

# CAP NEWS

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NORTH PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS ITEMS: On August 22 North Plains held a Well Child Clinic in co-operation with Washington County Health Department. Eighteen children were examined.

There were fifteen youths from 8 - 15 years of age who attended camp at Trestle Glen this summer.

Beginning September 19 at 7:30 PM in the City Hall on Commercial Avenue , a First Aid/Medical Self Help Instruction Class will be conducted. Approximately 30 men have signed up for these classes.

Good news for North Plains. The Atlantic Richfield Co. has donated the use of the old service station located on Commercial Avenue next to the Post Office to the Community Action Program for one year. The building will be used by the North Plains community for a recreation center for youth, elderly people and any other recreational needs in the community. It will be for the use of EVERYONE, from pre-schoolers to retired folks, and hope all will take advantage of the facility.

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UPPER TUALATIN COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS: YOUTH: A Teen Club is being formed in the Gaston-Cherry Grove area. The interest taken by the teenagers in this area for the youth program is wonderful. Our boys are clearing a piece of ground donated by Mrs. Pearson in Cherry Grove for a second Youth Center. Larry Hatch, Doug English, Don and Dan Gilberts and Mark Joeckel are some of the young men who want a teen-club and are going to see what can be done about it. The summer youth program in the Gaston Community Hall has been very much appreciated by local children and parents alike. The Apostles, our local five piece teen band played for their first dance held in the Gaston Community Hall the 6th of September. They hope to have many more of these as a fund raising project to buy a pool table and other equipment for a recreation center. Glenn Aust, Bill Fenton, Fred Easter and Ricky Watts are the Apostles, and they do a very fine job. Their next dance is scheduled for the evening of the 21st of September at 8:00 PM in the Gaston Community Hall. All youth functions are well chaperoned.

POLICE: Through the efforts of Rev. Demara in Cherry Grove, a volunteer police force is being organized. Mr. Ed haldy is almost through the training course and ready for duty soon. CAP is donating a jeep for the police vehicle and we hope to have at least one more volunteer for patrolling the Lee Falls area.

KINDERGARTEN: The Kindergarten in Gaston is under way with 24 children enrolled. Gaston could not get funds for a Head Start class this fall, but will try to have one in the near future.

RUMMAGE SALE - BAKE SALE: To date the rummage and bake sale has brought in \$35. With a little more interest it could have been twice this amount. The money will be used to help with the city's one third percent on the grant from H.U.D. to rebuild the community hall and also to help keep our kindergarten going.

PUBLIC AUCTION: All the help we can get will be needed if we are to have another public auction this fall. Anyone interested can contact Ralph Rasmussen or Evelyn Crook in Gaston. Mrs. Crook says that more people in the Gaston area are becoming aware of Community Action, which is nothing more than the community working together for a common cause.

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TRI-CITY COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER (SHERWOOD) NEWS: Teen Activities: Three dances have been held in our area, one at Fowler Jr. High in Tigard and two at J Clyde Hopkins Elementary in Sherwood to raise funds for a Youth Center.

Arts & Crafts classes were held at the Unitarian Church in Metzger. Two separate classes were held, mornings from 9 to 11 for children age 4 to 12, and afternoon classes for children from ages 3 to 12 and over. The young people were bussed back and forth from their homes. At the end of the two week session a picnic was held in Tualatin Park for the morning group and the afternoon group was taken swimming at a private home.

A building in Tualatin has been obtained for use as a Youth Center and the teens are in the process of fixing it up.

G.E.D. & Tutoring: Classes are being held Monday and Wednesday 1 to 3 PM and Tuesday and Thursday 7 to 9 PM. So far special tutoring has been arranged for 4 adults in their homes.

Head Start: We will have the use of either the Unitarian Church in Metzger or rooms at the Phil Lewis School in Tigard. Several parents and interested people in the community have volunteered help with transportation and as aides in the classes. At this time we are not sure as to the number of children we will be able to accommodate, possibly 15 or more.

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HOPE COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS: Things are beginning to happen in the Hope Community Center to fill in the long winter months. On August 23 a teen dance was held in the gym and approximately 100 people attended from Banks, Buxton, Manning and Timber. Another dance is tentatively planned for the end of September.

A Well Child Clinic was held at the center on September 5. Our attendance was very low due to the fact that school had started two days before.

The first square dance class was held September 24th with George England as instructor for the classes. The course will run for 26 weeks and will meet every Saturday night.

A Pinochle club will begin with their first card party on September 20th at 7:30 PM. Meeting dates will be set then. Clyde Grimsley and Winnie Cieloha are chairman and chairwoman for this group.

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GENERAL NEWS ITEMS: We recently received word from Senator Morse that OEO had approved and funded our applications for the Youth and Education employment programs. Needless to say, this is welcome news and we all have higher hopes and expectations for these projects. We will employ more work-study youngsters from the local colleges to help with the youth projects and find jobs for our unemployed people. Volunteer tutors are urgently needed and tutor training sessions will be held September 23rd, 25th and 27th from 9:00 AM to 12 noon in the basement of the Congregational Church at 5th & Main in Hillsboro. This is a real opportunity to get active in Community Action. Be sure to come!

During the week of August 26 thru 30, a training session was held in Ashland on, community aide training, communication and community development. Ruth Tiner, Minnie Haynes, Florine Sepulveda and Mary Embree from the community centers, and JoAnn Tannock from Headstart attended.

Head Start is a moving dynamic influence particularly to the children involved and to their parents. The most successful program has total parent involvement and participation.

Here we have the reason why Head Start is moving in another sense. Head Start is moving out of North Plains to other areas of Washington County. The reason is simple. No parent interest.

A meeting was called for Monday night September 16 of parents of eligible Head Start age children in the North Plains area to decide how large a program would be conducted or if a program would be offered in North Plains. Not one parent attended the meeting.

Decision! Move the program where parents do want it.

Jerry Anderson, Melvin Chrisman and Retta Knothe have recently joined the CAP staff. Jerry replaces Peter Cullen as our Program Director, and Mel will work closely with him on all CAP operations as Program Co-Ordinator. Retta will work in the Basic Education and Work Orientation Program as Training Officer. Jerry has been with the Department of Welfare in charge of work training projects, and Retta, as CAP people know, was in charge of the center at Timber. Mel comes to us from the Columbia County CAP where he worked as Program Co-Ordinator. We certainly welcome these experienced and well-qualified people.