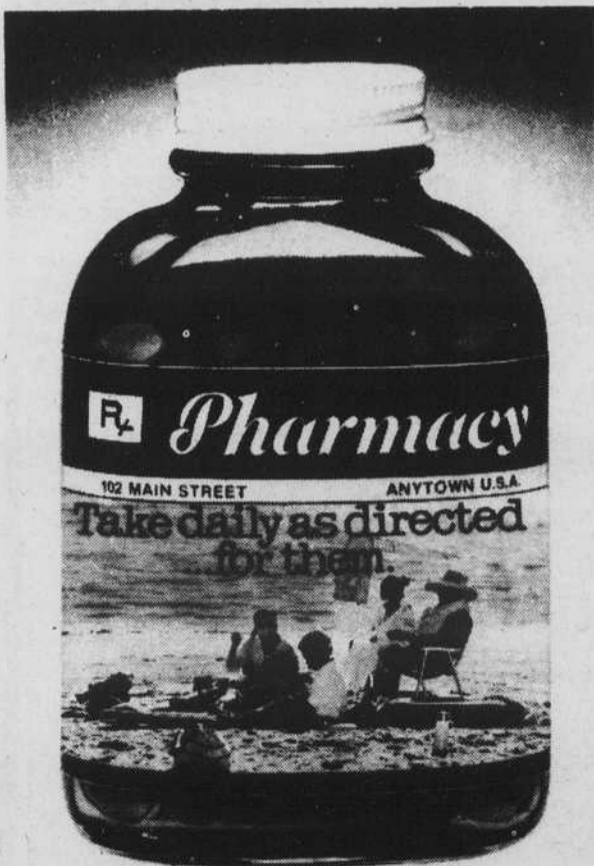


****V*A FACTS**

- Q -- Am I entitled to hospitalization at a Veterans Administration facility as the widow of a deceased veteran?
- A -- No. Only veterans may be entitled to hospitalization at a VA facility.
- Q -- Can the spouse of a veteran qualify for civil service preference based on the veteran's military service?
- A -- The spouse of a 10-point veteran, who because of a service-connected disability has been unable to qualify for any appointment in the federal civil service, is entitled to a 10-point preference. At such time that the veteran should be able to use this preference, it would be rescinded from the spouse.
- Q -- I was honorably discharged with a 100 percent service-connected disability. Am I eligible for commissary and exchange privileges?
- A -- Yes. Honorably discharged veterans with service-connected disabilities rated at 100 percent, their eligible dependents and unmarried surviving spouses are eligible. For specific information, contact the nearest VA regional office.

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*The Hughes
Report*

By
Thomas F. Hughes



The die has now been cast. Filings are in. Rev. Marion Bennett is being opposed in the Democratic Primary by Rev. Albert Dunn, Bernard Rivers and Larry Abdullah. Lonnie Chaney is being opposed by Lee Winston of TV Channel 10. Larry Abdullah is shown in the Review Journal as a Republican, but I have been assured by his campaign manager that he is registered as a Democrat. Velvet Saleem, his campaign manager told this writer that he ran Joe Neal's first campaign and Albert Dunn's campaign last time. Word has reached this desk that Edward Smith, was running as a Republican candidate for Dist. 7, Assemblyman but his father said he was not running this year. However Edward Smith was not available at this writing. We can look for some fireworks in District 6 and District 7 as this time people are going to look at the record and the main question will be "What have you done for our community - The Westside." Issues should and probably will be the criteria this round. There is little or nothing showing and if there is the candidates should show it off. Word we are receiving is that people are sick of the same old candidates and want some new ones. But if the old candidates can prove their worth that should be considered. Leonard Mason, head of the Black Republican group has called for Roy Woofter to resign as City Commissioner of the Westside so that a Black can be appointed in his place since Blacks were responsible for his winning last time.

Many of my readers have been surprised that I did not file for office. I was asked by some very prominent people and offered financing and tremendous help but I have no political aspirations. It is difficult for people to understand that I only want to help the Black community and this newspaper. The community - any community - always needs help and any and every Black community needs a newspaper - a paper designed for Black consumption. Black problems and Black Answers. The need for Black leadership in the Westside is deep and that leadership should come from the young Blacks - not the old ones. The old ones can help guide and direct, but the salvation is in the interested young. The talented young, the new thought young, the schooled and well trained young. The vibrant young. They may make mistakes, but they will make some progress and even a little progress is better than none. Our community activity is based primarily on government grants and subsidies and that must change. Economic development was so far behind that it took and will take massive government and aid to correct the terrible imbalance suffered by the Westside, but what the Westside badly needs is leadership. Small Black businesses are conspicuously absent from the Westside. We have no McDonalds, Jack in the Box, Burger King, Church's Chicken, Sambos or other franchise food chain of any consequence if at all - There is no Post office, no bank, no utility payment office, no lawyer, no dentist, only one doctor, very little professional services, no casualty insurance office in short - we have very little. Our leadership should have been developing or helping to develop these things but there is little or no evidence of any such help.

Some of our elected officials have and still are fighting (SNEDC) Southern Nevada Economic Development Council. A unit that has produced more in one year and a half than was developed in the last few years. We don't need officials who do nothing and even fight these who try. It is time for a good solid appraisal of our leaders for election the time is here.

*Education
Is Power*

By
Thomas E. Wilson



The column this week will deviate slightly from the usual theme of education, although our argument is that in order to receive the kind of education we need, we must also have good mental health.

Basically there are five areas of mental health, or five things upon which our mental health depends. They are: (1) our relationships with other people; (2) our codes of behavior; (3) our sources of satisfaction; (4) our ways of obtaining security; and (5) the value of our goals in life.

The most important factor in our personal happiness and effectiveness seems to be our ability to get along well with other people. This ability really depends on whether we can love and are loved more than we hate. An by love we mean family affection, friendship, courtesy to acquaintances, as well as love of husband or wife. Difficulties and unhappiness almost always are related to the fact that one does not give and receive enough love to balance hating and being hated.

Our code of behavior - ways of acting toward others - results from the way three forces in our personality, the unconscious, the conscious, and the conscious, combine and react to one another.

The drives to love what pleases and to hate what interferes originate in the unconscious. The conscious, which is constantly in touch with our environment, urges us to act in an unselfish, social manner - to play our part as a member of our family, our school, our community, our church. Our conscience, a sort of inner policeman, urges us to act in accordance with the ethics and standards we absorbed from our parents.

To be mentally healthy, and to help others attain good mental health, we must get satisfactions from life. Satisfactions come from filling our personal needs, from making wishes come true.

Satisfaction is not to be expected from everything we do. We must do a lot of jobs that are monotonous, routine, dull and distasteful. The amount of satisfaction we get from life depends largely on our own ingenuity, self-sufficiency, and resourcefulness.

The ways in which one attain security and the degree to which we are secure is very important to our happiness and effectiveness, and to those of our children and others with which we come in contact.

A sense of security is essential to happiness and good adjustment. When we feel insecure, we are likely to be upset, tense, or worried. Insecurity is closely related to fear.

The lack of emotional security, the uncertainty about where one stands with family and friends, is a major threat to mental health. To be welcomed, to be recognized, and to be in good standing are terribly important.

We must finally take a look at the goals we have in life. We cannot go very far in life with goals. Even though our goals may be some that are impossible to reach fully, they give us purpose and direction. Parents and teachers share a common goal - the development of a healthy, happy new generation.

In order to become truly educated, our young people must develop goals for their life, and strive to reach them. Their goals must be realistic and must be in some ways attainable even if not to their fullest extent, or frustration will take place. Education can help us develop values and set proper goals, thus contributing very heavily to our mental health.