

**V*A FACTS

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

Q -- Whom can a veteran name as beneficiary of his VA life insurance?

A -- A veteran may name any person, or legal entity (firm, corporation, charitable organization, etc.) as either primary or contingent beneficiary.

Q -- The cemetery received my husband's burial marker; however, his name was spelled incorrectly. Will the VA replace the marker?

A -- The VA may provide a replacement marker free of charge, if the correct information was furnished on the application and an error was made. Incorrect information provided on the application cannot be corrected after the marker has been issued. You may, however, pay for a replacement.

Q -- Is there a limit to the number of times a veteran may change schools if he continues in the same basic educational objective?

A -- There are no restrictions on the number of times a veteran making satisfactory progress may change schools. A transfer from one school to another will be considered a change of school and not a change of program when the veteran is continuing the same educational objective. However, material loss of credit or extension of time to obtain objective must be considered a change of program.

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in Northern Nevada. In May we had 32 members and as of this writing we have 274 members (2 months growth). Our goal is 1,000 members. Memberships are just \$2.00 a year during this special dispensation. Come and join us at the picnic; our regular Tuesday night 7:30 meeting at the Westside Library "D" and Jackson Streets or send your fee to our office, 1322 1/2 N. "D" St., Las Vegas, Nevada 89106. We need your membership and your input to improve our programming. Support your S.C.L.C. For further information call S.C.L.C. - 648-0977.

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VOICE EDITORIALS

Education is Power



By Thomas E. Wilson

Few decisions in a young person's life will have as many consequences as his or her choice of a career. Careful selection of a career pays big and lasting dividends. What will it mean to a person to make the right choice? Consider a few of the important advantages for a young person in choosing the job field that is right for him or her - one that uses his best abilities and aptitudes, that is of interest to him, and that demands skills he can develop.

Being in the right job field pays off in dollars and cents. When one has neither interest nor ability in a job, his chances for success are slight, and his earning power is reduced. The individual who is well suited to work will be able to compete for the better jobs in his field. In times of depression, when job lay-offs occur, he will not be the first to go, but will be able to meet job competition.

Choosing the right job prevents the young person from having to take time out in his later working years to get the training or education necessary to make a fresh start in some other field. Drifting from job to job, starting from the bottom again, and taking time out to learn new skills add up to wasted working time and wasted dollars.

Increased job satisfaction is a result of being in the right job field. A larger paycheck is one of the rewards of being in the right job. There is also another important satisfaction - that of doing work that one enjoys. The satisfaction or dissatisfaction a person feels in his or her working hours and years will shape the kind of person he will become.

The career a person chooses has a great deal to do with where he will live and who his friends will be. Many types of industry and business are located in a particular section of the country. Some others are confined to large cities; others to small towns or the country. In the same way, different types of people do different work. College professors, structural steel workers, and wheat farmers, for example, differ in their life styles; the way they dress, where they live, their interests. The person who plans his career wisely has a better chance of living where he wants and with the kind of people he likes.

In addition to these long-term advantages of wise career planning, the person gains a lot just in the process of choosing his career. With the young person, planning for his or her future work-life gives him or her a sense of direction. The young person's schoolwork, his extracurricular activities, his part-time job, all take on a new meaning to him. He knows where he is going and feels that he is on his way.

How do we help young people choose their careers wisely? It takes a plan. Basically there are three main steps to the plan for helping people find the career that is right for them. First, we must help them learn about themselves. Before a person can really decide on what job is best for him or her, this person must have a clear understanding of (1) his abilities; (2) his interests; (3) his personality characteristics - how he gets along with others, meets people, works with them, takes orders, etc.; and (4) his physical health - his stamina, eyesight, hearing or any other handicaps that may prevent him from doing certain types of work.

Second, we must help them learn about different occupations. A knowledge of the world of work is essential in choosing the right career. A person must know the edu-

cational requirements, income, training necessary, working conditions, and competition in a wide number of different jobs before he can choose wisely.

Third, we must help them match their knowledge of themselves with their information about jobs. In this way they can discover the occupations or areas of work activity in which they have the best opportunity of succeeding.

In each step of this process, parents and teachers can offer valuable assistance to young people. It appears that the school can easily take on the task of helping students match the information about themselves with information about careers. As Blacks, let us see to it that we are well aware of ourselves and then plunge ahead into the educational process in order to match this knowledge with an appropriate career.



The Hughes Report

By Thomas F. Hughes

MULLEN BANQUET

Friday night July 22nd some 200 or more supporters of Judge Robert Mullen attended a banquet at the Stardust Hotel to show their allegiance. Senator Joe Neal, Assemblyman Marion Bennett, Assemblyman Lonnie Chaney, Marjorie Elliott, Aaron Williams, Tom Hughes and Rev. A.J. Thompson were the featured speakers. Music was furnished by a Black group of 10 called "Tomorrow Change's". Once again we saw a gathering together of community leaders in a common effort - to fight off the Internal Revenue charge that he did not pay income tax on money he is supposed to have received from bribes. So far as I know it has never been proven he received any money. The testimonials were all good and all spoke of how the I.R.S. would soon be after each of us but that did not stop the crowd. Heavy applause greeted the speakers in a show of appreciation. I do not know Judge Mullen well but so many people told me how much he had done for the children in Las Vegas (Black and White) that I had to admire him for his concern although he was not supported by all. Senator Lamb had an I.R.S. charge placed on him last year and Sheriff Lamb is currently fighting I.R.S. charges but they have tremendous financial resources. Our Judge Mullen lives and works in the Black community and has little or no resources. Remember right or wrong he deserves a fair trial so he does not receive a trial as the one where the judge said, "we are going to give him a fair trial, then we'll take him out and hang him"

S.C.L.C. PICNIC

Saturday, July 30, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will give a fund raising picnic at City View Park in North Las Vegas. Cake 15¢, hot dogs 30¢ etc. This picnic is planned, so that a child can come and spend the day 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and have two hamburgers or hot dogs and a drink in the morning and the same in the afternoon and engage in some games, for \$3.00 adults can do the same and all should have a ball. This is the first of a series of fun and learning programs designed to offer something for all S.C.L.C. members from the cradle to the grave. We are currently working on Job Training, Job Discrimination Complaints, Job Placement, Senior Citizen Counsel, Youth Programs, etc. As chairman I hope we can develop a no-stop office where people can come and get either answers or referrals to proper sources for answers. We are the second largest Black Organization in Nevada and soon plan to start an affiliate
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