

Capitol City Observing Centennial Anniversary

The City of Lansing officially began the observance of its centennial anniversary with the weekend of Feb. 15 designated as Centennial Sabbath.

The opening event was observed in all area churches, during which time clergymen included in prayers and sermons references to the city's spiritual growth during the past 100 years.

Some of the other outstanding events to be staged in conjunction with the Centennial program include the "Famous Citizens Banquet" to be held during late March or early April. This event will honor those famous sons and daughters of Lansing who have achieved national or local greatness in their own chosen field of endeavor.

OTHER EVENTS include, "A Century of Music," to be held May 1 and 2 at the Civic Center auditorium; The History of Transportation Parade, May 23; Transportation and Industrial Show, May 24 through May 30; and an outdoor historical spectacular which will run nine nights beginning June 19. The latter program, to be produced by the John B. Rogers Producing Company of Fostoria, Ohio, will depict the history of Lansing in a 40-minute, fast-moving drama featuring a cast of over 1,000 local persons.

OTHER EVENTS planned include the Centennial Fashion Show, April 21; Centennial Tree Planting, April 24; Military Day, Centennial Families Recognition, Antique Show, Centennial Ball and Queens contest and other special events.

In addition, many of the annual, regularly scheduled events are expected to tie in with the Centennial program.

THE SPECTACULAR windup in June begins in conjunction with the outdoor pageant at Sexton High

Claim Your Exemptions Carefully

(This is one of a series of articles on federal income tax filing. The articles are based on information provided by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service.)

When you total up the exemptions on your 1958 tax return, remember that you are permitted to claim at least one exemption for every qualified dependent—and this includes yourself.

Count your exemptions carefully because each one takes \$500 off your taxable income. Take one for yourself and two if you are 65 or over. This rule applies to both husband and wife on a joint return, and an added exemption may be taken if either is blind.

In addition, you are entitled to one exemption for each person who fits the definition of a dependent, but the extra exemptions for age and blindness cannot be taken for a dependent.

TO QUALIFY for an exemption dependent must:

- (1) Have received more than one-half of his support from you unless you file a Multiple Support Agreement (see below).
- (2) Have less than \$600 gross income unless he is your child and under 19 years of age—or a student of any age.
- (3) Not file a joint return with his spouse.
- (4) Have been either a member of your household or closely related to you, as defined in the official instructions.
- (5) Be either a citizen of the United States or a resident of the U. S., Canada, Mexico, Canal Zone, Panama, or (in some cases the Philippines).

YOUR EXEMPTIONS usually depend on whether you and your dependents qualify under these rules at the end of the year. However, if your husband or wife died during the year you can file a joint return and take the same exemptions that both of you would have otherwise had.

If you shared with others in the support of a dependent, but none of you provided more than half, you may still be able to arrange for one member of the group to have the \$600 exemption. You might agree, for example, to take turns claiming the exemption each year.

The one who claims the exemption must have contributed more than 10 per cent of the support, and he must have been a member of the group who collectively provided the necessary "more than one-half support." Each member of the group must have been entitled to claim the dependent except for the support requirement.

IN ORDER for one person to have the exemption all other members of the group who contributed over 10 per cent must sign declarations that they will not claim the dependent. The Internal Revenue Service provides Form 2120 (Multiple Support Agreement) for this purpose.

Taxpayers who are supporting dependents, but are not able to file a joint return, may qualify as "head of household," and be entitled to a special schedule of tax rates that give you half the benefits of income-splitting.

IF YOU QUALIFY as a "surviving spouse" you should not file a tax return as a head of household. The tax of a surviving spouse is computed on the same basis as a joint return and gives the full benefit of income-splitting. A "surviving spouse" is one:

1. Whose husband or wife died

forces that cause nervous trouble any more than we can completely shield ourselves from tuberculous germs and whatever it is that causes high blood pressure. Reverts to the psychiatrist are simply a matter of taking precautions. The doctor needs to keep in touch. Has the patient's thinking, feeling, or behavior undergone a change? If he is not holding his own the doctor can take steps to head off a recurrence of the trouble.

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in the preceding two years (1956 and 1957).

2. Who maintains a home for a legally qualified dependent (the dependent in this case must be a son, step-son, daughter or step-daughter).

The official instructions that come with your tax forms give further information on how to claim your dependency exemptions. Help is also available from the Internal Revenue Service.

Survey Made Of Accidents

A police department survey to determine the cause of pedestrian accidents at Maple and Woodward shows that both drivers and pedestrians are committing violations at the intersection.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley ordered the survey following three pedestrian accidents at the corner during January.

Moxley said that during the survey drivers were observed making right or left turns into pedestrians crossing with the light. State laws and the city's ordinance requires a driver to give pedestrians the right-of-way when they are crossing on a green light. If the signal changes while the pedestrian is half-way across the street he still has the right-of-way.

Moxley said pedestrians were at fault when they failed to observe the light and did not stay within the marked crosswalk. He said four out of every five pedestrians are injured because they cross in mid-block or step from behind parked cars into the path of moving vehicles. "Needless injuries can be avoided if both driver and pedestrian cooperate and observe the driving

and walking regulations that have been passed for their safety," Moxley said.

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WHAT DOCTORS SAY ABOUT:

- Sunglass Habituates
- Mental Breakdowns

Q. Does the wearing of dark glasses harm the eyes?

A. No, but don't wear dark glasses while driving at twilight. To further dim the fading evening light is just inviting trouble. It's strange why some people who have perfectly good eyes apparently don't their smoked spectacles as conscientiously as they shave brush their hair, or apply makeup. Perhaps some people want to see without being seen. It is their privilege of course, and wearing dark glasses would have no more medical justification than many other things we do by compulsion or habit.

Q. "A member of my family was treated for a nervous breakdown by a psychiatrist. Everything seems fine now but the doctor suggests further visits for checkups. Is this necessary?"—A mother.

A. Let's try to answer this question by asking one. Would it be wise for a person who has been treated for tuberculosis or high blood pressure to disregard his doctor's advice and not go back for checkups? We can't hide from



forces that cause nervous trouble any more than we can completely shield ourselves from tuberculous germs and whatever it is that causes high blood pressure. Reverts to the psychiatrist are simply a matter of taking precautions. The doctor needs to keep in touch. Has the patient's thinking, feeling, or behavior undergone a change? If he is not holding his own the doctor can take steps to head off a recurrence of the trouble.

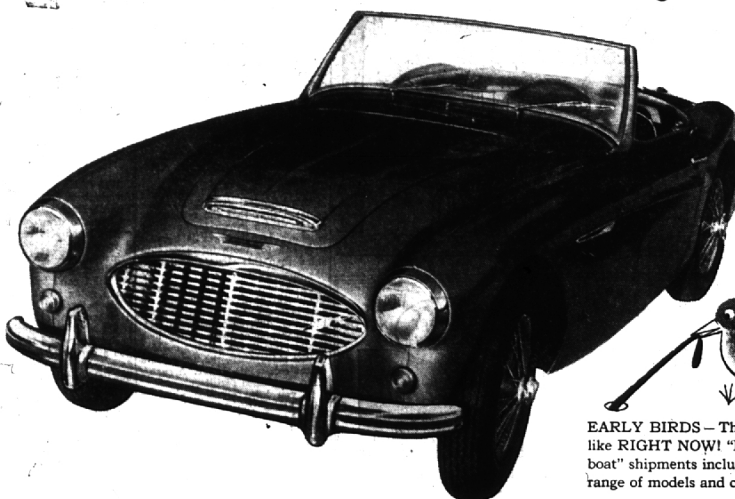
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