Judge Watts supports fund drive for Lafayette Center

Judge Robert B. Watts has called for community support of the current fund drive of the Lafayette Square Community Center.

The Center, now located at Lanvale and Fremont Streets, is seeking to raise $325,000 for construction of a new building at Lafayette Ave. and Gilmor St.

Judge Watts, in his statement of support, said he saw the work of the Center as an effective way of attacking crime and poverty at their roots.

"If citizens are to put a halt to the proliferation of crime and poverty in their communities," the Supreme Bench jurist said, "it is necessary that they make sacrifices to support programs such as the Lafayette Square Community Center."

The Center has stressed community participation — particularly in the plans for its new building — and Judge Watts said that he found this to be a crucial factor.

Daily, the jurist said, he hears cases that are the "results of human apathy and anonymity."

Because of this, Judge Watts said, "I readily appreciate the need for community involvement and participation in solving the tremendous environmental and social problems lurking behind the very apparent and real diseases of this city."

The emphasis on community involvement at the Lafayette Square Community Center is an effective way to attack these problems now and make for a bright future, the Judge said.

"Investment in people, as this project certainly is," Judge Watts declared, "will pay higher dividends than the money we spend for bricks, steel, mortar and trips to the moon."

Judge Watts concluded his statement of support by quoting the words of a writer: "Be ashamed to die until you have won a victory for humanity."

The Lafayette Square Community Center, which now is located in rented quarters at Fremont and Lanvale Sts., hopes to begin construction of a new building at Lafayette Avenue and Gilmor Street this summer.

The federal government has reserved a grant of $525,112 for the project, but the Center must raise $325,000 in matching funds before it will actually receive the federal funds.

STUDENT ADVISORS for the planning of the city's Vocational Education week came to City Hall last week for the Mayor's proclamation ceremonies. Vocational Educational week is happening now and programs have been scheduled for many of the city's vocational high schools.

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BY VIRGINIA McLUCKIE
of food economist

Since a smaller fresh vegetable crop is anticipated during the next six to eight weeks, smart shoppers will select for quality to get good buys, and turn to processed supplies in order to hold down family food costs.

The Agriculture Department's outlook and situation [illegible] that fresh vegetable supplies will probably be smaller than a year earlier.

Indicated production is lower for most of the hardier vegetables, including cabbage, carrots, celery, escarole and spinach. Storage holdings of dry onions and cabbage are down sharply. In addition, freezing temperatures in Florida and Texas during early January damage tender crops such as snap beans, green peppers, cucumbers, sweet corn and tomatoes.

Fresh vegetable prices in early January averaged substantially above a year ago. With prospects for smaller supplies and strong consumer demand prices for most fresh items are expected to continue relatively high.

As usual winter supplies from domestic production will be supplemented by imports, mainly from Mexico. Moderately larger supplies of tomatoes and several other crops are expected from Mexico.

While potato supplies slightly exceed last winter's volume by about two percent. However, prices have strengthened in recent weeks and may show some further gain into spring. Sweet potato supplies are slightly above last winter's small total. A slight yield increase boosted the crop a little. Prices likely will remain below the high levels of last season.

Canned and frozen vegetable supplies remain large but moderately below last year's record volumes. Large carryover stocks of both canned and frozen vegetables partially offset sharply reduced packs. Although markets for most processed items are above the low levels of a year ago, prices are still at very moderate levels and probably will remain so through the winter and spring.

In general, the outlook for the rest of this winter indicates little change in meat prices, though pork supplies will remain well below a year earlier and beef demand will move up, slight price rise for dairy, cereal and bakery products. Also indicated is price stability for fats and oils; possible dip for fruit, potatoes, chicken and eggs and citrus items. The expected economy slow down may hold the retail food price rise down below the five percent hike in 1969.

Recipe for the week is for Carrot Salad.

Use one cup grated raw carrot, one cup chopped raw cabbage or celery, or cabbage and celery combined, one tablespoon lemon-juice, one-half teaspoon salt, mayonnaise or boiled dressing and lettuce leaves.

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¼ teaspoon white pepper
¼ teaspoon oregano
¼ teaspoon sweet basil
1 package refrigerator buttermilk biscuits

In saucepan combine soup, liquid from can of salmon and the milk or cream. Stir in salmon, potatoes, onions and seasonings. Heat until sauce begins to simmer, stirring occasionally. Empty into a 2-quart casserole or baking dish. Top with biscuits. Bake in preheated 400° F. oven for 15 to 20 minutes, or until biscuits are brown. Garnish with watercress. Serves 4.

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