

### Taxpayers Ask IRS

# Contact IRS If Your Tax Refund Check Is Missing

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 — Where should I write about a missing refund? I filed my return months ago and so far have heard nothing from IRS about it.**

A — If it has been more than 10 weeks since you filed your return and you have not received any information about it, write to the Internal Revenue Service Center where your return was filed. Give your name, address and social security number and the approximate date you sent in your return.

**Q — What records should I keep on last year's taxes?**  
A — Keep the records and other information used to prepare

the return. If your return is audited, your records will enable you to substantiate items listed on the return.

**Q — I'm going to work this summer and will need a social security card. How do I get one?**

A — Application for a social security number should be made on Form SS-5. This form is available at local Social Security and IRS offices. Return the completed application to

your Social Security office and they will assign you a number.

**Q — I am planning to sell my house this summer. Is there anything besides the broker's fee I can deduct as a selling expense in figuring the gain?**

A — Advertising and legal fees paid in connection with the sale can be deducted from the selling price in addition to the broker's fee and similar commissions.

Further information on this subject is contained in Publi-

cation 523, Tax Information on Selling Your Home. Send a post card to your District Director for a free copy.

**Q — Where can I get more copies of the tax forms I need to deposit taxes withheld from employee wages? I can't find the forms I got this quarter.**

A — Additional forms can be obtained by contacting your regional IRS Service Center. When you request the forms, give your name, address, em-

ployer identification number, type of tax, the tax period to which the deposits relate, and the number of forms you need. Ask for FTD Form 501.

If these forms do not arrive before your next tax deposit is due, send your deposit direct to the IRS office where you file your return. Make your deposit payable to the Internal Revenue Service and be sure to give your name, address, and employer identification number, type of tax paid and period covered.

## Runaway Vehicles Dangerous

Many accidents have occurred in recent years because motorists failed to turn their wheels to the curb when parking on hills, Torrance police report.

A City Code Section reads, "No person driving, or in control of, or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand on any highway unattended when upon any grade exceeding three degrees with in any business or residence

## AI Party Plans Local Meeting

Officials of the American Independent Party in the 68th Assembly District will meet Thursday at 8 p.m. to organize as a local club. The meeting has been called at the home of Mrs. Ann Byram, 153 W. 229th St., Wilmington.

district, without blocking the wheels of said vehicle by turning them against the curb or by other means."

Because of the many accidents, police are continually on the alert for violators of this ordinance. Many citations are being issued for this offense. Fine is \$10.

## Real Estate Puts Stress On Service, Youth Told

Real estate is a versatile profession with the emphasis on service, L. Milton Isbell, president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, pointed out today.

It offers a career where the opportunities are limited only by the individual's own initiative, he added, as the board participated in Realtor Week together with hundreds of others throughout the nation. It is a career that becomes involved in finance, banking, law, legislation, counseling, research, and more. Today will be Education Day at the Torrance-Lomita Board.

"If you don't mind hard work, don't want to be chained to a desk, are willing to study a varied curriculum, and like to meet and help people, then there's a place for you in real estate," Isbell explained.

Realtors, professionals in real estate who subscribe to a strict Code of Ethics as members of local and state boards and the National Association of Real Estate Boards, are continually on the look-out for bright young people to join their staffs as the real estate market expands and as experienced salesmen leave to start offices of their own.

TODAY, MORE than 200 colleges and universities in the country offer courses in real estate with 48 offering programs leading to bachelor's degrees and 18 offering graduate study, he explained. In addition, more than 200 junior colleges are also offering courses of study in real estate. Classes, workshops, and seminars area also sponsored by local and state boards for beginners as well as long-time practitioners.

Once you have gained experience, you may want to specialize, and the opportunities for specialization in real estate are no less than in any other profession, Mr. Isbell said. They include brokerage, prop-

erty management, farms, industrial real estate, appraisal, land development, financing, and research. In some instances, even these categories are broken down into even more specialized types of activity.

WITH THE nation's population expected to top 243 million by 1980, there will be a booming demand for new homes and an expanding real estate market. You, as a Realtor or salesman, can capitalize on the growth. Five figure incomes are common, but there is no ceiling on what the enterprising businessman can make in the field, he said.

"While the tangible rewards are measurable, there are those intangibles that can only be measured by the individual: the personal satisfaction that comes from helping people fill a basic need, shelter; the satisfaction of a job well-done; the respect gained from your colleagues and your community," he added.

A REALTOR is able also to put his special knowledge to work for the community. Realtors are members of planning commissions, service organizations, civic groups, chambers of commerce, and other groups dedicated to the public interest. They also served as elected representatives of the people—mayors, councilmen, state legislators, and Congressmen.

A real estate man can shape the future of his country.

If you are interested in real estate as a career, contact the local boards of Realtors for educational opportunities and local requirements for licensing. For a pamphlet describing the various branches of activity within real estate, contact the National Association of Real Estate Boards, Department of Education, 155 E. Superior St., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

## Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

Sadly, I must report the untimely death of Stan Murdoch who for many years operated the Greencroft Kennels in North Hollywood. This reporter joins countless doggie folks in deepest sympathy to Arlene and the Murdoch family... Barbara Streisand, the little girl who captured the Oscar this year for best actress, is an avid Poodle fancier. Her beloved Poodle, Sadie, travels everywhere with her famous mistress.

Often a pet dog may take on the habits of the family, but generally only because his owners make it that way. For example, a hypochondriac may start feeding his dog all kinds of medicine, for real or imagined ailments. Then though the hypochondriac may wonder if he should be giving his dog all that medication, he is afraid to stop because he is now not only fearful of his own health, but also that of his dog.

BREED OF the week: Komondor... The Komondor, one of the three Hungarian breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club, like the Kuvasz, is the descendant of dogs that accompanied the Magyars at the time they swarmed out of Asia more

than 1,000 years ago and settled in central and eastern Europe. Due to the fact that Hungary's Chief economy is based on agriculture and the raising of livestock, dogs that are useful in herding and the guarding of flocks are valued property. The Komondor leads a complete outdoor life in his native land and his stamina and ability to exist in a harsh cold climate parallels the sheep he protects. How about that?

HIS HEAVY coat is a dense tangled mass of matted hair. This unlovely covering furnishes a two-fold purpose — a thick insulation against the cold and it also acts as a padded armor against the attack of wild animals. Only a few specimens of the Komondor can be found in the USA. Actor Oscar Berge of San Fernando Valley is an avid Komondor fancier. The Komondor tips the scales at about 90 pounds and in height 28 inches. That's 30 barks for now. Be columning you next week.

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