

Taxpayers Ask IRS

Taxpayers Must File a Return to Get Refunds

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.

Taxes were taken out of my pay on the summer job I had last year. How do I get this money back? You must file a tax return to

obtain any refund that may be due. Tax forms and instructions are available at local IRS offices as well as many banks and post offices.

I've read where a lot of people are making mistakes on their tax returns because of the surcharge. What are they doing wrong? Taxpayers are either forgetting to add the surcharge or they are figuring it wrong. Mistakes like these delay processing as

well as any refund that may be due. To avoid these mistakes check your instructions which explain how the surcharge should be handled.

Can I deduct the federal tax I pay on my phone bill? No, this is an excise tax and excise taxes are not deductible.

My brother has just been sent to Vietnam by the Army. Does he have to file a tax return?

Military personnel in Vietnam do not have to file tax returns while stationed there. Your brother may wait to file his 1968 tax return until 180 days after he leaves Vietnam.

I don't provide over half of my grandfather's support but when you add what I contribute to my brother's contributions, it does amount to over half. Can either of us claim a dependency exemption for this? If each of you contributed

over 10 per cent of your grandfather's support and the combined total adds up to over half of this total support then either of you may claim him as a dependent. A special declaration must be completed by the one not claiming the exemption and sent in with the return of the one who claims the exemption. Use Form 2120, Multiple Support Declaration.

I paid off my home mortgage early and was charged a

pre-payment penalty. Is that deductible?

Yes, it is deductible as interest if you itemize.

Is a tax refund income that has to be reported?

Federal tax refunds do not have to be reported.

A state tax refund has to be reported as miscellaneous income if the taxpayer deducted the tax in a prior year.

Hahn Report

Supervisor Asks End to Service Station Games

By KENNETH HAHN
County Supervisor

Service station games are contributing to the inflation of our nation's economy and are restricting the profits of the small businessman who is black-jacked into using them by big promoters. I believe such games should be outlawed. The small service station operator has to run his business on a small margin of profit, much of which is eroded away by such tricky gimmicks. Games at service stations are a form of legalized gambling, promising big winnings to those who take part. The odds in Las Vegas probably are better.

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stations also are forced into games and customers have to match up paper dollars and check coin faces because of the knowledge they eventually will pay for them anyway through higher prices.

Even one major oil company — Atlantic Richfield — has asked the games to be outlawed. According to newspaper articles, the company said games contribute little to the service station business.

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Markets Accept Offer From Women Volunteers

Twelve women volunteers from a church on the south side of Los Angeles today offered to help wait on customers at supermarket checkstands without pay in event of a Retail Clerks Union strike.

Their offer, Robert K. Fox, president of the Food Employers Council, Inc., said, was promptly accepted and they were placed at once in training at one of the supermarket centers, which are recruiting replacement clerks.

The names of the volunteers were not disclosed and the church was not identified, but Fox assured newsmen that they are bona fide and that their offer was made and accepted in good faith. One of the 12 is the wife of an architect.

"These are homemakers, who like thousands of others who

have written us from throughout Southern California, are simply tired of seeing their food budgets being eaten up by inflationary tendencies, such as the 115 demands of the Retail Clerks Union," Fox said.

Fox estimated that the union demands over which Joseph T. DeSilva of Local 770 has threatened to call a strike April 1 would add \$130 million a year to supermarket costs and inevitably would increase food prices in Southern California.

The union demands would hit the homemaker's food budget hard, said Fox, and the supermarkets, in conscience, can't accept them even if it means a strike.

"The ladies at the church read about our dilemma and offered their help," said Fox. "We are proud to accept it."

11 Students Win Top Future Farmer Awards

Eleven agriculture students from Gardena, Narbonne, and Carson high schools have been named as finalists in Future Farmers of America project competition throughout Los Angeles County.

Competition judge Emmanuel Walth, an assistant vice president and agricultural loan officer with the contest sponsor, Security Pacific National Bank, announced the finalists: William Jay Allison, Dave Davis, Tom Harris, Ronald Rustad, William Smith and Jeffrey Witte of Gardena High;

Jerry Freed, Terry Mueck, Warren Ono, and Robert Rafferty of Narbonne High; and Mark Sugimoto of Carson High.

The 11 local students will compete for top honors with 59 other Los Angeles County finalists.

Winners will be announced today during an awards banquet in the Statler Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles. Assisting Walth in judging this year's Los Angeles area competition is Dr. John W. West, associate dean of agriculture for California State Polytechnic College in San Luis Obispo.

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