

**V*A FACTS

Q -- I am a Civil Service and military retiree receiving VA compensation. What happens to my VA compensation if I combine my military and Civil Service for retirement benefits?

A -- The VA compensation won't change. Moreover, the veteran will not have to waive all or part of the Civil Service retired pay to receive compensation as he did with military retired pay.

Q -- When an automobile with special equipment provided a veteran by the VA needs to be replaced, will the VA pay for installation of the special equipment in a new car?

A -- Yes.

Q -- If I convert my \$10,000 National Service Life Insurance term policy to a permanent plan of insurance, will I lose my dividends?

A -- No. You will continue to receive dividends.

Q -- What is the current rate of interest on a GI home loan?

A -- The interest rate is presently nine per cent.

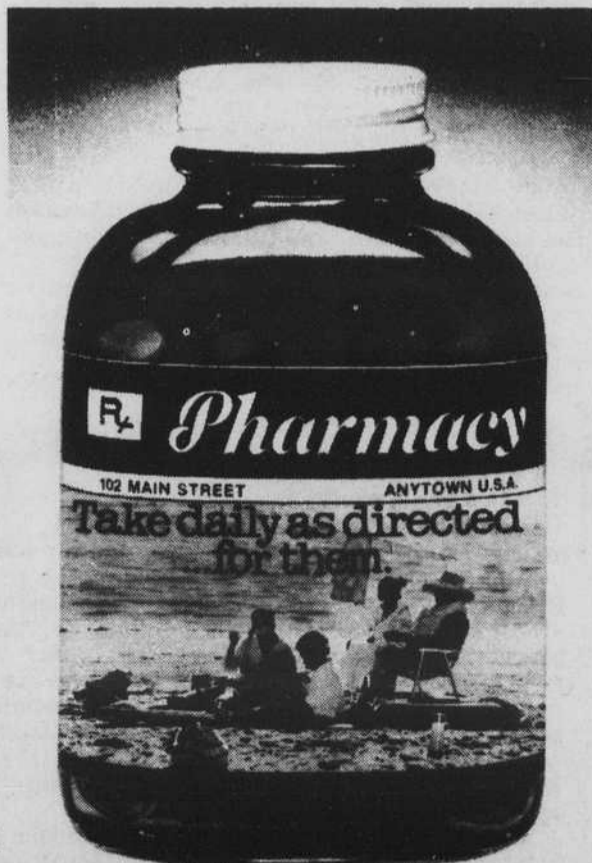
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VOICE EDITORIALS



Education Is Power

By
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Last week we discussed reasons that hopefully proved that a high school diploma is a worthwhile possession. When they are discussed by parent and child, they should increase his or her desire to graduate; if he or she is wavering, convince him of the wisdom of graduating.

What happens if the child has definitely lost interest in school, in other words, he is beyond the "doubtful" stage? It is not hard to discover when a youngster has lost interest in school. Habitual absence from classes is one sign. Or he/she may spend too much time in purely social activities. He may hint that his teachers - or even his parents - do not understand him and his needs. Or he may be failing his subjects when intelligence tests indicate he has the ability to pass, if he or she wants to work.

Our job then, as parents, is to help the youngster solve his or her problems before it is too late. It is important not to let him or her withdraw from school before you as parents have done your best to clear the matter up.

We think that it would be wise to first take a look at the caliber of his school work. If he or she is doing poorly, make an honest attempt to uncover the reasons. These reasons may be emotional - in which case the first step will be a frank and free discussion. Or perhaps he or she needs help from you in building good study habits, coaching and encouragement from his parents to put more system into his or her studying. Another very common reason is difficulty with reading - a basic skill that youngsters may not have mastered, thus making advanced schoolwork really difficult.

Teachers who have watched youngsters struggle and learn in school will have some very helpful suggestions here. Do not hesitate to call on them for help. They are our friends, and the biggest boosters for education that we have.

Secondly, our children must be encouraged to take part in some of the extra-curricular activities in school. Maybe with some encouragement from parents, our children will try out for some of the more active sports. Taking part in such activities seem to strengthen a youngsters interest in school.

Third, make sure that your youngster has a clear idea of the world of work. One can do this by encouraging him to talk with persons who are successful in their fields. They can help guide him or her toward a vocational goal of his own. A student with a concrete goal in life - some work or trade that interests him - is more likely to graduate.

It may also help if we tell our youngsters about our own job, the place where we work, and the educational requirements of our jobs. If we can show how an education applies to our job, we will have selling point. We might tell him or her that many young working people who have left school prematurely find it necessary to take Adult Education courses at night, to win the diploma they lack - because later, in the working world they find they need it to make progress on the job.

Above all, remember that frank and frequent talks with our children can solve many of his or her problems. Also, talks with teachers and counselors can help.

Of course, the final decisions about graduation and choice of vocation rest with the young people themselves. But our intelligent efforts to guide them can make the difference between a bright and cloudy future.

The Hughes Report

By
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Election time is here. In less than 2 weeks any one desiring to run for office must have filed. That is for Assemblyman, etc. It is to be hoped that some new faces will come up on the scene.

As you drive down "H" St you see lot after lot loaded with trash - shrubbery & weeds in need of trimming. At Jackson and "F" Streets an old burned out derelict of a house stands, which deteriorates from the Black Business District on Jackson.

People being helped by the "WIC" Program are being told to go out of the Black District to use the food stamps and aid. Why send it away-help OUR small businessess. Right next door to the W.I.C. headquarters is a Black market.

Money was appropriated to clean up the trash situation and demolish the burned out and junk property, but it seems nothing is happening.

Reports coming to me indicate that no major job is held by a local Black at the University of Las Vegas. Why? There are little or no Blacks in the city administration. We have in this community the N.A.A.C.P. -S.C.L.C.-PUSH-Urban League-L.V.I.A.-and other organizations who should be working on our conditions, but nothing is being done. A coalition of elected representatives and Black Organizations should be working together. Bus service is very poor. A police sub-station has been requested and even promised to us and then the funds withdrawn or held up, but West Charleston got a sub-station. Cost is claimed as a factor, but a location could be rented for \$300 a month. Bars could be installed to provide a temporary holding quarters and simply place a couple of policeman in that sub-station. It could be just that simple. Our tax rates are the same as any other area but we are not getting the services.

A utility office should and could be set up for the Westside at very little cost. We don't even have a money exchange-much less a bank.

SNEDC (Southern Nevada Economic Development Council) has been attacked by elected officials. Efforts have been made to take Black development away from Black people.

Redlining is the order of the day in the Black Neighborhood. Home owners insurance is difficult to get, if at all obtainable.

No Black administrative posts are held at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

All of these complaints show that there is much to be done on the Westside. All these complaints should be constantly addressed by our elected representatives and civic groups.

We went to Jean Prison on June 24th to the Open House and was quite surprised. The 953 acre facility looks and seems more like a university dormitory rather than a confinement center. Inmates have their own individual rooms and have a key much the same as a motel room and they return their keys at night. The Blacks told me there was no racial tension at Jean. It was a very interesting tour that makes you marvel at modern day penology.

Dear to this writer and the VOICE is our Las Vegas VOICE Summer Camp Program designed to send some of our youth to a camp. I am the director of this project and I hope you will help by sending us your contributions. Let us all chip in and make this program a success. Send your check to Las Vegas VOICE Summer Camp Fund - 616 N. "H" St - Las Vegas, NV, 89106. We can do it.