

The Publisher Speaks



PIONEER COMMUNITY WORKER RETIRES

A living legend in Southern Nevada Black community activities recently announced her retirement and resignation as Director of Operation Independence, Inc. Mrs. Lubertha Johnson combined her surprise announcement with a direct recommendation for a successor at the 27 June, 1977 Board of Directors meeting. Mrs. Johnson selected Dr. Corene F. Casselle, the first doctoral graduate of UNLV (May, 1977), as the perfect person to guide the future course of the community-based day-care facility. Upon acceptance of Mrs. Johnson's resignation, the Board of Directors unanimously approved her choice of successor and pledged their full support in the continuing efforts to make the facility the finest of its kind in Southern Nevada.

An untiring worker for the upgrading of the climate of the Black community since the early 1940's, Lubertha Johnson is one of the most selfless and sincere community leaders to emerge in Las Vegas over the past three decades. Low-key in her methods, with an amazing record of achievement, Ms. Johnson has opened many doors of opportunity for Westside residents. Many of the beneficial programs which now are taken for granted by Blacks in Nevada had their inception in Mrs. Johnson's active mind. Such programs include Head Start and Manpower which evolved into E.O.B. Operation Independence Preschool and Child Care Center, established in the early '60's is the most recent of this remarkable woman's achievements. Dr. Casselle will proudly assume the Directorship of the facilities, now housed in Sierra Nevada Arms, 1965 Genoa Drive, Las Vegas, on 1 August, 1977.



Just the FACTS

This is one time there will be an affair put on on behalf of Judge Robert Mullin that is solely being sponsored by the Las Vegas Voice Newspaper. It carries it's own weight, pays its own way. After all expenses are taken out, I will turn over to Judge Mullin the remainder of the money that was taken in. We know there will be a lot of criticism coming from some of the other so-called Black leaders, but we are not going to let that stop us. I would strongly ask each and everyone, including the NAACP, to please come out and support this affair.

BUSINESS IN THE BLACK

By: Charles E. Belle

Before the end of the next decade food and other necessities of life will be expressed in this country by the Science Metric System. John Quincy Adams, in a report to the Congress of the United States way back in 1821, wrote "weights and measures may be ranked among the necessities of life to every individual of human society."

They enter into the economical arrangements and daily concerns of every family. They are necessary to every occupation of human industry; to be the distribution and security of every species of property; to every transaction of trade and commerce...

The knowledge of them (weights and measures), as in established use, is among the first elements of education and is often learned by those who learn nothing else, not even to read and write." Black and poor people cannot afford to putter around with the dying English inches and pounds system no longer even used in the country of its birth.

King Henry I decreed that the yard should be the distance from the tip of his nose to the end of his thumb. But the King is dead. Thus will go the method of counting used currently in this

country in a few short years. The U.S. is the last major world power passing time on a ridiculous royal edict. It's centimeters and celsius for the 20th Century.

In order to convert fahrenheit temperature to celsius, simply subtract 32 degrees from the fahrenheit temperature and multiply the balance by five ninths. Example, 70 degrees fahrenheit becomes 21 degrees celsius by 70 minus 32 equals 38 times five ninths.

The key is to think the modern metric system way. Without noticing it Americans have already "gone metric" in many aspects. The shutters of 8, 16 and 35 millimeter cameras click across the U.S. countryside. Drug companies have been metric for 15 years.

These miracle makers will be joined by IBM, General Motors, Sears Roebuck and Company and others in the very near future. The state of Ohio has responded to the respective systems by using both Kilometers and miles on its road signs. In at least 13 states, the state school board has adopted a "go metric" resolution. Inside of a decade it will be difficult to keep a job much less get a new one if a person cannot perform with the metric method.

EVERYDAY LIFE

The metric system is simple to learn. There are only 10 units you need to know for everyday life. Thinking meters, kilograms and liters is not a difficult adjustment because the metric units are nearly the same as the customary units they replace.

A shopper can buy two meters of fabric instead of two yards, half a kilogram of butter instead of a pound and a liter of milk instead of a quart. A gram is a unit of weight about as heavy as a paper clip.

There are even some metric units with which you are already familiar. Those you use to tell the time and the electric light bulb. The metric method is based on the decimal system. Everyday comes closer and closer to when knowledge of the metric system will be mandatory for a man and woman to hold a job or buy food to eat.



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