

Questions & Answers

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That Social Security advice "in nutshell" can you give to one who is thinking of retiring in the near future?

A. Just this: Inquire before you retire! Get the technical set, from a Social Security specialist, at least three months before you retire; then you can make an intelligent decision. This is our "nutshell advice" to you.

And now may we be a bit

more particular and specific, and make our answer more complete and useful? We advise you or anyone age 62 or over who plans to retire in the near future - or who is approaching age 65, whether retiring or not - to contact the Social Security office three months before you retire, or three months before you're 65. Then we can help you to be fully protected under this law.

Have your Social Security card, and a good old record or

two (such as an old family Bible, an old insurance policy, etc.) showing your age. Be sure to have your W-2 (withholding slip) for last year, if possible, or a copy of your last year's income tax return, or at least the earnings figure which can be verified (in accordance with necessary rules for insuring the correctness of the benefit computation and preserving the soundness and integrity of the Social Security program).

And if you become disabled

- don't fail to contact us as soon as it appears, from the nature of your condition, that your disability will last 12 months or more.

Q. My wife is almost 62 and will be applying soon for benefits on my earnings record. Will this cause my check to be any less - I mean smaller than it is now?

A. No, your benefit check will remain the same.

CUZ'S CORNER

Nero Brayed While The Preacher Burned



Everybody said that we had the meanest, fightingest, brayingest mule of anybody who went to our church. They were right.

Have you ever heard of anybody being ashamed of a mule? Mama always said that she had never, in her whole life, been so ashamed of

anything as she was of old Nero, our mean braying mule. And she was continually onto Papa to get rid of that ornery beast.

He finally did but not before Nero had made himself quite a reputation and turned nearly everybody in the whole church against us.

had found my life's calling and had a job that was a lot more exciting than sitting through long sieges of mighty dry preaching.

It seemed that every time we took a notion to go to church that would be the very time that Nero would pick to show out the most. And Mama would always tell Papa that that was the very last time she intended to go to church until he got shed of that awful mule. Papa would always chuckle, slap Nero lightly with the lines and tell her, "There's one thing you can sure say for this mule and that is he's got spirit." Mama'd say, "It's demons he's got if anything."

We would skip going to church a Sunday or two then Mama would decide that we just had to go back. She would say, "I'll be doggoned if just one mean mule is gonna keep me and my family away from the Lord's house." And back we would go for another whack at it with Nero.

The way he first began to disturb the public worship was with his braying. He'd bray longer and louder than anybody else's mule in that church yard. If he had been born a human I'm pretty sure he would have been a song leader, and a darn good one, too, on account of when he commenced he wouldn't stop until he had all the jackasses in the whole churchyard a-singing the blues.

He got so bad that finally Preacher Snyder and a committee came to see Papa and they asked him if there wasn't something he could do about that cussed mule.

When Papa found out why they had come he was tickled. He said that he reckoned that was the first time in history a delegation from any church ever had to go see a brother about the conduct of a mule. Mama said she was mortified, my sisters said they didn't believe they could stand it, but Ray was too little to care one way or the other. Papa and I were just plain tickled. Actually we were kinda proud of old Nero and said as much, at least Papa did. I just agreed with him but Mama said, "It's just like you two to think it's funny. You've both got a great big devilish streak in you."

We missed church for two or three Sundays after the parson and the deacons met with Papa about our mule but then Mama couldn't stand it any longer; She decided we just had to get back. Before we braved our ordeal again, though, she and Papa concluded that it just might be a good idea if I stayed outside with Nero go kindly keep him quiet. I was supposed to swap him with a big switch every time he got ready to hee-haw.

When I found out about my new ecclesiastical duties - getting to stay outside and mind that mule, why, I figured he was just the finest mule anywhere on that side of Missouri.

My first Sunday on duty with Nero I did such a fine job that Mama, Papa, Preacher Snyder, and half the congregation were patting me on the back. I was sure that I

The next Sunday though, I had a little trouble. I had persuaded Jake Scott and Claud Beasley to stay outside and help me look after Nero. They did. So, we got to shooting jaybirds with out slingshots, you know, to have something to do while Nero was behaving. We got kinda busy with this project and before we knew it he commenced.

We were too far from him to swarp him so I told my buddies we'd just shoot him with our slingshots and we did. You know how a flat rock will sorts sail when you throw or shoot it? This one did just like that.

Now you wouldn't think that anybody could miss as big a target as a mule, but, on account of that flat rock I sure did. But not much. That darn rock sailed right past Nero and busted out a big window pane right beside where Mama and Papa, Ray and the girls were sitting.

Preacher Snyder stopped, Papa said, right in the middle of a long prayer and looked right straight at him. Papa just excused himself and came outside and tore me up. Then he went back inside.

For the next few Sundays us boys didn't do anything much but just play marbles and mumbledly peg right there close where we could knock the H..uh, where we could knock the stuffin out of that ole mule. Then I was pretty certain I had broken him of his bad habit, so my helpers and I decided we could maybe risk slipping off down to the spring while Nero wasn't looking.

We must have stayed a little longer than we figured. I heard the low-down rascal beller, sounded like he was a way off. We high-tailed it back to the churchyard, but it was already too late.

Nero had somehow gotten loose and, Papa told me later, he had come and stuck his old head in the window right behind the pulpit and brayed the darndest racket he had ever brayed in his life. Papa said Preacher Snyder yelled, "AMEN, and Lord help us!" Then Papa said he hit old Nero up side the head with one of our new Stamps-Baxter song books and the meetin' was over for that Sunday.

After Papa hit old Nero he-Nero, not Papa-went biting and kicking through that bunch of mules and horses in the churchyard, several of them broke loose, and we and three other families had to walk home from church.

Mama was more than humiliated this time. She was mad at Papa, me, my buddies, as well as pore old Nero. I don't think it was so much what all Mama had to say as it was that three-mile walk home in the hot July sun that convinced Papa he would sure have to trade Nero off. I certainly did hate to see him go. It was sorta like losing a member of the family.

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