Scouts in many capacities on local, regional, and national levels for almost 25 years.

Housewife Found Dead By Husband

The rescue squad from Torrance Fire Department was unable to revive a 50-year-old housewife Tuesday after her husband found her unconscious on a patio chaise lounge.

Pronounced dead on arrival at Bay Harbor Hospital at 3:56 p.m. was Bennie Lou Williams of 2432 W. 236th St.

George Williams told police he arrived home at 3:30 p.m. and was unable to awaken his wife.

Cause of death was not immediately determined, although the victim had cerebral problems and may have died of a stroke, police said.

Resultant from her contributions to the welfare of others, she has received many honors. In 1960 she was named a St. Louis, Mo., "Woman of Achievement" in the field of youth service.

"BACKDROP for Action," Mrs. Price's speech, will deal with the report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders — known as the Kerner Report — and the Proclamation of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America on this report.

Girl Scouts are deeply concerned about problems within their respective communities and they are trying to be of service in contributing to solutions, Mrs. Price says.

Hundreds of registered adult members and leaders of the Angeles Girl Scout Council are planning to attend the annual meeting at which Mrs. Price will speak. Angeles Council serves more than 40,000 Girl Scouts between the ages of 7 and 17.

Geographically, it covers the area north to Mulholland Drive and the Ventura County line, south to the Harbor, west to the Pacific Ocean, and east to Telegraph Road and the San Gabriel River.

EARLY CALIFORNIA Fiesta will be the theme of the Angeles Council's annual meeting, which will begin at 6 p.m. with a reception honoring Mrs. Price. After registration of delegates and election of the council's leadership team, dinner will be served. Recognition and awards will follow the dinner.

Any way you figure it . . .

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