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REECO'S FIRST ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATE

A high point in the Reynolds Electrical and Engineering Company's University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Associate of Arts Degree program was reached recently with the graduation of Barbara Celeste Fields.

REECO's education plan allows employees to attend the University as part of their regular daily work. Barbara, while taking courses at UNLV worked in REECO's Mail and Records Section. The soft-spoken, 29 year-old mother of two growing boys was the first of a group of five who started in the program to complete her requirements for the degree.

When asked if she were excited about graduating, she replied, "No, I can't honestly say that I'm excited now. The moment I was most excited was when I was given the opportunity to participate in this program. I felt honored when REECO gave me the chance to pursue a suitable and enjoyable career."

Also, REECO, the major prime contractor at the Atomic Energy Commission's Nevada Test Site yearly awards a \$1000, four-year scholarship to UNLV for local high school students whose parents are employed by the Company.



REECO'S FIRST ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATE, Barbara Fields. Barbara worked in REECO's Mail and Records Section while attending UNLV.

CAPSULE COMMENTS

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals turned down the NAACP's motion to appeal a December federal court order on the desegregating of local elementary schools. This has nothing to do with the appeal of the School district to the same court.

It appears that this ruling will allow the district to continue to drag its feet on integration here in Clark County.

Robert Archie, chief of the Nevada Employment Security Department, told a group of North Las Vegas citizens, that North Las Vegas will have an Employment Security Office very soon.

A sidelight of the meeting held in the council chambers. Aaron Williams was the only North Las Vegas Official present. The two legislators and State Senator representing North Las Vegas were not on hand to hear Mr. Archie's announcement of the Department's plans, or to greet Governor Mike O'Callaghan who took time out from his business schedule to concur with the Department's plans.

It would appear that only blacks are unemployed, because only one non-black showed up for the meeting.

The State Highway Department or the Contractors or the Engineers certainly are doing a nonsense job of work on our Freeway system.

One gripe of many motorists is the long delay of putting an on ramp to the South bound from Highland Avenue near Bonanza. The Highway Department knows that traffic on Highland and Bonanza is always very heavy. We have stretches of highway with on ramps and off ramps that lead nowhere at present. And it appears that it will be another year or two before they will be put in use.

The whole plan for completion appears to be poorly engineered. They think only in terms of their time table for completion and not on how quickly or conveniently they can make access to the freeways available.

Welfare Rights Organization Statement

STATEMENT BY MRS. E. L. O'NEAL, SPOKESWOMAN FOR THE CLARK COUNTY WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION, CONCERNING THE JULY 6, 1971 COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING.

By ratifying the changes for the General Assistance Services Criteria, the County Board of Commissioners have taken a big step toward relieving the suffering of many unfortunate citizens.

The recommended changes were a result of intensive negotiations between the Clark County Welfare Rights Organization and the County Administrator, Mr. David Henry and his staff.

The newly ratified changes in the General Assistance Services Criteria are as follows:

1. People seeking assistance from the County may deduct medical expenses from their monthly allowable income to become eligible for aid.
2. The ownership of a single automobile is no longer a factor in eligibility.
3. The county shall provide aid which will not be less than 20% of a family's monthly unmet need.

Aside from the ratified changes, Mr. Henry has made interpretations of the Criteria which should prevent harassment of persons requesting

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Rev. Jesse Jackson Tells Why Operation "Breadbasket" Boycotts Supermarkets

Rev. Jesse Jackson, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Council's "Operation Breadbasket," said he utilizes boycotts of chain stores as "a defensive maneuver to break up white exploitation."

The Chicago-based minister and aide to the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said that a major chain store's margin of profit might be as little as one or two percent of its sales volume. "This means essentially that if you can stop two out of every 100 people from going into those stores, you can sufficiently affect the margin of profit."

In a copyrighted interview in the current (July) issue of ESSENCE magazine, Rev. Jackson continued, "When a boycott is 30 to 50 per cent effective, you may not change the heart of that owner, but you can change the economic alternatives upon which he makes decisions. So using the boycott is a defensive maneuver to break up white exploitation."

The Chicago minister said that his church convenes for worship on Saturday, rather than Sunday, because it is "on Saturday the economic pharohs are exploiting. So we are prepared to dismiss on Saturday---to boycott, to demonstrate, to break up exploitation."

"If a store is selling bad meat, we can dismiss it and close it down. If a business is not banking with a black bank, we will dismiss that business, stop it, jam it, and make it respect us. On Sunday the stores are closed; they've got the money and have gone. So when the church pulls its army together on Sunday, God comes but the devil is gone."

Asked by Editor Marcia Gillespie how successful "Breadbasket" has been, he responded "We have learned about the white economic stranglehold, and we have learned how to break

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Dr. Ravenholt Urges Methadone Clinic Soon

"Remember, the addict has no friend but that needle and he will steal from his own mother if he has to."

A man called "Joe" came to Southern Nevada addicted to heroin and told health officials about the agonies of a habit costing \$150 per day.

"Joe" reinforced Chief Health Officer Dr. Otto Ravenholt's insistence that a proposed methadone clinic open as soon as possible.

Dr. Ravenholt proposed a clinic treating up to 100 addicts for an estimated cost of \$1,000 per person annually in the beginning.

"Our ultimate goal for the addict would be drug-free living," Dr. Ravenholt said, "We are preparing a budget with inter-agency support from the Nevada State Vocational Rehabilitation agency to insure addicts return to a constructive life."

Funds to start the proposed clinic will have to come from new source, since the 1971 State Legislature passed a law permitting the use of methadone as a treatment process.

However, they did not authorize funds to operate the clinic.

Dr. Ravenholt and his staff estimate about \$50,000 would open the clinic. The Las Vegas Police Memorial Narcotic Treatment Fund is collecting private donations for the clinic.

The contributions, deposited in a local bank-

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