

**V*A FACTS

Q -- I am rated 30 per cent disabled for a service-connected disability. I understand that I can now draw additional money for my dependents. How can I get these additional benefits started?

A -- The percentage of disability for entitlement to dependency benefits was reduced to 30 per cent by PL 95-479. If you have not already filed a claim for this benefit on the application form sent to all potentially eligible beneficiaries early in December, you should obtain VA form 21-686C, complete it and submit it to your VA regional office.

Q -- I was recently discharged from the military service. The only entitlement I have to school benefits is under Chapter 32 since I enlisted on Jan. 29, 1977. Am I entitled to tutorial assistance?

A -- Veterans attending school under Chapter 32 are not entitled to tutorial assistance.

Q -- I am totally disabled. My NSLI is on waiver of premiums on the term plan. Can I convert to a permanent plan?

A -- Yes. You can convert your insurance to any of the permanent plans except the endowment plan. Premiums on the permanent plan to which converted will only be waived so long as you remain totally disabled.

VA

The Veterans Administration's First Annual Olin E. Teague Award for outstanding rehabilitation of war-wounded veterans has been won by a Cleveland psychologist for his work in helping spinal cord injury victims adjust to the sexual problems caused by such disabilities.

The award, named in honor of the former long-time chairman of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, will go to Dr. Myron G. Eisenberg, a psychologist with the Spinal Cord Injury Service at the VA medical center in Cleveland, Ohio, since 1971.

He is a pioneer in the development of sex education and counseling programs for spinal cord injury patients that have become the prototypes for those used in institutions throughout the world.

He is also the author of "Sex and the Spinal Cord Injured: Some Questions and Answers," which has been acknowledged as the inspiration for a number of other books on this subject written for laymen.

Presenting the award to Dr. Eisenberg will be former Texas Congressman Teague, who retired at the end of the 95th Congress.

Mr. Teague served on the House Committee on Veterans Affairs for 31 years and was its chairman for 18 years.

His record of service in behalf of the nation's veterans has drawn praise from a succession of VA Administrators over the years.

VA's current chief, Max Cleland, established the award last year when Teague announced his retirement. It will be made annually to the VA employee, or team, whose achievement has been extraordinarily beneficial to the rehabilitation of war-injured veterans.

Dr. Eisenberg is a member of the National Task Force on Sexuality and Disability of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine and is a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Sexuality and Disability.

He is the United States contact representative for the International Clearing House for Questions Concerning Sexual and Social Intercourse for the Disabled and last year was elected Secretary of the Rehabilitation Psychology Division of the American Psychological Assoc.

In 1973 he received the Elkins Award, presented by the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association, as the outstanding counselor of the year for the State of Ohio.

The Teague Award will be presented to Dr. Eisenberg in a ceremony at the Veterans Administration headquarters in Washington, D.C., at 2:00 p.m. on February 1.

The Hughes Report

By Thomas F. Hughes



UNITY-Sarann Knight-Jim Roberts-Dr. Ice

UNITY-UNITY-UNITY-That is what is needed now in the Black Community. The upcoming election for the City Commissioner's job now held by Roy Wofter comes in June and although two or three blacks have given their intention to run for that office only one black has apparently started campaigning. That Black is Sarah Ann Knight, Vice President of the Local NAACP. Following is a report from Bab Palm's column; The Nevada Voter's League Thursday fired back at criticism of its selection of pioneer Nevadan Sarann Knight to run as the sole black candidate against Coty Commissioner Roy Wofter in the upcoming election.

League Chairman Marjorie Elliott, a real estate broker said "League members were surprised to hear partisan politics introduced into a non-partisan campaign."

Leonard Mason a vocal black member of the Clark County Republican Party executive committee, spoke out strongly against the selection on party grounds, since Kno

He said he would rather the league had selected fellow Republican Woodrow Wilson, also a pioneer Nevadan and a former three-term assemblyman.

Wilson has since said he would support Knight and would not seek the candidacy himself.

Elliott said Wilson has agreed to let Knight use his Woody's Place tavern at 805 W. Owens Ave. for her campaign her campaign headquarters.

Elliott, step-mother of Dr. Lonnie Sisson, a member of the Clark County Planning Commission said, "It should be remembered Knight had never considered the idea to run.

She was recruited by a citizen's committee headed by Lubertha Johnson, using criteria established by the group. "Knight simply emerged the consensus candidate much to her surprise," Elliott said.

She added the league, a political arm of the local branch of the NAACP, "is definitely a non-partisan one, committed to supporting representative candidates for office regardless of party affiliation."

NAACP president Dr. James McMillan said Knight's choice is "an ideal one." He said she has been a successful businesswoman here for 20 years.

He added she has just been re-elected first vice president of the NAACP.

Knight is a former president of the NAACP, but has never held a public office.

"The black community is united behind Sarann Knight as its candidate for City Commissioner," McMillan said.

He noted the community has no animosity toward Wofter noting Wofter is a member of the NAACP, but "blacks just want true representation and Knight's candidacy provides an answer to everyone in the city who is sick and tired of the machinations of the good ole boys."

It is hoped that we will not be denied this office by anymore candidates running. It will be hard enough as it is since white support will be needed by Mrs. Knight Even if the blacks all support her. Any more black candidates from The Community will simply split the vote and insure a white-probably, Roy Wofter-being elected. Jim Roberts is dead. Following is a report from the Review Journal;

They called him Gentleman Jim Roberts and, for more than 20 years he was the man who guided the Las Vegas Press Club.

Riberts, who listed his age at 75 but was believed by many to be a few years older, died

Tuesday at Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital. Funeral arrangements at Palm Mortuary are pending.

A resident of Las Vegas since 1953, Roberts was steward at the press club for more than 20 years. He also served as chairman of the Nevada State Athletic Commission for a time.

Charlie Fleming, former president of the press club, said Roberts had heart trouble in recent years and had a couple of strokes in the past few months.

Fleming said Roberts became known as Gentleman Jim during his years of service at the press club.

"He kept the press club glued together," Fleming said.

Roberts was described as a big quiet man who possessed an ironclad dignity and the courtesy of another age.

Born in Kansas City, Mo., Roberts made stops in Los Angeles, Bakersfield and San Francisco before arriving in the Vegas Valley.

Over the years, Roberts worked as a barber, butcher, mechanic, redcap, barboy and bar owner.

Roberts attended Lincoln High School in Kansas City and later worked there as a barber and butcher. In 1920, he visited Los Angeles and then moved to Rosamond, Calif., where he tried farming.

In 1922, he moved to Bakersfield and worked as a mechanic for four years before going to San Francisco where he worked as a redcap.

He later owned and operated the Town Club and owned a number of apartment buildings in San Francisco. Eventually, he was beset by problems.

"I didn't go broke," he once recalled. "It wasn't a question of that. Let's just say that I released the businesses and walked away."

He came to Las Vegas in 1953 to make a new start. Roberts got a job as a barboy at the Showboat Hotel and a short time later, moved on to the press club.

"I think I was the first Negro barboy in Las Vegas," he said.

When Roberts took the job as steward, the press club was in the Fremont Hotel and William Wright, general manager of the Review-Journal, was club president.

Club presidents and locations came and went, but Jim Roberts was always on the job at the press club, tending bar and keeping the club running smoothly.

I am very proud of our own Dr. Ice-my personal physician who has built a beautiful practice and who has offices at 901 Ranch lane here in Las Vegas.

Dr. Garnet T. Ice has been installed as the new president of the Clark County Medical Society for 1979. He succeeds Dr. Harris W. Knudson.

Ice is a past president of the Detroit Medical Society and a former delegate to the National Medical Association House of Delegates. He has practiced in Las Vegas since 1973.

Other officers include Dr. William D. O'Gorman, president-elect and Dr. William Findorff, secretary-treasurer.

Other members of the society's executive council include doctors Richard T. Allen, Angelea Clarke, Joel Davidson, William Kemp, Joseph LaMancusa, David Mulkey and Erven Nelson.

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