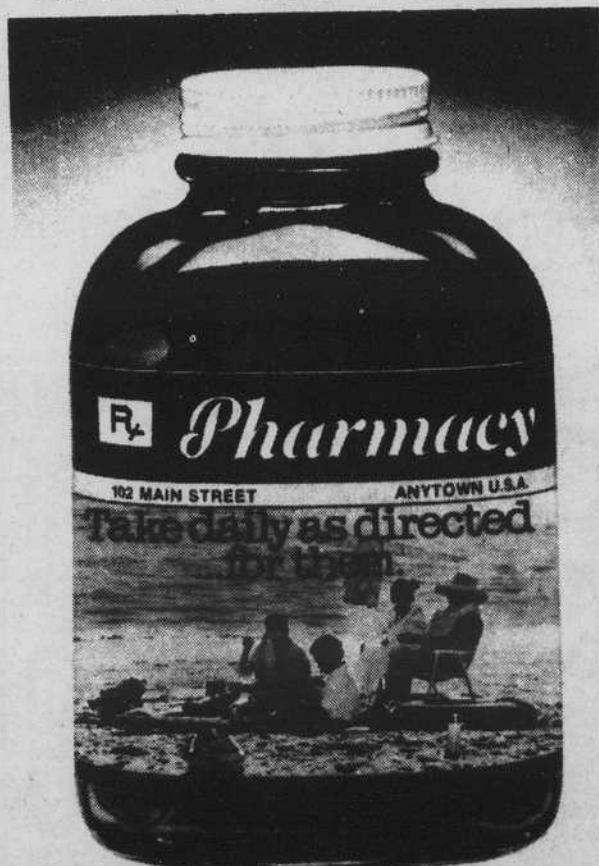


**V*A FACTS

- Q -- Who is eligible for CHAMPVA benefits?
- A -- The spouse or child of a veteran who has a total disability, permanent in nature, resulting from a service-connected disability; and the widow, widower or child of a veteran who died as the result of a service-connected disability, or at the time of death had a total disability permanent in nature, resulting from a service-connected disability, are eligible for CHAMPVA.
- Q -- The spouse of a veteran is afforded educational assistance under Chapter 35 for ten years from the date the veteran is first determined to have service-connected, total disability, permanent in nature. Is there any adjustment of entitlement upon the death of the veteran?
- A -- The delimiting date is adjusted to ten years from the date of death, and the spouse is afforded educational assistance under Chapter 35 for any entitlement not used during the veteran's lifetime.
- Q -- I was married to a veteran who died. Since then, I married another veteran who passed away too. Can I receive two pensions based on my husbands' veteran status?
- A -- No. You may receive only one widow's pension in accordance with Title 38 of the U. S. Code. For additional information visit your nearest VA office.

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Education Is Power

By
 Thomas E. Wilson

Do you have a child in high school now, or a child approaching high school age? If you do, your child may need encouragement from you to stay in school. He may need you, his parents, to point out the countless benefits of a high school diploma - ranging from better jobs to better citizenship in the future. The fact is, parents have an important part to play in the national campaign now in progress to keep our young people in high school until they graduate.

Perhaps one may think that students drop out of high school so rarely that there is no chance that it will happen in his family. But statistics tell another story. They show that almost half of the boys and girls who enter high school do not wait for graduation day, to drop out of school. It is estimated that during the next school year approximately 750,000 youngsters will decide for one reason or another, not to finish their high school education.

What appears to be the reason or reasons that so many of our young people leave school so early? Perhaps a young man hears about a filling station job at \$100.00 per week. That is a lot of money for some youngster who has been treating his girl to soft drinks and hamburgers on a small weekly allowance. Maybe a young lady has never really learned how to study. Dates, clothes, good times, have kept her so busy that she cannot settle down to her schoolwork. There are dozens of reasons . . . perhaps as many as there are young people who want to escape the classroom forever.

The important thing is for us, a parents who are deeply concerned with our children's happiness in the future, to realize the importance of a high school diploma, and to realize that our own children could be among those 750,000 youngsters who will leave school next year.

Our children are most likely to stay in school if they understand clearly the benefits that go with a diploma. Many youngsters have unrealistic attitudes about the problems ahead of them in life. In particular, they do not understand the importance of a diploma in getting a job and making a success of it.

A high school diploma carries with it certain benefits. Some of them are: a high school education will help us financially; a high school education will give us greater security; a high school education will help us get a better job; a high school education will help develop character; a high school education will enrich our leisure time; a high school education will make us better citizens.

The possibility always exists that our children may decide, after a few years at work, that college is a good idea. If he or she has dropped out of high school, college will be very difficult to attain. But if he or she stuck to his high school courses and graduated, with good grades, he or she can apply to the college of their choice. It is rather surprising how many young people ignore the matter of college when they are high school age, then change their minds about it a few years later.

Parents, especially black parents, we have a special obligation to see to it that our children remain in school at least until they finish high school. If they do not, their road in this life will be extremely difficult.

**What are YOU doing to
 help YOUR community?**

The Hughes Report

By
 Thomas F. Hughes



We left that Saturday morning at 9:00 and drove to Gentry Flats - North of Pasadena, where we parked our cars and started the 4 mile hike to the Methodist Camp Grounds. You had to hike the trail - there were no roads. I was excited - it was my first camping trip. I was 43 years old. My father would not have let me go even if there had been a camp in Georgia available. He always had me working on houses. After school I did not get to play ball, etc. For I must report to the house we were building or repairing, and the same was true Saturdays all day. I had a great father, who was an excellent provider, but all he knew was work - building a house or other buildings every day during the week sun up to sun down and a half day on Saturday - Study his text for preaching in his church Saturday afternoon and then preaching all day Sunday 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.

To him summer camp was but a waste of time. He had a point - I can do anything in or on a house - carpentry, plumbing, electrical, cement, paint, etc. Today we realize children need an outing away from home and the best outing is a camp for a week.

That Saturday my friend of 29 who had asked me to go with the boys and I checked the back packs of the young 10-14 yr olds and started hiking. We would hike 15 minutes and rest 5 minutes. We arrived in camp about 4:00 P.M. Just as the sun was going down and the cold air came in. It was COLD. So we had to scarp up some wood and start a fire in the large dining hall and in our cabins. Later came dinner and fireside chats. We played some games, etc. and finally to bed. Up the next morning, breakfast, Sunday School and finally camp clean up, packing and hike back. It was a marvellous experience and I really had fun. But camping experiences should be had while you are young. Not only is it educational, but it is also a way of learning to work together, make new friends and learn about God's greatest creation - nature.

My wife had her camping experience at 10 yrs of age and has never forgotten it. She values that experience very highly and so will many other youngsters when you contribute to the Las Vegas VOICE Summer Camp Fund. Our camps will be fully accredited camps with expert campmasters, quality food, etc. in camps both here in Nevada and possibly some in California.

Personalities and attitudes must be thrown out the window and all should band together to make this summer camp a reality for our youngsters. Give them a chance to experience camping.

If everyone would give at least \$1.00, we could easily accomplish our goal. We will be approaching community organizations, businesses, and churches, asking for their support in this very worthwhile drive.

It is planned to use our own busses; i.e. New Jerusalem Baptist Church, and Sunrise Travel Club busses, and other facilities so as to keep these funds working within our community. We are planning the camp for late August, but we need funds now.

Please mail your check or money order to "Las Vegas VOICE Summer Camp Fund", 616 No. "H" St., (or P.O. Box 4686), Las Vegas, NV 89106.

Let us work together in making this summer a more pleasant one for our children, and give them an opportunity to spend some time in the country.

If you want more information about the camp, how children are selected, or any other questions, you may contact Thomas F. Hughes at 648-0977 or 452-7641; Al Brown at 735-5480; CONTINUED ON PAGE 5 COLUMN 2