

# \*\*V\*A FACTS

Q -- What rating must a veteran receive for a service-connected disability to permit the spouse to be entitled to aid and attendance if disabilities warrant?

A -- The disabled veteran must be rated 50 per cent or higher.

Q -- In order to be eligible for a VA education loan, what is the minimum training time a veteran must be enrolled in school?

A -- A veteran must be enrolled at least half time in institutions of higher learning or in a nondegree technical course, requiring at least six months to complete.

Q -- If I surrender my NSLI ordinary life policy for paid-up insurance, do I continue to receive dividends?

A -- If the parent policy earned dividends the reduced paid-up policy will also earn them. Also, all reduced paid-up policies have cash and loan values.

Q -- Under what conditions can a VA home loan entitlement be restored, once used?

A -- If the property is disposed of, and the loan paid in full, your entitlement may be restored. Also, a veteran with full entitlement may assume you loan and substitute his or her entitlement for yours.



## International Festival

The press conference for the International Festival was held at the Convention Center, starting with a potluck dinner featuring foods from the different organizations. Represented were Mexican, Arabic, Swedish, Japanese, Irish, Philippino, English, among others.

This organization was started in 1976 with John Blake as originator, upon the suggestion of Lila Zona, as a Bicentennial project with 14-15 organizations, held in the Gold Room of the Convention Center.

On July 3, 1977, the Festival was held in the East Wing of the Convention Center feeding 15,000-17,000 people, hosted by 17 organizations. They ran out of food and the space was inadequate.

The organization is made up of Non-Profit Ethnic groups out for fun. Their goal is to have at least 20-25 organizations by the next Festival, which is to be held July 2, 1978, in the North Hall of the Convention Center.

A television station out of Washington, D.C. will be in town to tape the Festival to be shown in their area at a later date.

Mayor B. Briare of Las Vegas was present at the Press Conference. There was a good turnout of approximately 50 people, with a large variety of food -- which was delicious.

# VOICE EDITORIALS

## Education is Power



By Thomas E. Wilson

Students in our school system must be made to realize that life is a series of social relationships. If we look back we will see that it was that way when we were children, and that it is still that way today. Life will always be social.

Social relationships vary. Ours may have changed since we were babies and were concerned only with the satisfaction of our own needs and desires. Since then we have gone through different stages of development in our relationships with others.

First we became aware of wanting to please our parents, then our interests broadened, and it became important to us to establish ourselves with our playmates. At first it did not matter if our companions were boys or girls, but after we had been going to school for a while that changed. The girls came to consider boys a nuisance, and stayed away from them. The boys had a gang, and were not a bit interested in girls.

In our teens it is different. We find that boy-girl relations are something special. Our success in these associations reflects all the attitudes and feelings of our total former experiences.

The satisfactions and the progress we will achieve throughout our lives in social relationships rest in large part upon this foundation of past experience. The foundation is laid, but is not entirely "set". We can still alter and improve the structure of our personality and the effect of our social reactions.

For some of us there will be a number of years more in classrooms. For all of us there will be some kind of work, either now, in a year or so, or in several years. For most of us there will eventually be marriage. We must always live with people and get along with people.

Whether we meet college friends, professors, employers, or co-workers, how we get along in life will depend to a great extent upon how we get along with people. When we marry, there will be a very special relationship with one individual and also relationships with many others; our own family, the family into which we marry, and old and new friends.

Our less desirable personality traits are a handicap in our school relationships now. Such characteristics in later years may prevent a good work adjustment, and interfere seriously with a happy marriage. Now is the time to try to overcome what is least desirable about our personality.

Some changes can be brought about without help. We can do a great deal ourselves, if we really want to. Further help, if it is needed, can come from a school counselor, or we may have to be directed to someone else who can aid us. This is likely to be a clinical psychologist or a psychiatrist who has a background of training and experience with young people. Such a trained person can help us iron out whatever personality difficulties stand in the way of our getting along with others.

The well adjusted personality seeks and enjoys sociability. And easy sociability is an aid to success in almost anything.

In order to succeed in the educational world, each of us must develop a high degree of sociability. Our teachers, administrators, counselors, etc. stand ready to assist us in developing this aspect of our personality. It is very necessary that we develop our sociability as early in life as possible.

Remember that every one of us enjoys people who make us feel interesting and worthwhile.

No one enjoys hurt feelings. The warm, friendly personality is the personality people seek out. Cultivate it. We will get along better with the people in our life today if we do. The right kinds of educational experiences can definitely help us in the development of our social relations.

## The Hughes Report



By Thomas F. Hughes

A police sub-station on the Westside has now become a popular idea. Slowly, the people have come to realize that only the burglars, robbers, and other hoodlums have objected to a police sub-station. Now people are realizing that the "No police station" idea has become counter-productive. Reports say it takes one and half hours on occasion to get the police to come to the Westside. The claim of police brutality is valid only if it is true and it does not matter if it is black or white police, nor does it matter if they are close at hand. Police stationed on the Westside would find out that Westside people are a fine lot and only a few are troublemakers, and a highly improved relationship would reduce tensions on all sides. Home buyers would be more interested in buying and building on the Westside. Recently 32 new homes have been started in a new tract called "Monroe Manor" on Jackson Sts. between "N" & "J" Sts., Madison Terrace Apartments are partially rehabilitated. These are good signs and police protection (not subjection) afforded by the neighborhood police will encourage other ventures.

In early 1975 Aaron Williams along with Lonnie Chaney, Rev. Bennett, etc. held a meeting in a Westside Church to discuss police brutality and a Police Department as requested by the Westside Economic Group started because of S.C.L.C. prompting. Later, we were told money had been earmarked to put a sub-station on the Westside and we even searched out possible rental locations. Then something happened and the police station went out on West Charleston. Now they are planning, and have earmarked one for St. Louis Ave. on the Eastside. What happened??? Why was the Westside scuttled? Once again the Blacks were put on the back burner with an apparent hope the fire would go out. People are beginning to "take pride in the Westside". Ministers, Laymen, Men, and Women all should join the VOICE Newspaper call for a united front to get a police sub-station.

Another example of shuffling the blacks out of the picture is C.E.T.A. (Comprehensive Employment Training Act) which is a poverty program. Poverty programs are based on the black areas and yet C.E.T.A. management is always taken over by others. WHY?? We have many capable blacks who could and should have administrative positions, including the head job. The ridiculous claim that blacks are not competent is made even more ridiculous when we read about the labor and city investigating the present management of C.E.T.A., its administrative hiring practices and its allotment of C.E.T.A. slots. It is time for blacks to see to it that programs getting funds based on blacks will at least hire blacks in policy-making positions and that affirmative action is followed. The Carter administration through the Justice Department has just stated we believe in and want affirmative action in the Bakke case, but not quotas. Good-Good-Good!!

