

CAP NEWS

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The CAP Newsletter for January was cancelled because of the weather, holidays and Hong Kong flu. Enuf said-----
1968-1969, the winter that was for Washington County. Everyone helped during a time of many emergencies. Transportation to pick up abundant food as food supplies ran low and families could not travel through the snow and ice to get their supplies. Wood cutting and delivery by welfare volunteers and private individuals helped to relieve some people's misery at least a small amount.

In the Timber area there was a record snowfall and without the bulldozer acquired for that area this last year, some people of the area would have been completely cut-off from their jobs and transportation for emergencies or basic needs.

Our CAP Aide, Naomi Nichols of the Hope Center, was snow-bound for several days and did much worthwhile work from her home by telephone. Ruth Tiner and Minnie Haynes worked long hours aiding and requesting supplies for people who had emergencies in the Sherwood area. North Plains was the key point for wood cutting and distribution. Jim Carte played an important part in this, and Florine Sepulveda, North Plains Aide added her efforts during many emergencies. Evelyn Crook and Mary Embree worked long hours and traveled over almost impassable roads to deliver abundant food supplies.

NORTH PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS: Roy Vann's North Plains G.E.D. class is growing so fast and the center is so crowded, it was decided at the last advisory board meeting to use the center chiefly for classes and make use of the Richfield Station Recreation Center for other activities. Now that a gas heater is installed in the station, we can begin fixing it up for its' new function. A new weekend recreation program for North Plains' kids has been planned by Harry Haley, a concerned and interested North Plains citizen.

Donations from local people and the Sunshine Club showed a wonderful response to the needs of a burned-out family in North Plains last month.

Snow and the flu kept activities to a slow crawl during December and January. The local board was unable to meet during these months so the yearly election meeting will be held Thursday, March 6.

HOPE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER: During the recent snow emergencies, the C.A.P. bulldozer proved a lifesaver. Jim DeYoung, Bruce Wright, Walt Beard, Richard Beard and Tom Cieloha helped drive the cat to clear driveways and roads.

Tom, Floyd Kuykendall and Phil Olsen helped bring groceries in the CAP jeep to several families. Firewood became a problem and a crew was organized to chop wood, which was hauled to Timber.

The Timber Community Club is raising money to be used to replace the burned-out community center building. Incorporation papers have been filed and CAP assisted in the preparation of these papers.

Plans are being made to start a sewing class probably in the evening at Banks High School. Six people have expressed an interest in such a class. Efforts are being made to locate a teacher. Anyone who has had training as a sewing instructor, preferably in the Bishop Method, and would like to volunteer to instruct at least six students, possibly ten, please call the Community Action Office in Hillsboro - Telephone no. 648-7169.

Dan Buehner, Kope Neighborhood Center Co-ordinator, is back on the job. Dan was at the Oregon Medical School for about a week having his pacemaker replaced. We are glad he is with us again and feeling so much better.

UPPER TUALATIN COMMUNITY CENTER (GASTON) NEWS; We would like to thank the Hillsboro Elks Lodge for doing such a grand job of delivering Christmas baskets in our area. We are very grateful and just can't express our appreciation. Names of twenty-seven families were given to the Elks Lodge by the Upper Tualatin Neighborhood Center in Gaston and all received well-filled baskets.

The past year has been an active one in the Gaston area and we hope to see even more projects and progress in 1969. We have high hopes of having a summer Headstart school. A committee has been formed to represent our area to get the ball rolling, but more interested parents are needed, so we can make the necessary application for Head Start funds. Any low-income family qualifies and can participate. We have a very good G.E.D. class going in the Gaston Community Center, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday evening. Kathryn Wyckoff, our teacher, is a wonderful person as well as an exceptionally good teacher. She taught G.E.D. classes in the Gaston High School two years ago, and a lot of the people in the Gaston area are already acquainted with her. Just because you didn't get started in the first class doesn't mean you can't start now. Each person enrolled in the G.E.D. classes works at his or her own speed and level, and classes can be started at any time it is convenient for someone wishing to complete their high school education. About twenty people are enrolled or have inquired about the classes. Eight are coming regularly and three come now and then. We feel this is a very good turn out, considering the terrible weather we have been having.

Mr. Mel Chrisman, our Services Coordinator, has made arrangements for the G.E.D. tests to be given whenever a student feels he is ready. These tests can be taken in Hillsboro at the Intermediate Education District Office.

Mrs. Boutwell, a former high school instructor in Business Education, is available for training in typing, shorthand, bookkeeping and miscellaneous office skills. We need two or three more persons who would like to attend this type of training class in order to have classes held in the Gaston area. There is no charge for Mrs. Boutwell's classes and this would be a real opportunity for those interested in developing or improving business skills.

The Gaston Youth Center is in great need of more parent participation. The adults in the Gaston area don't seem to realize how much the Youth Center means to our children. The Community Action Organization has donated money and work/study college students, but a youth center cannot operate without adults taking part in it. In order for a youth center to function properly, there has to be an adult in the building at all times when it is in use.

Gaston allows us to use the Community Hall and CAP pays all the utilities, plus providing games, basket and volley balls, chess games and ping-pong equipment. The kids are buying their own pool table and are planning to fix up the building when school is out and the weather permits. All we need is a little more interest from the parents to have a very good center. All sorts of recreational, as well as educational, programs are available, such as - movies, charm classes, sewing, ballet, typewriters for home work, plays put on by students from Pacific University - just about anything that the kids could want it available, free of charge with free instructors. The only thing required of parents is to take turns being present in the youth center. Not to take part in the activities - just their presence is required.

We would like to thank the parents that chaperoned the Teen Dances. We also want to thank Jim Prince (our Gaston policeman) for being so willing to cooperate.

TRI-CITY COMMUNITY CENTER (SHERWOOD) NEWS:

Emergency Help: During the snow our office remained open for emergency calls. Both our office and home phone number was given to local police and fire departments. We did receive several emergency calls and distribution of fuel, clothing, bedding and food was made. Lewis and Rosalie Baker (from Tigard) volunteered transportation to the welfare and abundant food for families needing this type of help.

Housing: We have been helping families on low income apply to Farmers Home Administration to purchase homes. Our first two families who have applied have found homes and are in the process of obtaining their loans. One family is applying for a three bedroom older home in Sherwood for \$10,500. The other family has applied for a new three bedroom home to be built in Gleneagle in Sherwood for \$15,500. There are many other low income families still looking for homes that will qualify.

Youth Center and Tri-City Office to be moved:

Our board members and city officials have approved moving the Youth Center and our Tri-City office to a new, combined location in Sherwood. The new building is located on N. W. 1st Street next to the Robin Hood Theater. One large room will be used for recreation, G.E.D. classes, etc. The other side is a large restaurant completely equipped. We will use the restaurant on a share basis to provide lunches for the high school students who presently do not have any lunch room facilities. Dianna Duffield will do the cooking at the restaurant and will be working on a commission basis, and two high school kids will work in the restaurant for no pay, except free lunches. The restaurant will also be open during Youth Activity meetings or special events.

In order to help raise the first two months rent for the new Tri-City Community Center facilities the center staff and the youth center are selling raffle tickets for a radio, am/fm or record player for the first prize and a transistor as a second prize. The raffle tickets sell at 25¢ each, or 4 for 85¢. It is hoped that enough tickets will be sold to have a surplus amount of money which will be used for Youth Activities. By combining the two facilities in one location, we hope to give better service to the community and at the same time save money on our utilities and other expenses. The addresses of the new center building are 105-115 N. W. 1st Street - Sherwood.

WORK, TRAINING AND EDUCATION REPORT: Retha Knothe-Work, Training Officer. Work, Training and Education have been combined to give a better all-round contact with the person needing our help.

In combining the two programs we can put a person to work and in a G.E.D. class at the same time.

Some employers are still a little slow in hiring, due to the winter we have had and the cutback in production, but as I see it now things are really locking up.

If you know of anyone looking for work or education please have them contact the Community Action Office in Hillsboro.

HEAD START - John Ulrich - Head Start Director

The front door is not necessarily the best way to enter the Establishment. The tradesman's entrance leads you directly to the important inner workings, gets results faster, and gets you on your way to other meaningful activities. You do not have to go through receptionists, underlings, or the AUGUST PRESENCE who has otherwise lost sight of reality because of his traditional importance.

Head Start and Supplementary Training is upsetting traditional education by being realistic. It recognizes the oldest educational idea of all, that EXPERIENCE IS THE BEST TEACHER. Through Supplementary Training Courses and other on-the-job or in-service training the dedicated employee may have five or six years experience on the job by the time he receives his degree. Tradition does not work in the classroom. On-the-job experience does.

This is one of the reasons why Head Start works.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, CLASSES, ETC. - February 19 thru March
19, 1969

Wednesday

- February 19 - CAP Board Meeting, Hillsboro City Hall - 8 p.m.
 " " - Tri-City Council, Kelly's - West Slope - 12 noon.
 " " - Steering Committee - Health Dept. Library - 11:30 a.m.
 " " - Welding Class - Banks High School - 7 to 10 p.m. (no charge)
 " " - Bookkeeping Class - Head Start (Sunset Comm. Hall) Banks
 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. (no charge)

Thursday

- February 20 - GED class (North Plains) Roy Vann, Instructor 10 to 12 noon
 GED class (Gaston) Mrs. Wyckoff, Instructor 7 to 9 p.m.
 GED class (Sherwood) Mike Dalton, Instructor
 Cheri Siegfried, Assistant
 " " Sherwood - Community Center 7 to 9 p.m.
 Business Training (general) Mrs. Boutwell, Instructor
 Sherwood - Community Center 2:00 p.m.

Friday

- February 21 - Northwest Training Center "How to Make a Speech" training
 for center's staff at Knott St. Community Center, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday

- February 22 - Tualatin Youth Center Dance at J. Clyde Hopkins Elementary
 School - Sherwood

Monday

- February 24 - 4-C Steering Committee, Salem - 9:30 a.m.
 " " - 4-C Program, Day Care Center, Forest Grove - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday

- February 25 - (Tentative) Housing Committee Meeting - CAP Hillsboro office
 7:45 p.m.
 " " - Tri-City Council Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
 Methodist Church, Sherwood
 " " - Shorthand class - Buxton School, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
 Mrs. Boutwell, Instructor - Cost (Supplies \$5.00)
 " " - GED classes, North Plains, Gaston, Sherwood - as above
 for North Plains class hours are flexible, contact Roy Vann -
 telephone 648-3468.

Wednesday

- February 26 - Welding and Bookkeeping classes as listed above

Thursday

- February 27 - Seminar - Congregational Church, 11:30 a.m.
 " " - GED Classes and Business Training as listed above.

Friday

- February 28 - Banks Head Start Rummage Sale, 1921 Main, Forest Grove,

Saturday

- March 1 - Banks Head Start Rummage Sale, " " " "
 " " - Tri-City Community Center moves to new location at
 105-115 N. W. 1st - Sherwood - combined youth & Community Center

CALENDAR = (Cont'd)

Tuesday

March 4 - Shorthand class as listed (Buxton)
GED classes, North Plains, Gaston and Sherwood as listed

Wednesday

March 5 - Steering Committee Meeting - Health Dept. Library at 11:30 a.m.
" " - Welding and Bookkeeping classes as listed

Thursday

March 6 - North Plains Area Development Council Meeting (Elections)
at North Plains Recreation Center - 8:00 p.m.
" " - GED Classes and Business Training as listed above

Saturday

March 8 - Hope Community Center Area Council - Buxton School Cafeteria,
at 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday

March 11 - (Tentative) Housing Committee Meeting - CAP office, Hillsboro
at 7:45 p.m.
- Shorthand class and G.E.D. classes as listed

Wednesday

March 12 - Welding and Bookkeeping classes as listed

Thursday

March 13 - Seminar, Congregational Church at 12:30 p.m.
- Executive CAP Board Meeting - Merrill's Restaurant at 12 noon
- GED Classes and Business Training as listed above