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enjoy the additional sales induced by the accelerated depreciation gimmick will not benefit most Blacks.

Most of us who are fortunate enough to be employable are available for the service industries, not the capital industries which hire more racially discriminatory skilled workers. And whoever heard of Blacks or other poor people in America owning common stocks en masse. Even middle class white Americans have given up direct ownership of common stocks to the tune of 5,500,000 of them over the past five years.

Obviously, President Ford is more concerned about the white middle class stockholder than the poor -- young or old. The President is also pushing for an increase in social security taxes. This will reduce the take-home pay for all those employed earning \$15,300 or less a year.

However, if you managed to make enough money to give your grandchildren or close friend President Ford proposes to take care of you. The Ford proposal for estate taxes would permit the heirs of small estates (\$300,000 - \$600,000) to forget about their initial estate-tax payment for five years beyond the date it would be otherwise due.

Mr. Ford said the changes are designed to assure that "family businesses and family farms can be handed down generation to generation without having to be sold to pay taxes." "At a boy" Gerry, keep it in the family.

VITA FREE TAX PREPARATION

For the first time, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) will be held in the Westside area to offer free tax preparation to low and moderate income earners.

The VITA program is geared to help taxpayers in the \$10,000 and under income range by preparing their tax returns at no cost. Volunteers from the community, many of them from the accounting and bookkeeping field, offer their services free in helping lower income taxpayers prepare their 1975 tax returns.

Sponsoring organizations and persons for the VITA program in the Westside area include the Economic Opportunity Board, Clark County Commissioner Aaron Williams, Board of Regent Member Ms. Brenda Mason and Judge Addehlar Guy. The 1976 VITA schedule for the Las Vegas Westside area is as follows:

Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County, 900 West Owens Avenue -- Feb. 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 & 26 -- 5-7 p.m.

Area residents planning to visit one of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Centers for tax return preparation should bring with them:

- the IRS-mailed tax return (1040 or 1040-A),
- all W-2 earnings statements given out by employers,
- form 1099 (if any), and a copy of their 1974 tax return if it is available.

New Vehicles for CC EOB

The recent delivery of four multi-passenger vehicles to the Clark County Economic Opportunity Board is helping to fulfill the medical, nutritional and social need of the elderly and handicapped, Sylvia Staples, director of the Board said.

The four vehicles plus six more which are scheduled to arrive in the next few weeks, were purchased from a \$124,844 grant from the Urban Mass Transportation Administration, supplemented with \$31,461 in matching funds from the Nevada Aging Services Division. The total expenditure for southern Nevada is \$97,000, and \$58,000 is being spent for similar equipment in the Reno-Sparks area. Administering the purchases and disbursement of the equipment are Ivan Laird, Nevada Highway Department program engineer, and Michael Dolan, planner-evaluator for Aging Services.

The vehicles are equipped with two-way radio and wheelchair lifts, and will help meet the present demand for 200 daily trips in the Clark County area to take care of the medical and nutritional requirements of the elderly, according to Ms. Staples. The past shortage of transportation facilities made it impossible to take the elderly or handicapped to social occasions, except on weekends, Ms. Staples said.



DIVINE PROVIDENCE DINNER

Here we see Michell and her classmates enjoying their delicious turkey dinner. (Pictured above left is Michelle's mother, Sandra. Michelle is on Sandra's right, and Mrs. Johnson on her left.

THE SANTINI PAY FIASCO

Congressman Jim Santini has learned the hard way that -- at least for the federal government -- it's easier to give than to receive.

After three months of futile efforts to return his pay raise to the federal treasury, Santini has decided the hassles just aren't worth it.

"I only wish the federal government would erect as many barriers in giving away money as it does in taking money back," remarked Santini.

Instead, the net proceeds of his five percent pay increase will be turned over to the University of Nevada System for needy students at the Reno, Las Vegas and Community College campuses.

Since voting against the pay increase for members of Congress (which passed the House by one vote), he has run into nothing but obstacles in refusing the extra pay.

His first attempt to refuse the pay increase was his sponsorship of a bill excluding Congressmen from the increase provided other federal employee. The bill settled in a Subcommittee where it hasn't seen the light of day despite efforts by several members for action.

Then Santini supported legislation that would have permitted Congressmen to refuse the pay raise. That bill didn't move either.

He turned to William Simon, asking the Secretary of Treasury to withhold the pay increase from his monthly check. Simon informed Santini that such a move would be against the law.

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SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR -- Judges (from left) Dr. Leonard Phillips of UNLV, Bernice Moten of the Clark County Board of School Trustees and the State Department of Education, and Principal Frances Courtney of Woodbury Junior High examine one of several dozen entries in a recent Social Studies Fair at Jo Mackey Sixth Grade Center. Projects covered both current events and historical subjects.

Eligibility for Family Planning Changed

The income eligibility requirement for Family Planning Services is being changed, Roger S. Trounaday, director of the Nevada Department of Human Resources, announced recently.

The amendment will be available for public review during the month of February at State Welfare offices in Battle Mountain, Carson City, Elko, Fallon, Hawthorne, Henderson, Las Vegas, Lovelock, Pioche, Reno, Tonopah, Winnemucca and Yerington. It will also be available at the State Library in Carson City, and in the clerks offices in Minden, Goldfield, Eureka and Virginia City.

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