



SCENES LIKE THIS may become typical after January if money can be found to establish an Environmental Study Center at the Lake Mead Lodge. Everyone likes the Environmental Study Center proposal, but no one knows where to find the \$215,000 to purchase and rennovate the facility. Here National Park Service Ranger Jim Cox talks to students about natural resources and their preservation.

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some state and county agencies agreed to the need for Satellite stations in the community. The State Welfare Department now has an office in Neighborhood Council central office in Las Vegas, and in the Henderson outreach office. The Mental Health department also has an office in the Neighborhood Council Central office. This will help the problems of transportation for many, who for this reason could not avail themselves of services provided by these agencies.

In 1970 Mr. Edwards and Neighborhood Council has continued the fight for better housing for poor people. The issue of quality education for young black students is of great concern to Mr. Edwards. He has worked with many different groups of young people in his efforts, to bring about some solutions of the many problems confronting the black students today.

In recent months Mr. Edwards has had a long awaited dream realized. This dream was to provide a nutritional breakfast for needy children, who would otherwise go without this, the most essential meal of the day. With the volunteer help of people in the community, and donations of food by many civic minded business people, he has been able to feed over eleven hundred children in the first month. He hopes to extend this program to the Henderson area and to be able to continue into the winter months.

All of these are major issues Neighborhood Council has been involved in since Mr. Edwards became Project Director. The day to day work of the councils continued of course, with the sick, the aged, and the needy. Each day brings a call from someone in need of food, a job, furniture or a place to live. The every day needs of poor people can't wait for a big issue to be settled.

These are only a few of the reasons we are gathered here tonight to say, "Thank You." Thank you for the long hours, the weeks filled with meetings every night, and days filled with work that never stops.

To many of us, a chance to say a personal "Thank you" for time taken to help with small problems, or just to listen and advise, for the extra effort to help find a job, get food for hungry children, or be there in court when someone is in trouble. These are not the duties of his job, but somehow they became a special part of this man who cares about people.

VA QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q--My father, a disabled veteran, is receiving compensation from the VA. Since I have lost contact with him, will the VA give me his address.

A--No. All information in a veteran's record except the amount of payment, is confidential and can be released only on the written request of the veteran. The VA may however, forward a letter to veteran, so long as its purpose is not debt collection, canvassing, harrassment or propaganda purposes. The letter must be enclosed in a stamped unsealed envelope with no return address.

Q--How much compensation does the VA give for a helpless child over 8 where there is no widow?

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