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Food Stamp Allotment To Increase

Keep Pace With Rising Food Cost

WASHINGTON--Food stamp allotments for low-income families will be increased Jan. 1 to keep pace with rising food costs, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carol Tucker Foreman announced Monday.

Monthly net income eligibility standards also will rise for most households on Jan. 1 because, under current regulations, income limits in most cases are tied to the size of food stamp allotments. Under the regulations, income eligibility limits rise when food stamp allotments are increased.

Assistant Secretary Foreman said monthly stamp allotments in the continental 48 states and District of Columbia will increase by at least two dollars for all households except single persons. For example, the allotment for a family of four will be increased from \$170 to \$174. Food stamp allotments are based on the cost of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Thrifty Food Plan.

Next income cut-offs also will be higher, except for one- and two-person households. The monthly net income limit for a family of four, for example, will rise from \$567 to \$580. However, the income limits for the one- and two-person household will not change. These income standards (\$262 and \$344 respectively) will remain at USDA's poverty guidelines. Food stamp regulations currently in effect require USDA to use either allotment-based calculations or the poverty guidelines, whichever are higher, in setting income eligibility limits.

New food stamp legislation recently signed by President Carter changes the procedures for setting income limits. The new legislation is not yet in effect. USDA is now developing proposed regulations to implement the new law, and plans to put it into effect next summer.

The table below lists new income limits, effective Jan. 1, for the 48 states and the District of Columbia:



VOLUNTEER WORKERS WINTERIZING HOUSE

.....Last week in Third Ward Community

200 Volunteers Help Elderly, Poor

To Live More Comfortably This Winter

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

Barbara Neely lives in a six room frame house in the 1500 block of Manson St. The house is heated with wood and coal heaters and on really cold days its a constant job just keeping the fires going toward off the chill winds that seep through the cracks around the doors and windows.

Last Saturday morning an estimated 200 families invaded Manson and other streets in Third Ward, armed with hammers, nails, staple guns and elbow grease. By the end of the day Ms. Neely's house had been insulated with plastic over the doors and windows and today she said, "It sure made a big difference these past cold nights we've had."

In the 1500 block of South Church Street Mrs. Lillian McAfee and her husband, both in their late 60s, also had

plastic placed over the windows of their small home and so did Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson of the same block. All these people slept a little warmer and more comfortably because their neighbors and the Charlotte Area Fund care.

The Neelys, McAfees and Johnsons were just three of 60 Third Ward families whose homes received attention last Saturday in the first of many

planned projects of this kind. Spearheaded by the Charlotte Area Fund with a federal grant, the project aims to touch all areas of Mecklenburg County, fixing homes against the cold.

Bob Riley, Chief of Plans for the Area Fund, said in an interview, "The response last weekend was fantastic! People turned out in droves to help their neighbors. Our five man

crew organized and supervised the volunteers and we were able to meet our goal of 60 homes in one day."

Riley said there is a \$200 limit to spend on each home so most of the improvements will be in the nature of caulking, weather stripping windows and doors, insulating attics and putting plastic over windows and screen doors.

"Up to now," he said, "we've been doing the work according to the date the request was received, sort of first come, first served, but in order to assure that the most needy or pressing cases are helped first, we are going to use a point system in the future. Points will be assigned according to the number of children in the family or the age and physical condition of the residents. We are particularly concerned about the elderly who are unable to do for

themselves," he added.

Most of the work is being done to private homes, according to Riley, and he said that where rental property is repaired the landlords are being asked to sign a statement promising they will not raise rents after the improvements have been done.

In addition, Riley pointed out that CAP has around \$17,000 in Fuel Assistance Funds that are available for those who qualify. For information about these funds call 373-3010 and someone will answer your questions.

Third Minority

Trade Fair

Well Attended

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

The Third Annual Minority Trade Fair held in Charlotte November 16 and 17, by the Metroline Minority Purchasing Council, drew vendors and buyers from distant cities across the United States as well as local participants. There were representatives from major U.S. Corporations and fledgling entrepreneurs promoting tiny enterprises. All of them came together to see and be seen.

The Trade Fair allows the minority businessman an opportunity to exhibit his goods and services to a large number of prospective buyers than he or she could under ordinary circumstances, thus enhancing chances for success.

The fair also gives minority businesses an opportunity to show their own community what they are doing and to acquaint themselves with potential customers within their neighborhoods. This is extremely important since American Minorities are the ninth largest consumer market in the world.

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Report Cites

Over 100

Black Victims

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) Systematic and nation-wide harassment of black elected officials is charged in a report released recently by the National Association of Human Rights Workers (NAHRW). The report, entitled THE DILEMMA OF BLACK POLITICS: A REPORT ON HARASSMENT OF BLACK ELECTED OFFICIALS, is the result of a two year study by NAHRW's Committee on the Status of Minority Elected Officials.

The report cites over 100 black officials who have been victims of various forms of harassments by police, government and the press. The officials cited represents all regions of the country, all levels of office, and both urban and rural areas.

Research findings indicate, though, that "the higher the level of office, or the more outspoken the officials, or the greater the influence and power, the higher the incidence of harassment," the report states.

Black officials identified as having been targets of attack include the late U.S. Representative Adam Clayton Powell, U.S. Representative William Clayton Powell, U.S. Representative William Clay, Lieutenant Governor George Brown, Lieutenant Governor Mervyn Dymally, and Secretary of State Delores Tucker; Mayors Maynard Jackson, Richard Hatcher, Coleman Young, "Jay" Cooper, and Charles Evers; former Mayors Carl Stokes, Clarence Lightner and Charles Joseph; State Senators Julian Bond and Clarence Mitchell; former State Senator Leroy Johnson; State Representatives Alvin Holmes, Thomas Reed and Hosea Williams; and Sheriff Lucius Amerson.

Principle perpetrators of the attacks on black elected officials are identified as 1) the white press; 2) the intelligence community and enforcement agencies; 3) the corporate structure; and 4) representatives and allies of the corporate structure positioned in the executive and legislative branches of the United States government.

The research did not determine that a single national or international conspiracy exists to destroy the institution of black politics; however, NEITHER DID IT DETERMINE THAT THERE IS NOT SUCH A CONSPIRACY. Documentation was obtained of distinct patterns of harassment, and in at least some instances the harassment is without doubt the result of conspiratorial activity.

The studies provide evidence of conspiracy "within certain news papers; among certain businesses and corporations; between Federal agencies and among intelligence, law enforcement and judicial operations.

Further, the media, corporate interests, the government, and intelligence agencies - as a matter of routine - cooperate with one another in a manner that discredits and contains "the efforts of selected black officials.



SANDRA "PEACHES" ALEXANDER
...J.C. Smith freshman

Sandra Alexander

Is Beauty Of Week

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

Sandra (Peaches) Alexander, is the POST Beauty of the Week and she's a 19 year old freshman at Johnson C. Smith majoring in psychology. In addition to being a full-time student at Smith, Peaches, as she is called by family and friends, works evenings as a receptionist at Greenville Neighborhood Center off Oaklawn Ave.

The daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Feamster, Peaches graduated from West Charlotte High in 1976. At West Charlotte she was in the Distributive Education Program (DECA) and worked for the Public Library for three years. She also worked for United Parcel Services before going to Greenville Center.

I've always liked to have my own money," this independent miss said, "and I've been working since I was 14 years old."

During high school years Peaches remembers her English and homeroom teacher Ms. Lawrence, as being her favorite faculty member.

Asked who she most admires, Peaches promptly said, "Well, it isn't anyone famous, it's my big sister Wanda. I admire her because she's a very strong person who doesn't let anything stop her from achieving what she wants. She's smart and she works hard and she's doing really well." Wanda is a 1976 Smith graduate employed in the engineering department at WBTV.

In addition to Wanda, Peaches has one other sister, 17 year old Carolyn, a senior at Independence, and a brother, 22 year old Andrew, who is

stationed with the U.S. Army in Hawaii.

Peaches and her one year old son, Jeton, live with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ola Alexander, and she particularly asked that they be mentioned because she is so fond of them.

She said, "Most young people think their grandparents have old fashioned ideas about life, but mine have helped me a whole lot. Even though I'm still hard headed sometimes and won't listen, the advice they give me is good. My grandmother keeps Jeton for me while I go to school and work and she also happens to be the world's best cook," she added. Mr. Alexander is a retired railway mail clerk.

There's very little spare time in Peaches' life but when she is free she tries to spend as much time as possible with Jeton.

After college she said she'd like to work as a court counselor or probation officer for juveniles. "I'd like to try to help youngsters who haven't had a chance for some of the things I've had," she explained.

Greater Providence Baptist is the church Peaches attends and Rev. Johnnie W. Wallace Jr. is her pastor.

In case you guys are wondering, Peaches has a steady fellow. His name is Alton Williams and he's a student at Livingstone College in Salisbury but he's home every weekend so don't get any ideas!

Carter Backs

Amended Full

Employment Bill

President Jimmy Carter has formally endorsed a revised draft of the Humphrey-Hawkins Bill, which establishes for 1983 an overall unemployment goal of 4 percent for the nation.

The draft was worked out after lengthy and detailed discussions between the Carter Administration and Congressional leaders, including members of the Congressional Black Caucus. The bill is to be known formally as the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act.

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

Rowe R. Motley, chairman of the National Democratic Black Political Caucus expressed concern Tuesday over a proposal which would permit the city to buy and renovate substandard housing and then turn the dwellings over to the Charlotte Housing Authority.

The Housing Authority would then rent the houses to certain low-income tenants.

City Council member Jim Whittington, who proposed the plan on Monday, expressed the opinion that it could provide many of the 1,500 homes which he and the Community Development Department have estimated to be needed for the poor.

"It sounds like a beautiful

thing," Motley said, "But I'm not so sure who will reap the most benefits. Of the \$18 million in funds the city is slated to receive from the federal government over the next five years, I want to know just how much of it will go to buy or lease the property of minority owners," he continued.

When the POST goes to press Wednesday morning, Motley was scheduled to be in conference with Vernon Sawyer, director of the Community Development Department, and three Housing and Urban Development (HUD) officials out of Greensboro to discuss the new proposal.

Whittington feels that many of the houses condemned for housing code violations could be renovated to supply housing quickly. Building Inspection W.H. Jamison said ne-



Rowe "Jack" Motley
...NDBPC chairman

glect, rotted door or window sills and other minor things often cause a house to fail to meet housing code standards and these things are easily corrected.

Sawyer has said that Whit-



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