

# \*\*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 there VA education loans available to assist a child receiving dependents education assistance?

**A --** If the child is enrolled at least on half-time basis, he may borrow up to \$1,500 per academic year to pursue a standard college degree program or if enrolled in a professional or vocational objective program requiring at least six months for completion. Financial need is a requirement. The current rate of interest is 7 per cent.

**Q --** Isn't there a new provision in the VA pension law which pays an increased amount for older veteran?

**A --** Veterans 78 years of age or older on VA pension rolls are entitled to an additional 25 per cent increase for all current law pension rates.

**Q --** What is a contingent beneficiary for my Veteran Group Life Insurance?

**A --** A contingent beneficiary is designated to receive the insurance proceeds if the principal beneficiary dies before the insured.

**Q --** I wear a prosthetic device due to a service connected disability and have recently heard that I may be eligible for a clothing allowance from the VA. Is this true?

**A --** Veterans who, because of a service-connected disability, wear prosthetic devices which may wear out their clothing, or who use wheelchairs, are eligible for an annual \$190 clothing allowance.

**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 per cent. 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 --** When I signed up for the GI Bill, I had my VA checks sent to the school. I now want my checks sent to my home. May I have this done?

**A --** Yes. Any VA office can assist in changing an address for receipt of benefit checks.

### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Youth Program of the NAACP is in the process of organizing its youth chapter and is making plans for a number of summer activities.

We are asking any youth who have specific skills or talents to please call the local branch of the NAACP and give your name, age, phone number and address.

Any adults wishing to take part in any youth activity may also contact the NAACP office at 648-2880.

### BUSINESS IN BLACK

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The U.S., Hoadley concedes, is still struggling somewhat with its two-headed elephant, inflation and unemployment. While Walter is not ready to recommend running employment stimulation, he can live with starting up the hill to recovery.

It is refreshing to know that someone in the temple subtly recognized the need for economic growth to provide jobs for the poor and unemployed in the free world. It is disturbing to discover the almost dedication to do little to develop jobs at a faster rate in view of the high unemployment of the non-communist nations.

# VOICE EDITORIALS



## The Hughes Report

Few things nurse the soul satisfaction quite like a graduation. Saturday we went to the Aladdin Theatre to see Mrs. Mabel Hoggard receive the 'Distinguished Nevadan' title and award. Nothing could have kept my wife and I from that momentous event. Add this to the Distinguished Service Award bestowed upon her by the school district and the naming of one of its elementary schools 'Mabel Hoggard' School and you get a bird's eye view of this exceptional woman - a Nevada jewel. Mrs. Hoggard became the first black school teacher in 1946 and was hired for one year without a contract in the old Westside School. She came to Las Vegas after having been a principal in Kentucky and West Virginia but had earned a Bachelor of Science Degree Cum Laude from Bluefield State Teachers College in West Virginia and had done post graduate work at the University of Chicago, and the University of Southern California, Los Angeles as well as University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Mrs. Hoggard has been on the Executive Boards of the NAACP, Las Vegas Community Concert Association and the Southern Nevada Teachers of English and Foreign Languages and was twice secretary of the Clark County Chapter of the American Red Cross and treasurer of the Las Vegas Classroom Teacher's Association. Graduating with distinction was Patricia Ann Bailey, Social Services and Social Science. There were approximately five blacks graduating in Bachelor of Science, 10 in College of Education, 5 in Hotel Administration, 10 in the Graduate College of Education Science, Arts. Graduation is the ending of one phase of training providing the graduates a chance to go out and get the liberal or street education but rest assured you must have that degree to be able to pursue the better jobs and get the more rewarding life. The 10 graduating in Business Administration seems to indicate a trend among blacks in the right direction. There is nothing black business needs as much as administrators. The growing and expanding white business some 15 years ago began tapping the black resources since there was not enough whites. Black campuses were swarming with white job recruiters and it was a feather in the cap of a recruiter who brought in a black executive type. In addition to this affirmative action made it mandatory that many firms get some blacks in higher positions, all of which has made it difficult to get trained blacks in black businesses. The S.C.L.C. meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 in the 'D' Street Library See You There.

### "SOUTHERN BARBECUE"

Silver Star Chapter #10 Order of Eastern Star, P.H.A. invite you to a rib, chicken, hot link barbecue sale at 2700 Colton off Cheyenne West on May 28, 1977. Will deliver if you can not attend. Call 647-2095 for delivery on the 28th. Also a Bingo later in the evening, at the same location.

Thank you.

The federal-state employment service makes about 6 million job placements a year, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County 2224 Comstock Drive, Family Planning Clinic offers paps smear, pelvic exam, laboratory tests, sickle cell screening and contraceptives for women 14-44. No appointment necessary. For information call 647-2171.



## Education is Power

The issue of education for Black Americans must engage our every energy and motivation if we are to reach any reasonable and practical solution. There must be no greater priority among us than to make sure that our youth are properly educated in infiltration into the dominant American society. There are those within the majority community who do not come in contact with members of the minority communities and, therefore know very little about the education problems of the minority members of the population.

Now that school is almost out this term, I would like to point out some things that may help our young people during the summer. First, I would suggest that wherever possible try to secure a job. The very act of being able to land a job tends to make one feel better about himself. It also gives one a feeling of being useful no matter what kind of job it may be.

Secondly, I would suggest that we make sure that some time is set aside for recreation. This recreation should be wholesome, worthwhile and as far as possible should be family oriented. It appears that the more things we are able to do with our families, the more we will be able to do for others.

In the third place, I would suggest that one continues his study of anything considered difficult during the school year. It is a well known fact that anything will atrophy from disuse. Our brains are no exception. Therefore, it is very necessary that we use our brains to continue our learning whenever possible. Books are available on practically every subject in our area libraries. A library card is an excellent possession when used wisely.

Arrange some time to visit relatives or friends in distant cities. A change of scenery is always refreshing and gives one something else to talk about when he returns to school.

Become aware of the politics of the area in which you live. Who are the legislative members of the area in which you live? What do they do during the last legislative session that will enhance the conditions of your legislative district? How can you help the do a better job? What can be done to make our city a better city in which to live? Find out what can be done and do it.

Finally we would like to suggest that we spend some time helping others. We must always remember that no matter what we think our condition is, there is always someone we can help. A life of service is one with rich rewards. One cannot go wrong in service to others.

All education is not found in the classroom. One can enhance his education and his feeling of self worth in many ways. Only a few are mentioned above. Others are equally important.

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As you become aware of opportunities for service either in education, religion, community activities, etc., we will find fulfillment for ourselves. No greater fulfillment is there anywhere than in service to others.

### SCLC MEETS

The SCLC meetings are held every Tuesday night at 8:00 P.M. at the Greater Faith Baptist Church on Chamberlin St. in N.L.V.

Let us join hands. We need each other.  
Rev. C. C. Smith, President