

**V*A FACTS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q -- Are veterans with military service after World War II and before the Korean Conflict eligible for home loan benefits?

A -- Since Oct. 1, 1976, those whose active duty occurred after July 25, 1947, and prior to June 27, 1950, who served more than 180 days under conditions other than dishonorable or discharged with less service for a service-connected disability, are eligible for home loan benefits.

Q -- I was retired on disability from the Army. Am I eligible for outpatient care at a VA hospital?

A -- Any person retired from the U.S. armed forces by reason of disability or longevity, is entitled to outpatient treatment at a VA facility.

Q -- What is the purpose of VA's vocational rehabilitation training?

A -- Vocational rehabilitation assists the service-disabled veteran acquire new vocational skills to help overcome the handicap of his disability.

Q -- My husband was killed in Vietnam, and I have since remarried. My present husband wishes to adopt a son from my first marriage. What effect would this have on my son's entitlement to VA benefits?

A -- The natural child of a deceased veteran retains entitlement to VA benefits even if subsequently adopted. A step-child of a deceased veteran would lose his entitlement if he were adopted.

Q -- My fiance says I am his beneficiary on a \$10,000 National Service Life Insurance contract. Can I verify this?

A -- No, an insured's beneficiary designation is confidential.

Q -- I received \$2,000 disability severance pay from the Army. I applied for disability compensation from the VA and my service-connected disabilities were rated at 20%. When will I begin to receive disability compensation?

A -- Before you may begin receiving compensation from the VA, an amount equal to the amount of severance pay you received must be recouped. At the present 20 per cent rate of \$ 70 per month it will take 29 months.

Q -- My father died on active duty and I am attending college under his GI Bill entitlement. Will my pending marriage terminate this benefit?

A -- No. Marriage is no bar to dependent children's receipt of educational payments.

Q -- May a veteran be enrolled half time in an on-the-job training program?

A -- No. Apprenticeship or on-the-job training must be full time.

MICROWAVE COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Learning how to cook with a microwave oven will be presented at the Clark County Cooperative Extension Service, January 25, 1977, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., according to the Home Economist, Katherine Everson.

A pre-registration charge of two dollars to cover the costs of materials for the microwave demonstration. For reservations, or more information call the Extension Office at 385-6411.

Clark County Republican Central Committee

Aimed at the potential of a coalition of forces, leaders of the Libertarian, Independent and GOP parties will form a discussion panel which will feature a meeting of Clark County Republican Central Committee, Monday, January 17, at 8 p.m. in the Natchez Room of the Showboat Hotel. Panelists will be James Libertarian Burns, State Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Nevada; Don Hancock, Co-chairman of Clark County Independent American Party, and Frank Fahrenkopf, Chairman of Nevada Republican Party.

The meeting, arranged by George Stewart, Clark County GOP Chairman, is opened to the general public without charge.

Each panelist will give a three minute talk on the aims, purposes and principles of their respective parties, which will be followed by three identical questions asked of each panelist by the moderator, Dick Iander, GOP State Public Relations Chairman. The questions are: (1) What does each party seek of the other two parties?; (2) What do you see as the similarities and differences between each of the three parties?; (3) Is there a possibility of the three parties combining under a new banner.

A question and answer period participated in by the audience will conclude the program.



RUBY SAYS

Ruby Says...

I have been invited to President Carter's inauguration this month in Washington D.C. If someone would have told me a few years ago that I would be invited to a presidential inauguration, I would have thought they were crazy.

Naturally, I am honored and delighted. As Carter's coordinator for getting out the vote in West Las Vegas, our community proved to be very important to him as far as Nevada was concerned.

But more important is the indication that President Carter will be the first President who will work with real down to earth people. Welfare recipients, low and even middle income people have never been able to have a rapport with a President before. It was below most of them. Nixon and all his grandier as "King" never considered people in his policies, let alone as friends.

Carter's appointment of Rep. Andrew Young, a dynamic and able young man, to the United Nations is a good sign. It is true that a U.N. Representative does not design national policy and has no power in that sense, but it is good that the United States will be represented in the international world by a Black American who will speak not only for the Carter Administration, but for American people -- all of them, not just big business.

I have good feelings about President Carter and only hope that he lives up to the expectations that he will be a friend to minorities and lower income people who need some good friends for once in government.

It is time for regrouping of our community; to get together and put the past behind us. Although the Federal arena is looking better, the State is looking worse. I have been warning poor people in this column for the last year that the State would be exerting efforts against them. They have against Operation Life and it has been hard to hold on against such massive resources. We have seen other programs recently go down due to similar types of external pressures. We can't stand by and watch these atrocities happen.

Operation Life has won a victory in that the Early Screening Center is open and operating at the Operation Life facility. The hours of the center are from 12:30 to 3:30 daily. Remember to bring in your SA-MI 25 form that you get from your caseworker.

Also to all of our WIC clients: No matter what you have heard from the Welfare Department or whatever -- WIC IS OPEN AND OPERATING AT THE OPERATION LIFE FACILITY ON A DAILY BASIS FROM 9 AM. We have received many calls from participants who have heard otherwise. WIC is still continuing to provide high nutritious needs to Medicaid recipients who are pregnant, nursing or under 5 years of age and in need of such foods.

Please come by.....

Need a copy of a birth certificate?

Copies of certificates necessary for driver licenses, work cards, organized sports, school entrance and estate settlements can be obtained from the Department of Vital Records at the Health Center at 625 Shadow Lane for \$2.00 a copy.

The Clark County Health District is responsible for the collection, registration and certification of birth and death certificates and records in Clark County.

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