

WIDOWER MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY

A widower with one or more children in his care may be eligible for social security survivors benefits under a recent decision of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Widowers can get information about applying for the benefits by calling or writing any social security office, according to Ed Cocks, social security district manager in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Under the court decision, a widower taking care of his wife's children can get monthly survivors benefits on her record if she worked long enough in jobs covered by social security. Previously, a widow with children in her care could get survivors benefits, but a widower could not unless he proved he was dependent on his wife and was either 60 or over or 50 to 60 disabled.

UNLV OFFERS COURSES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas is offering special rates for senior citizens who want to return to school.

Persons 62 years of age and older can audit regular credit courses for only \$10 (providing space is available and with the instructor's permission.)

the University has offered these reduced rates. Registration is handled by Mrs. Mary Carter, Division of Continuing Education, 109 Frazier Hall, UNLV, from August 12 through August 26.

The Division of Continuing Education also offers noncredit courses of unlimited enrollment to those 62 and over at a 50 percent fee reduction.

Some of the classes to be offered this fall include Indian jewelry of the Southwest, creative stitchery, citizen involvement; Spanish; antique collecting-glass; history of Nevada; culture and art from the cave to the present; real estate; and many more.

Registration for these courses is also handled in 109 Frazier Hall, UNLV.

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Recently, I was privileged to address the 55th Annual Convention of the National Insurance Association. The affair was centered in my hometown, Memphis, Tenn.

The Convention theme was appropriate: "Six M's Of Change: Money, Markets, Machines, Methods, Men, Management." And it seemed doubly appropriate in light of our upcoming Bicentennial Year Celebration.

So many blacks and other minorities seem to be taking a dim view of this national landmark observance. It is as if they feel "This is the white man's thing, not ours" which is precisely what some are saying either under breath or out loud.

Other blacks seem to feel there are so many other pressing problems: vast unemployment (more than double that of whites; it spirals upwards of 40, 50 and 60 percent for young blacks in our crowded ghetto areas); crunching housing shortages or unfit housing, in ghetto areas; soaring food and other basic costs including health care, where all the fat that can be had long since been trimmed to the nitty gritty by desperately poor and struggling families--all these problems and many more, so that blacks don't have time for such frivolous doings as the B.C.

There is much truth here. But I think we make a mistake if we blacks take no interest in this occasion. For it is part of our basic heritage, too. A black man, Crispus Attucks, was the first to die on the Boston Commons, an incident that triggered the Revolutionary War.

At the NIA Convention, proud black men, powerful figures in the biggest of black industry were gathered. They proudly rattled off the figures: The organizations was last convened in Memphis about 25 years ago. It boasted, at that time, 59 member companies. Murray J. Marvin, first NIA executive secretary, reported that the 59 companies had assets of \$137 million and just over a billion dollars of insurance in force.

Today although the member companies have shrunk to 39, the NIA has assets of over one billion dollars and seven billion dollars of insurance in force! Three of these companies, individually, have more insurance in force than all 59 in that bygone year of 1951.

And, those of us in the audience not privy to this information learned that one member company today not only has more assets than all those 59, but has twice as much insurance in force as all those firms represented in convention 25 years ago!

This power. Economic power. Other black millions are accumulating in black savings and loans institutions and in black banks, adding to the rising economic viability of the black community. Despite obstacles, we are on the move in America, our home land.

Not enough money, however, is accumulating in black institutions. And many blacks lament the fact it is difficult to impossible to float a loan: home business or personal. Too many blacks still pass by black banks and S&L's enroute to banks and S&L's outside our community. Until we begin to patronize our own, the loans will remain hard to get, and we will continue to be economic paupers.

The NIA convention and the men who run these powerful rising black economic institutions help us look with new eyes on the Bicentennial Celebration, and take stock once more of ourselves as a race and as a proud people. The Revolutionary cry, "Give Me Liberty Or Give Me Death" did not fall on deaf black ears. For blacks, it was a clarion call to help sever chains of British colonialism and, in so doing, smash the chains of slavery ushering in a diamond bright era of equality and brotherhood. That we are still in quest of the latter goal should not be cause of black despair. For we are on our way.

Where your Electric Power comes from

Electricity for our area comes from seven different generating stations located in Clark County; Page, Arizona; and Hoover Dam. Some of it is generated by coal (60%); some by gas and oil (30%); and some of it by hydropower (5%). The balance (5%) is purchased during peak summer periods. Many area people are under the misconception that the bulk of our power comes from the Dam. (We wish it did because this is low cost energy.) But these figures show that Hoover accounts for only 1/20th of our capacity.

Most of the electricity you use comes from the more than one million tons of coal and 500 thousand barrels of oil we burn each year to produce it. When it comes out of Page (the Navajo Station), it is carried over a 250-mile, 500 KV transmission line. Nevada Power maintains this line and its 1,035 massive steel towers with regular foot and aerial inspections.

Regardless of its source, the price of electricity has been climbing, just as the price of all energy has. The one sure way you can keep your power bill down is to use less electricity. You can do this, with hardly any inconvenience, by eliminating waste. We've just completed a new booklet that has scores of no-nonsense tips on how to do this. You can get your copy by writing: "Booklet," Nevada Power Company, Box 230, Las Vegas 89151. Or pick one up at any of our offices. Or phone 385-5811.

If you'd like to get a group of friends and neighbors together (perhaps a civic or social organization you belong to) we'll be glad to have one of our energy conservation specialists address the gathering and answer any questions. Drop us a note, or call 385-5753.

Meanwhile, please make conservation a habit. Electricity costs too much to waste any longer.

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