

# \*\*V\*A FACTS

Q -- Is waiver of premiums on VA insurance available for total disability occurring after the insured's 65th birthday?

A -- For policies with the prefix V, H, RS, W, J, JR or RH, the total disability must commence before the 65th birthday, continue for six or more consecutive months, and while the insurance is in force under the premium paying conditions. World War I insurance policies (prefix K) have special total disability provision which permits premium waiver at any age, and also pays a specified monthly income per \$1000 of coverage if the insured so elects.

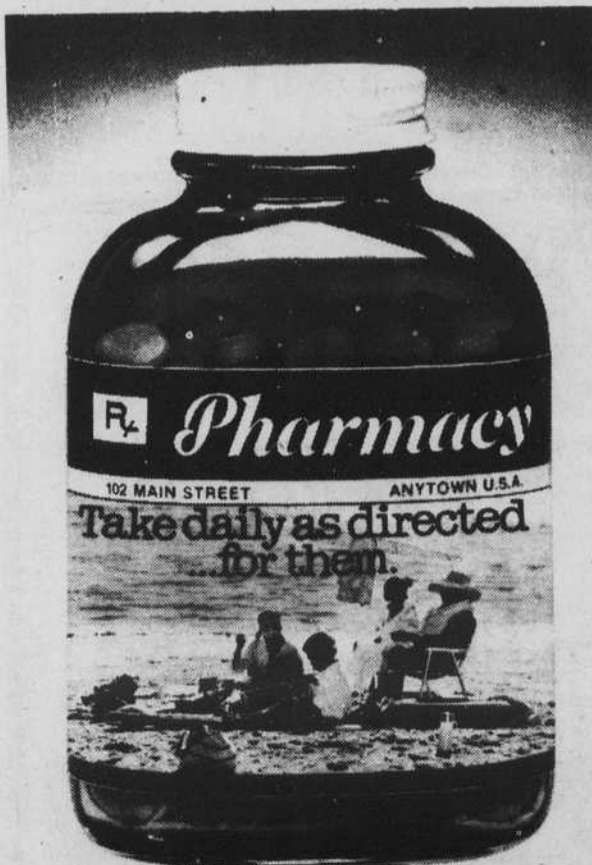
O -- I understand I can have my widow's pension check from VA sent directly to my bank under the direct deposit system. How can I arrange this?

A -- Make application to your bank or financial institution which will assist you in completing the necessary forms and forward them to VA. It is important that the applicant have a VA file number, benefit check or some VA correspondence concerning benefits when making application.

Q -- I am a World War II veteran who has never used any GI home loan benefits. Am I still eligible?

A -- This benefit is available without time limits on its use for veterans of World War II and later periods.

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# VOICE EDITORIALS



*Education Is Power*  
By Thomas E. Wilson

Graduation time is here, and many of the graduates are very excited with the thought of moving on to new and perhaps better things in their life. However, there are several questions frequently asked by high school graduates that should be taken into consideration. Here are a few of the questions that this writer has been asked by graduating of recently graduated high school seniors. "What shall I do now? Shall I go on to College, and if so what shall I go into? Shall I get a job and work? What is best for me?"

Let us take these questions one-by-one. What shall I do now? For goodness sake, do something constructive. Don't start walking the streets. If you do you may find yourself in a lot of trouble. What about looking for a job? Jobs may not be easy to find, but they are out there. If you find it difficult to find a job, then find out from your parents how you can help fix things up around the house. Keep busy. How about some volunteer work in order to get some experience? How about learning a new skill? Some can be learned on our own if we will only try. How about setting out to improve our reading, math, spelling or other language skills? These are just a few things we can do if we are just out of high school and waiting for a more definitive decision as to what to do for a life's vocation or avocation.

Shall I go on to college, and if so what field shall I go into? This is an extremely important question. Before attempting to answer this question, here are a few more that we should be aware of? What are the benefits of a college education? What field will give me the most satisfaction? What are the requirements for college entrance? Do I possess the necessary intellectual and/or academic skills for success in a college or university? Shall I attend the local university or shall I go away from home? Many more questions come to mind, but time and space do not permit the enumeration of each one.

Some of the benefits of a college education are: 1) a lifetime guarantee of certain knowledge, barring illnesses other extreme emergencies that may take away this knowledge; 2) better chances of getting a permanent well-paying job; 3) greater social visibility and others. In choosing a field to go into, one must consider his/her interests; his/her temperament for the field; his/her intellectual capacity to succeed in his/her chosen field; the possibility of permanent employment in the particular field; the field that will offer the most job satisfaction.

It is the contention of this writer that Black students who graduate from high school are well qualified intellectually for college work if only they will apply themselves. During our thirty years in the field of education, we have seen very few Blacks who could not do well if they tried harder. Success comes to those who put forth the right kind of effort and develop proper study habits.

Shall I get a job and work? This is a question asked by most high school graduates. Let us begin by saying that by all means get a job and work. Start the summer off with a job. This will give one a chance to think seriously about his values, work ethics, life goals, etc. It will also give one money for clothing, entertainment, cars, etc. The greatest value, in our opinion, of having a job during the summer is that it gives us an idea of how money comes and goes, and that it "does not grow on trees." Rem-

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*The Hughes Report*

By Thomas F. Hughes



Last Wednesday the E.D.A. (Economic Development Agency) called a meeting of Mayors, City Planners, County Agents and Representatives of various economic development groups to explain the new concept in developing C.E.D.S. (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.) C.E.D.S. is not a new funding effort but is rather an attempt to correlate the activities of our local groups and to co-ordinate the efforts of all government agencies designed to help development in the affected area. Las Vegas was chosen as a C.E.D.S. group primarily because of the efficient work of SNEDC (Southern Nevada Economic Development Council) whose planning secured a "Special impact area" designation for Las Vegas in 1977 (The only one issued country wide). C.E.D.S. is new and the E.D.A. picked Vegas as an initial recipient in order to use SNEDC expertise in developing a national program.

Mayor Briare of Las Vegas and Mayor Daines along with their managers Russell Dorn (Las Vegas) and Ray Schweitzer, (North Las Vegas), Bruce Spalding, assistant County Manager and representatives of most black groups were there. This new concept makes good sense as it will provide up to 3 years of funding where only one year has been allowed previously. This could accelerate the benefits for West Las Vegas by providing jobs and small business assistance.

William Berry of the Southern Nevada Correctional Center wrote thanking me for my recent Sunday School lesson at the institution and advising me of an "open house" giving the public a chance to see the new Jean facility on Saturday, June 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. I urge you to visit the fellows and see some of your tax dollars at work.

This writer and others are starting a "Save Our Children" organization bent on preventive measures to deter the children from engaging in the rising crime rate. This is a noble and much needed effort. Join Mr. Berry in this effort-write William Berry, Southern Nevada Correctional Center, P.O. Box 100, Jean, Nevada 89019.

The top serious writer of our times to me is Roy Wilkins, former NAACP National Secretary. In a recent article he spoke of the transformation of Black Muslims which to me is atypical of the modern day. He wrote:

"Every so often the newspapers and broadcast media make a bit to-do about some event that suggests more black people have wandered off the path of pursuing integration. The "go it alone" theory is recurrent. But there are now converts to integration, too, who seem to elude the headlines. The transformation of the Black Muslims is a case in point.

Wallace D. Muhammad, son of the late Elijah Muhammad, the leader of the Black Muslims for 41 years, has single handedly turned the religious organization from its "black only" doctrine and "black supremacy" course. He even changed the name of the faith to the World Community of Islam in the West, and told his followers to call themselves "African Americans" of "Bilalians" --not blacks or Afro-Americans.

The new leader of the World Community of Islam in the West has openly and repeatedly rebuked his father's "white devil" philosophy and authoritarian style of leadership. According to Elijah, white people were all "devils." But Wallace Muhammad says

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