Save tax money by good records

Taxpayers can save themselves tax dollars at income tax filing time by keeping good records throughout the year.

Those who maintain good records are less likely to overlook deductions to which they are entitled, Mr. Irving Machiz, District Director of Internal Revenue in Maryland and the District of Columbia, said.

A good system for keeping records is to get a supply of large envelopes or folders, label them according to the types of income and deductions you have, and accumulate the information, Mr. Machiz said.

Taxpayers who itemize their deductions on Form 1040 must have available cancelled checks, receipts, statements, and other data to support the claimed deductions.

Mr. Machiz said that, in addition to saving tax dollars, good record keeping makes preparatios of the tax return a much easier task.

Your federal income tax

The AFRO-AMERICAN, in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, Baltimore District, will publish each week in this column, tax information that will enable taxpayers to become more familiar with the Federal income tax laws.

Q. Does it make any difference whether I file the red, white and blue tax form I got in the mail or one of the plain ones the Post Office has?

A. Either form is acceptable, but the colored form is preferable. However, if you do not file the return mailed you, please be sure to remove the name label and put it on the return you do file. Use of the address label will properly identify your return and speed any refund due.

The use of color on some of the 1968 tax returns is an experiment to determine whether the use of color to highlight certain sections of the form will reduce errors.

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Q. Where can I hire someone to help me with my tax return?

A. Call your local accounting, legal or tax practitioner association and ask them for the names of qualified people.

1. avoid the man who here are things to look for:

1 avoid the man who "guarantees" you a refund

2. be on guard, if he suggests the refund be sent to his address

You should never sign a blank tax return or one that has been prepared in pencil. You are legally responsible for every item on the return even though someone else has helped you prepare it.

Your advisor should sign the return, too, indicating that he helped you with it.

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Q. Are gifts ever taxed?

A. The recipient has no Federal income tax to pay but the giver may be taxed if the gift is sizable. The law generally requires a gift tax return to be filed by the donor when a gift of gifts to any one person during the year exceeds $3,000.

However, income earned on gifts is taxable to the recipient.

Q. I sold my house just before my 65th birthday. Does that mean I won't be entitled to the special benefits for the elderly on those sales?

A. the law requires you to be 65 or over before the date of sale or exchange ti qualify for these special benefits.

I was married last month. Since my name changed do I have to change my Social Security numer?

A. When your name changes, notify your local office of the Social Security Administration as soon as possible. Your number will not be changed, but your record will be corrected to reflect your married name.

FEB. 21

The Johns Hopkins Alumni Association will celebrate the 93rd anniversary of the University's founding at a dinner to be held in the Emerson Hotel beginning at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Lincoln Gordon, president of The Johns Hopkins University, will be the principal speaker for the evening.

FEBRUARY 15

The Maryland State Conference of the NAACP will hold its regular monthly meeting as well as a leadership training institute at the Stanton Community Center in Annapolis, beginning at 9 a.m.

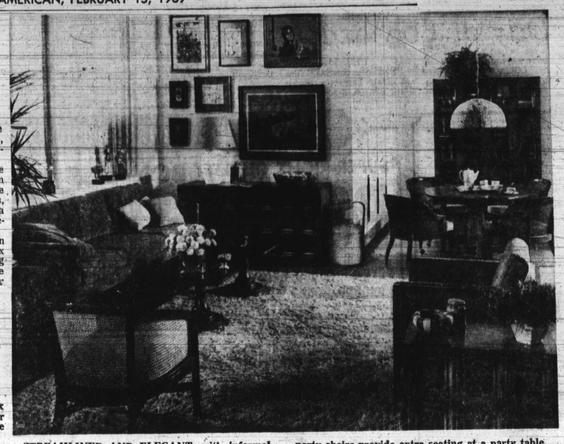
Provident exhibit Sunday

The Provident Comprehensive Neighborhood Health Center will present a slide-illustrated talk and information booth at the February 16 Harlem Park Family Day sponsored by the Harlem Park Neighborhood Council.

The Health Center exhibit will be one of several educational displays accompanying a fashion show and other entertainment to be offered in the auditorium of the Harlem Park Elementary School from 3 to 7 o' clock on Sunday afternoon.

The purpose of the Provident Comprehensive Neighborhood Health Center booth is to let neighborhood residents know of the variety of health services available to them at the Center, which is located at 907 Edmondson Avenue.

Funded by the Office of Economic Opportunity and operated by Provident Hospital, the Health Center offers free, comprehensive care to low-income residents of four census tracts in Harlem Park and nearby neighborhoods. The Center is open daily.



STREAMLINED AND ELEGANT, with informal, "Country Square" furniture by American of Martinsville, is shown in a living room setting with a spring-fresh ambience. Two cigarette tables boast simulated slate tops, and castered, cane-backed party chairs provide extra seating at a party table. Soft edge seating is provided in the green upholstered sofa and chair, and shag rug in parrot green contrasts with dark country tiled floor.

Calvert County happenings

By MELVINA EDWARDS

Mrs. Susie Purvey of Sunderland is a patient at Calvert County Hospital.

Please continue prayers for Mrs. Lena Jones of Huntingtown. She's in Calvert County Hospital.

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Sympathy is extended to the family of the Virgil Booze, a former resident of Calvert County. Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Cooper Church in Dunkirk.

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Fire destroyed the home of James Brooks in Huntingtown.

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Services will be held each Wedneday and Thursday at Saint Edmonds United Methodist Church. The Rev. William Edwards is pastor.

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Mrs. Daisy Hill, a former resident of Calvert County, has a leg ailment.

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Funeral services were held Thursday at the Kelson Funeral Home for Ellsworth Young. Eulogy was by the Rev. Irvin Moye, pastor of Ames Church. Mr. Young is survived by a brother, Mr. Howe Young.

Mrs. Annie Wills of Dunkirk is on tre sick list.

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Birthday greetings go to Doris Ann Tyler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Tyler Jr. of Huntingtown.

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On February 16, the Friendly Jubilee Chorus will give a program at Cooper Church. Lemuel Adam is sponsor.

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Fire completely destroyed the home of Walter Jacks of Calvert County.

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Mrs. Rebecca Booze is a new sub.

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Mrs. Hattie Charter, wife of Michael Charter is ailing.

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Also on the sick list is the Rev. Everett Gray of Lower Marlboro and Mrs. Ellen Gray, wife of the Rev. Joseph Gray of Owings.

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Mrs. Lillie Mae Gray, wife of Edward Gray of Owings, a school, teacher at Mount Harmony School, injuried her leg whes sre fell from the steps of Carters Church aftr morning service

Foundation cites Ossie, wife Ruby

By WALTER W. E. HILL Sr.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Sudie Smith on the passing of her cousin. Mrs. Orle Hinnert.

The Annual Women's Day of Ebenezer AME Church was held Sunday. The Rev. Mrs. Elouise Johnson of Bethany Baptist Church delivered the morning message. At the 3 p.m. service, the speaker was the Rev. Mrs. Amanda Williams with music by the Ivory Singers.

The Laymen's Banquet of the Washington Conference of the AME Church was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Washington, D.C. on Friday, Feb. 7.

The young adults of Star of Bethlehem AME Church cordially invite you to join them in their program on Sunday, Feb. 16 at 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Amie Price is the advisor.

Come on March 2 to the Mount Winans CIG when they observe their first anniversary at the Westport Recreation Center. Mrs. Frances Sigole is the chairman. Plan to be there.

Happy and belated birthday greetings are bestowed upon: Miss Sheryl Denise Hamlett, Mrs. Charlotte F. Hill, Miss Rosalyn Wilson, Mrs. Birdella Hill, Mrs. Gladys Hantt, Mrs. Mable Thomas, Miss Laverne Dallard, Miss Marchelle Braxton, Mrs. Doris Alton, Walter W. E. Hill, Mrs. Elgabe H. Williams, Mrs. Mary Kyles, Mrs. Gertrude Kyles and Miss Dorothy Savage.

Mr. and Mrs. Elijah J. Royster Jr. announced the engagement of their daughter, Charlotte Deellear Annie Wing to Reagin Holbrook Brown, the son of Mrs. Gustava B. Brown of Washington, D.C. and the late James Roy Brown. Miss Wing's mother, the former Miss Dellear Morrallis, and family were residents of long standing in Mount Winans.

Killed by fire in a rear bedroom of a row house in the 1400 block of Ward Street were Bernard Shepard Jr., age two and 11-month old, Bernestia Sreppard, children of Bernard and Priscilla Shepard.

Miss Thelma Lee, long-time barmaid at the Spirit of Chesapeake is convalescing at home 746 Dolphin Street.

The Valentine party at the Spirit of Chesapeake Lodge of Feb. 14 is expected to be a gala affair. Miss Flossie Grimes as Miss Valentine will be the hostess for the evening. The delicious meal will be prepared by Mrs. Florence Tidwell.

Preparitions are under way for the holding of the Tri-State Association FBPOLW 1969 Convention in Baltimore.

Have you heard of the "Clothes Line?" Well, starting last week the Chesapeake Lodge will have a clothes line night every Thursday with prizes and fun for all.

FEB. 18

The Renaissance Choir of the Peabody Conservatory, directed by Arthur Howes, will give a concert at sacred music at the Basilica of the Assumption, at 8:15 p.m.

New singer introduces 'soul' sound

NEW YORK (UPI) — Charley Pride is a young colored male singer who was born in Mississippi, now lives in Canada and is regarded with great affection by fans throughout the South.

Charley doesn't sing the blues or soul songs. He sings country music. And he is probably the best country singer to come down the pike since Hank Williams began his legacy more than two decades ago.

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"I don't sound like I'm supposed to," Charley says good-naturedly in an introduction to one of his songs on "Charley Price In Person" (RCA Victor LSP-4094).

This is a live recording from Panther Hall in Forth Worth, Tex., and if the reaction of the audience is any indicator of his popularity Charley should be given a key to the city.

His voice is filled with good humor, especially on "Kaw-Liga, and he handles the yodel-inspired lyrics of "Lovesick Blues" the way that Hank Williams designed them.

If you like country music, you must own this album. If you don't like country music, you will after you hear Charley Pride. He is, as they say, "something else!"

On the soul side, "The Best of Gloria Lynne" (Fontana SRF 67569) showcases the versatility of this exceptionally talented singer.

For this session she has chosen tunes with change of pace, such as "Watermelon Man," "Bewitched," "What Now My Love" and "Yesterday."

In Texas

WICHITA FALLS, Tex. — Airman Richard W. Sessions, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace R. Sessions Sr. of 3435 Mondawmin Ave., Baltimore, has been graduated from a U.S. Air Force technical school at Sheppard AFB, Calif.

He was trained as an aircraft mechanic and has been assigned to a unit of the Aerospace Defense Command at McClellan AFB, Calif.

The airman is a graduate of Baltimore City College.

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