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Due to the fact that month after month we have reported only some programs from each of the centers we feel that we have not done justice to reporting the overall program in any of them. This is an effort to report the General Program at the Timber Community Center. The program in North Plains will be reported at a later date.

Peter M. Cullen, Editor

1. JOBS

A. Individual Jobs: 10 jobs have been linde bp by the staff with people in need and the following is a partial breakdown:
6 on N.Y.C. Program @\$1.25/hr - 32 hrs/wk. \$40/wk
2 @\$4.30/hr.- Landscaping Job with Portland firm.
1 @2.65/hr. - Post Office, Hillsboro
1 bid carpentry job
2 job referrals pending

B. Cooperative Project and Tentative Workshop: The Timber Area Council are interested in the possibility of organizing a Green Products Cooperative business verture with a view to opening up jobs for low income people in the area. Much time and effort has been put in by the staff and a committee in looking for needed information. A very brief working proposal was sent to the Regional Office of OEO in San Francisco with a view to finding out the avallability of funds. A reply is still pending.

The CAP office in Hillsboro is tentatively arranging a one-day workshop on Cooperatives that would be open to other CAP groups in the state who are also interested in the possibility of a cooperative in their area. The tentative date is Saturday, January 13, 1968 and the Timber Center is the tentative place. Plans should be more definate within the next two weeks.

C. Several cases have been refered to D.V.R. in recent weeks for new training because of some disability.

2. EDUCATION

- A. GED Class: In conjunction with the V.M.L., the Timber Neighborhood Center has organized a GED class that began on Wed., August 6, The class meets twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday from 7-10 P.M.. This represents a estimated value of \$400 per student for a 4 year course, if taken by coorrespondence. The test would cost \$10 more. But all is free in this class. Nine students have attended with an average of 5 per class.
- B. Arts and Crafts: An Arts and Crafts Class began Monday, Aug. 21 with some 15 ladies participatiog. Shirley England, a recent resident in the area, is the instructor. The class is learning how to glaze and paint figurines made of plaster of paris.
- C. Home Economics Class: For the first time in its history the Washington County Home Economics Extension Service reached out to the Timber area. In the person of Mrs. Betty Ashbaugh, the Extension Office cnducted two claases in the Timber Community Center on June 20 & 27th. The first class was attended by 14 interested ladies and they had a demonstration on how to make jam. The second class was attended by 20 ladies and was on how to can and freeze vegetables.

3. GENERAL SERVICES

- A.
- A. Well Baby Clinic: Three months ago inquiry was made as to the need and feasibility of conducting a Well Baby Clinic in the Center at that time. The response was that there was no need for such a clinic due to the apparent fewness of the babies in the immediate area. However in the past two weeks, the Staff through their contact work, have "discovered" some 17 - 20 babies who certainly could need such a service. he staff is now planning a Well-Baby Clinic and will make the arrangements with Dr. James Stewart, Washington County Health Dept..
- B. Immunization Clinic: For the past two weeks the staff, in conjunction with the Gales Creek PTA helped line up babies for an Immunization Clinic at the Gales Creek School, on October 26, 1967. The Clinic was conducted by the Health Department and was a big success with more than 30 kids being served.
- C. Several individual referrals have meed made to the County Health Department.

4. YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- A. Boy Scout Troop #244 Formed: At the request of Mr. Dan Buehner, Center Community Aide. Mr. Jack Holmes, Assistant Scout Executive, came into the Timber area to organize a scout troupe. There has never been a troupe in Timber before. After lots of work, and a few preliminary meetings. Troop #244 was formed at the center on October 5, 1967. There are 8 boy scouts in

the troop and two more kids attend the meetings and will join the troop when they are old enough. The Rev. Baker, of the local church, is the able Soutmaster. Plans for a bi camp - out in Timber Hills for some 1,500 scouts, are in the making for next spring.

- B. Youth Club: The Youth Club meets on Thursday evenings in the Center and enjoy games in the gym and playground. Their big project, of course, is the skating rink, as reported below.

5. SKATING RINK PROJECT

At the request of Retta Knothe, Center Coordinator, Mr. Frank Smith Banks High School Principal, conveyed the permission of the Banks School Board, to refinish the gym floor for a Community Skating Rink. The Timber Area Council decided to pursue the project and in conjunction with the Youth Club went to bat to raise the money needed for preparing the floor and buying the skates. A Pankake and Sausage Supper was scheduled, and was advertized in the papers, on posters, by phone calls, by mail, and personal contact by the Center Staff and committees. Some 150 people showed up - the largest in recent Timber history for any function.

This was followed by a Potluck and Game evening which was supported and conducted by the Staff and the local people.

The Youth Club, led by Dan Sponsel and Marjorie Wilcox held a bottle drive and a rummage sale. All the functions have grossed about \$187.

The floor must now be refinished, the was stripped and the "rink-coat" applied. A section of the floor will need to be repaired, a railing put up, skates purchased and some kind of record player got to provide the music.

6. LAW ENFORCEMENT PRO M

At the request of the people of Timber, Retta Knothe, Center Coordinator arranged a meeting with Under-Sheriff, Charles Sherratt, at the Neighborhood Center on June 14, 1967. Mrs. Marjorie Wilcox was chairman of the meeting and some 43 people were present. The people were concerned about what seemed to them to be a lack of Law Enforcement in the community. They felt they were forgotten by the Sheriff's department. They were frank in their questions to the Under-Sheriff, and discussed specific problems in the area. The meeting lasted over 2 hours, and there was a healthy exchange of views. As a result, the Sheriff's office is now better aware of the needs of the Timber Area, and the people are more appreciative of the difficulties and limitations of the Sheriff's office. the staff have recieved little or no complaints since the meeting. The hot-rodders do seem to have cooled it, since then. The presence of a deputy sheriff in the area is more apparent and he does more than just drive through.

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Due to the fact that much of the work of the staff is of a confidential nature - such as the identification and solution of very

personal problems, this report must of necessity be incomplete. We are happy to report that the people of the Timber area have come to trust the staff with their confidences, and are sure they will not be betrayed. Consequently, more and more, the staff must give their time to individual problems - some of which they have helped solve, and others they have been unable to solve. It is just not possible to reduce this kind of real social work to a statistic in any report.

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