



**Dennis the Menace**

"I WASN'T 'GASSIN' YA! I WAS JUST PUTTIN' YA STRAIGHT!"

**The Medical Roundup**

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Penicillin Can Do Harm

I do hope that the day will soon come when people who have a trace of fever or a few sniffles will not expect their doctor to inject a big dose of penicillin into them. I also look forward to the day when every doctor, before injecting a full dose of penicillin, will check with a tiny dose to see if the patient is highly sensitive to the drug. Better yet, the day may come when the drug will almost always be given by mouth. This is said by experts to work just as well as does injecting it into the muscles, and giving it by mouth greatly reduces the danger of getting a severe or even fatal reaction. Experts tell us that today probably nine in 10 injections of penicillin were hardly necessary, because the patient almost certainly could have recovered easily without the medicine.

I recently read that the Food and Drug Administration experts in Washington have now demanded that some 200 patent preparations, designed mainly for the treatment of colds, and most of them containing penicillin, be taken off the market. As the government physicians said, and all well-educated physicians know, penicillin does not affect the viruses that produce colds.

Three Excuses

I imagine we doctors have some three excuses for giving penicillin for colds: one is that it is the custom; another is that people expect it and would feel neglected if they did not get it; and another is that if the patient should get ahead and get a pneumonia, the drug might help him. But if the cause of his pneumonia should happen to be a virus, the penicillin would not help.

One of the sad things about giving penicillin to everybody for every little cold is that as a result, a large number of very dangerous pus-producing germs, called penicillin-resistant staphylococci, have developed especially in hospitals. When they get into a hospital operating room or obstetric department, they can cause trouble, because penicillin has no effect on them.

When I get a cold it never occurs to me to take penicillin. As I always say, I would prefer to remain insensitive to the drug so that someday, if I get a pneumonia, my doctor can give me large doses of it without running the risk of killing or nearly killing me.

I wish people who love to be injected with penicillin could read some of the letters that

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**Your Money's Worth**  
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**WHAT THE TAX BILL MEANS TO YOU—IX**  
(9th in a series of 10 columns)

"Income averaging" would become a brand new tax break for you next year if the 1963 tax bill is passed.

While this new type of benefit was originally intended to help professional athletes, entertainers, writers and others who have sharply fluctuating incomes, the provision in the 1963 tax bill also would give the same break to businessmen, professional men and employees.

It could save taxes for you, whether you are a partner in a business enterprise, an individual proprietor or a corporation executive. It would work for you, whether your income is from salaries, commissions, bonuses, sale of merchandise or dividends.

More specifically, it could save taxes for you if you are an employee in line for a big bonus next year; or if you are a commission salesman who hits the sales jackpot next year; or if you are a lawyer who receives the biggest fee of his career next year.

Here is why income averaging would help so many taxpayers. Our income tax rates are applied under a so-called "progressive" bracket system—meaning that while the dollar amount of income in each may be precisely the same, the rate of tax goes up with each bracket.

For instance, under our present rates a married man filing a joint return pays 20 per cent on the first \$4,000 of taxable income and 22 per cent on the next \$4,000. If he had the \$4,000 in each of two years, his total tax would be \$1,000. But if he had the entire \$8,000 of taxable income in one year, he would pay more in taxes. His 1964 income is \$20,000. Since this exceeds \$16,000 by \$4,000, you would be entitled to income averaging relief on the \$4,000.

(1) Check your average taxable income for the years 1960-63. Say this comes to \$6,000.

(2) Multiply your average by 113 1/3 per cent. The result on the example comes to \$6,800.

(3) Now check your taxable income for 1964. If the total doesn't exceed the figure you reached in step 2 by more than \$3,000, you would not qualify for relief. But, say because of a sudden bonanza, your 1964 income is \$20,000. Since this exceeds \$16,000 by \$4,000, you would be entitled to income averaging relief on the \$4,000.

(4) Instead of computing your tax on the \$20,000 received in the one year, you would compute your tax as though you had received \$12,000 of your \$20,000 1964 income over five years. With the help of this averaging provision you would pay only \$4,300 in 1964 instead of the \$4,720 tax you would pay under the 1963 tax bill without averaging. You would save \$420 by averaging, in addition to what you would save because of the lower 1964 tax rates.

This new tax break is contained in a highly complex clause in the 1963 tax bill and the reasonably simple job of averaging income would become even more complicated if you have capital gains or income from inherited property or you receive property as a gift.

In fact, the already overburdened accountant is going to be overloaded more at tax time if this provision becomes law. To make sure that his client doesn't miss out on the possible tax advantage of income averaging, the accountant will have to compare his client's current income with his average of the past five years, and probably he'll have to make some exceedingly complicated computations.

Despite the complications, the income averaging break makes it important generally for you to try to defer into 1964 any unusually big bonuses, fees, commissions, etc., which you otherwise would expect to receive between now and the end of 1963.

Next: Dividends, sick pay, business investments.

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