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Church Women United - Tea Raises \$1,045



The Rev. and Mrs. Charles L. Wyatt hosted a scholarship tea at their residence, December 7, for Sammy K. and Gustav Y. Asare. The Asare brothers, of Ghana, are pre-med students in San Diego, California.

Church Women United of Las Vegas, sponsors, wish to thank all who participated in this event. One thousand forty-five dollars has been given, and the group has set \$2,000 as its goal. The women want to assist the Asares so they can return and work to improve health conditions for their people.

These young men have an intense desire to

return to their homeland to practice medicine. Although they realize it will take several years of study to prepare themselves, they are willing to undergo the necessary hardships in order to serve.

Contributions may still be made by making checks payable to Church Women United for the Sammy and Gustav Asare Educational Fund and mailing them to Evelyn Hartwell, 1913 Maxwell Street, NLV, 89030. All donations are tax deductible.

For information call Areanna Christie 870-4217, Judy Johnson 451-9546, or Ova Elms 382-5298.

HUD Announces New Anti-Bias Tool

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. -- A new census mapping system is being developed by the Housing and Urban Development department to help it fight bias, Dr. Gloria E. A. Toote, its assistant secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, announced here.

As keynote speaker at the General Conference of the Black Women Organized for Action, Dr. Toote told the assemblage: "We at HUD take our mandated responsibility seriously. We recognize the need to not only program for the future, but the need to utilize the existing data for corrective measures."

Citing integrated housing as a major key -- not a cure-all -- to ending minority discrimination, she pointed out that, "an integrated society offers minorities better schools, better hospital services, better sanitation and other city ser-

(See HUD, Page 4)

New Program To Aid Aged, Blind & Total Disabled

Financial penalties set by the Congress for States that fail to provide child health screening services under Medicaid would be implemented by regulations proposed today by James S. Dwight, Jr., Administrator of HEW's Social and Rehabilitation Service.

Published in the Federal Register, the proposals would carry out provisions of Public Law 92-603--Social Security Amendments of 1972--which require States to:

--Inform all families in the State receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) of the availability of child health screening services under the State's Medicaid plan.

--Provide or arrange for the provision of screening services in all cases where they
(See Eligibility, Page 3)

Public Hearing On Insulation Standards

City Commissioner Ron Lurie, acting as chairman of a committee to study proposals for ordinances which would create minimum standards for insulation and weatherstripping in new construction, called for a public hearing on the subject.

The hearing will be held at the regular city commission meeting, Wednesday, December 26, at 7:00 p.m., at the city commission chambers.

Lurie said he was inviting representatives from the Southern Nevada Home Builders Organization, to participate.

Other groups to be invited are the Governor's Commission on energy, the Greater Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce energy committee, and the Nevada Consumers League.

"However," Lurie explained, "I am urging every resident within our city to attend and voice their opinions. People at long last, have been hit with the truth about their high power bills during the heat of summer and cold of winter," he stated.

Lurie charged that the energy crisis has revealed to the home owners and apartment dwellers in Las Vegas, that the lack of adequate insulation and weatherstripping has been the main contributing factor to excessive power bills.

"The people have been at the mercy of the builders, who have shown a callous disregard for the residents of Las Vegas in not providing adequate insulation," Lurie continued.

"Ordinances which will be incorporated into the city's building code will not only help meet the energy crisis but will relieve the high cost of power to homes and apartments."

Lurie said that FHA and VA minimum requirements are not enough for this area.

"I do not expect the FHA and VA to up their minimum standards," Lurie said. However, their standards only relate to financing. Builders will still have to meet requirements adopted by the city if they wish to start new construction," Lurie concluded.

FOOD STAMPS

States will be required to determine the eligibility of beneficiaries of supplemental security income (SSI) payments for food stamps and surplus commodities, under a regulation announced by James S. Dwight, Jr., Administrator of HEW's Social and Rehabilitation Service (SRS).

The regulation, published today in the Federal Register, will become effective January 1, 1974, the date of implementation of the SSI program. SSI beneficiaries would have been ineligible for food stamps or surplus commodities under Public Law 92-603, the welfare legislation (H.R. 1) which was signed by the President in October 1972.

Public Law 93-86 (the Agricultural and Consumer Protection Act of 1973) has restored the eligibility of certain SSI recipients for food
(See Food Stamps, Page 9)