

County Assessor Jean Dutton Explains The Senior Citizen Property Tax/Rent Assistance Program

"With the continued increases in the cost of living, it is important to make seniors aware of the opportunities available for financial assistance," states County Assessor, Jean Dutton.

One of these services, the Senior Citizen Property Tax/Rent Assistance Program, is administered through the Clark County Assessor's Office. This program provides a tax rebate for home owners and mobile home owners, and allows for assistance to renters of mobile homes, apartments and dwellings.

The filing period for this program is from January 15, 1987 through April 10, 1987.

In order to qualify in 1987, Dutton says that a person must be 62 years of age by June 30, 1987, and have a total gross income not exceeding \$15,100 for the previous year. Gross income means all income of every type received by an individual applicant, or combined income of a husband and wife, including social security and pension payments. If an income tax return is filed with the Internal Revenue, the Nevada Department of Taxation requires that a copy of the income tax return accompany the application.

Mobile home renters of space and renters of apartments and dwellings must have been residents of Clark County for the last six months of 1986. Home owners and mobile home owners must have been residents of Clark County six months prior to filing their application.

Senior Citizens who received assistance last year will automatically be mailed a 1987 application.

If you are a new applicant, you are asked to supply Mr. Dutton's office with a copy of your birth certificate, current Nevada Driver's License

or some other document showing your birthdate.

According to Mr. Dutton, applications will be available January 15, 1987, and may be obtained in the Assessor's Office located on the fourth floor at 309 South Third Street, corner of Third and Bridger. If you are unable to visit the Assessor's Office, you may call and an application will be mailed to you. The telephone numbers are 383-7768 or 383-7770.

For the fiscal year 1985-86, a total of 6417 senior citizens in Clark County received assistance from this program. The average homeowner rebate was \$192.00, average mobile home owner rebate was \$109.00. For renters of mobile homes, the average rebate was \$82.00, and for renters of apartments and dwellings, \$86.00.

The total rebate issued in Clark County last year was \$731,508 which represents 63 percent of the total state rebate for the Senior Citizen program.

During the months of January, February and March, Mr. Dutton and members of his staff personally visit senior centers, senior lunch programs and organizations in order to answer questions and provide assistance in completing the applications.

Mr. Dutton wishes to encourage all eligible senior citizens to apply for the Senior Citizen Tax/Rent Assistance Program. If you have any questions, please contact the Senior Citizen Division of the County Assessor's Office at 383-7768 or 383-7770.

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"We will reach over 250,000 children from nursery school to high school with this program," stated Dr. Solomon Goldman, director of JNF's Department of Education.

For more information, contact: Department of Education, JNF, 42 East 69th Street, New York, N.Y. 10021, (212) 879-0300, extension 245.



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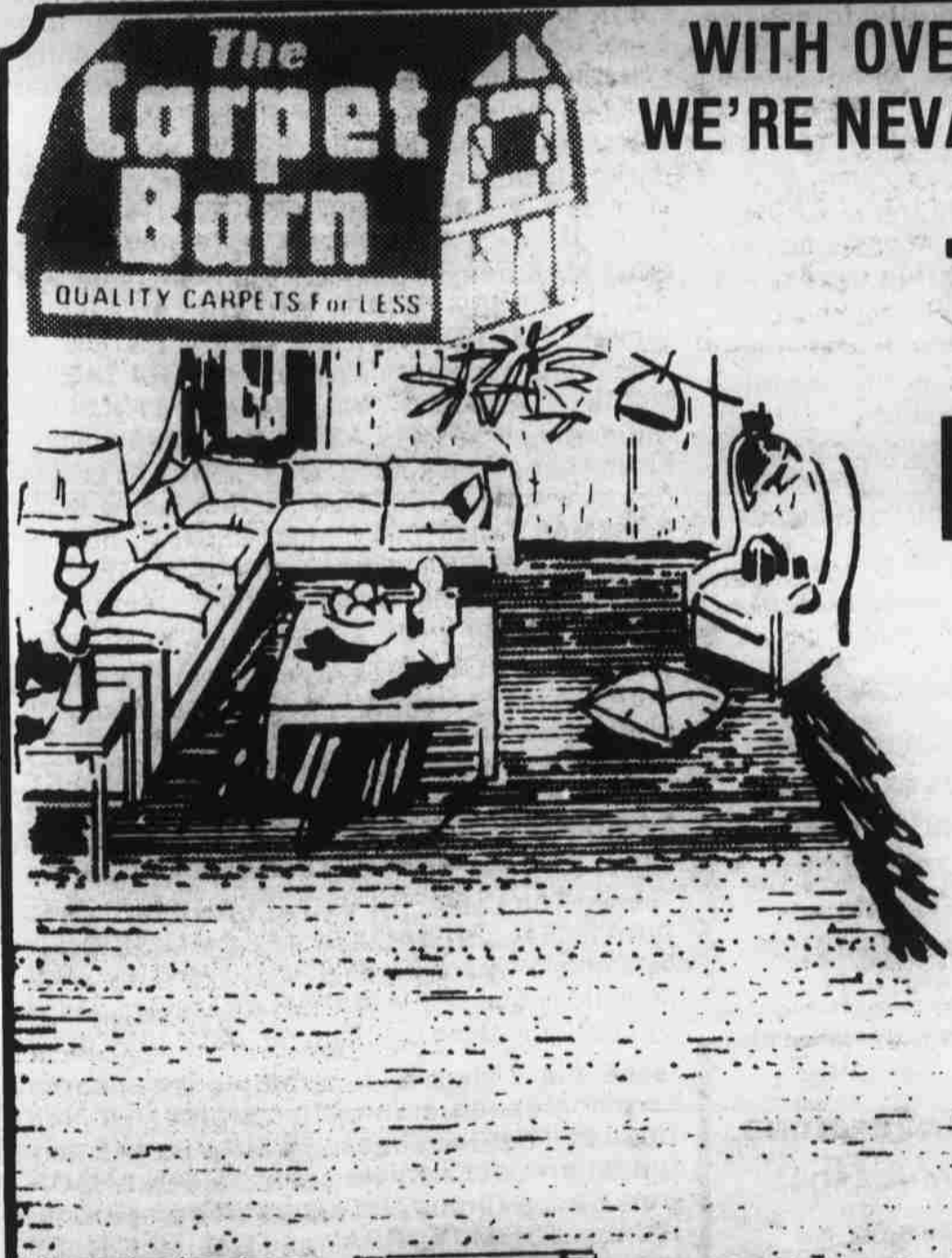
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