

**V*A FACTS

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

Q -- I receive VA pension, and am also going to school under GI Bill. Are my educational benefits considered income for pension purposes?

A -- Yes, but amounts actually spent for educational expenses may be deducted from this. You should report the entire amount, along with any deductible expenses.

Q -- Is the widow of a veteran killed in service entitled to a VA home loan?

A -- An unmarried widow of a veteran who died while on active duty may receive VA home loan benefits on a one-time basis.

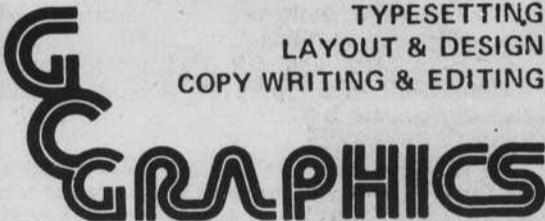
Q -- I have lost my original discharge paper. Can the VA help?

A -- Your local VA office can assist you in obtaining a certificate in lieu of the lost document.

Q -- I would like to apply for a loan on my \$10,000 five-year level term National Service Life Insurance policy. How much can I receive?

A -- Term insurance has no cash value; consequently there is no loan available.

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VOICE EDITORIALS

Education is Power



By Thomas E. Wilson

In this week's column we will examine the processes involved in improving one's reading rate. The following exercises will help any student improve his rate of reading: 1. Try to take in several words at a single glance during silent reading. Try to respond to ideas rather than to words. 2. Cultivate the habit of reading whole units rapidly. Select several easy articles on some interesting topic. Read each presentation through as a whole first; then make a short summary of the main points. 3. Attempt to find the main ideas or complete thoughts of different passages. In some paragraphs, the main idea will be expressed by a topic sentence. In others, you may find that several sentences are needed to convey the thought. It may be that a vocabulary of a few words may express the ideas. Find the key to the understanding of different paragraphs. 4. Try to reduce the amount of lip movement as you read silently. If you move your lips as you read each word silently, you will read very slowly. One way of correcting this habit is by placing a finger on your lips so that you are aware of when you move your lips. Then make a conscious effort to keep your lips silent when you read. 5. Adjust your rate of reading to different kinds of material. 6. Don't let yourself look back; read ahead and then check yourself at the end of each section by asking yourself what you have read. Then if there are doubtful points, go back and reread, this time for clarification. 7. Set up a series of goals. Then modify your goals as you show improvement. Keep a record of your improvement. Following a schedule is perhaps the most important single consideration in improving your rate of reading. If you concentrate regularly in a sustained effort to improve your reading rate, you will find that you will soon be making rapid progress.

As far as possible, do not allow interferences to change you schedule. Regular practice under desirable conditions is necessary if one is to make any real improvement. Arrange a schedule and select a time for practice when you will be less likely disturbed. Allow at least thirty minutes for daily practice at least five times each week.

Here is one way of arranging your schedule, which many students have found helpful. Select some fairly easy reading in the file of your choice for your first series of lessons. Each day at the appointed time, begin reading a chapter or a unit, noting and recording the time. Read rapidly through the entire unit, then record the time again. Because you will want to develop comprehension as well as speed, you will find it valuable to make a summary outline, or in some other way show your understanding of what you have read. You can write down your outline, or a summary of the main points. At other times you might try to telling the family what you have read.

After two weeks of practice in a book or with easy materials, turn to materials that are slightly harder and repeat the entire cycle. Continue doing this until you can read as well and as fast as you like.

If you follow this type of program for twelve to sixteen weeks and make a real effort to improve your reading, you should be able to report a great increase in your reading ability. At the end of a three or four month period of practice, you should again test yourself so you can decide what kind and how much additional practice you need.

If you find that you need to improve your rate of reading, plan a program similar to

the one just described. Use a notebook page to record your plan and schedule.

A reading summary like this will not give you a perfectly accurate measure of improvement. However, it can give you a fairly good idea of the progress you are making in improving your reading rate and comprehension.



The Hughes Report

By Thomas F. Hughes

Last week brought a raft of charges alleging police brutality by Las Vegas detectives - attacks on the investigating officers - use of the N.A.A.C.P. for personal gain - charges that no complaints had been received by the sheriff of any brutality, etc, etc, etc. Senator Neal was shown in a newspaper report and on TV but made no statement - very unusual for Senator Neal. But the sad thing was that Dr. McMillan indicated a riot possibility because of a charge of police brutality. It is very doubtful that anybody would riot based on the present reports. But most important is the bad effect such throws on the Westside. Most Blacks have learned that riots only tear up your own areas - removes the stores and business base for taxes and has produced worse conditions in the area where riots took place. Golden West Shopping Center is a prime example. Investors are scared off when riot is mentioned because nobody in his right mind would bring a factory warehouse or business into a riot prone area. Much effort has been made to improve relations and remove the sorry image of the Westside and it has been succeeding. That image was false and should be recognized as such. It is to be hoped that such statements will not be issued unless the community has demanded such action. Such demand should only come after and investigation has been made in order to properly assess the complaints. Factories and other businesses have shown and voice an intention of coming to West Las Vegas. Let us not run them away.

Last Saturday night the annual Banquet for Great Moments in Gospel was held at Zion Methodist Church to aid Rev. Sam Roberson's efforts to keep the broadcast on the air. It was a successful venture which included a queen contest which was won by Louella Ramsau. Among those present were Myor Ray Daines of North Las Vegas as principal speaker and Rev. T.C. Lee of Indio, California as master of Ceremonies. Marjorie Elliott who presented the contestants, Rev. S.P. Parks of Grace Immanuel Baptist Church, Rev. Jesse Wesley of Behtel Baptist Church, Rev. M.D. Bennet of Zion Methodist Church, etc. Houston Hall of Greater New Jerusalem Baptist Church was chairman of the co-ordinating committee with committee members James Jones, Mary Tatum, Louis Connors, Almayr Gaston, Arlene Baped, Vera Finister, Esther Alexander, Vera Monroe, Irma Gilliard, Jackie Assenco, Marjorie Elliot, Lillian Osborne and Rubie Amie who presented a very nice affair.

Starting Monday, October 3rd Edward McKinley Smith, S.C.L.C. Vice-President and this writer will have a "take pride in the Westside" day on Open Line at Station KVOV with a format designed to create a true picture and image of Westside Las Vegas. The program is on from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. and will be Monthly feature with guest participants. In the meantime "Take Pride in the Westside."