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EDITORIAL

JUST A FEW FACTS

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Everywhere, people talk about the great sums being spent on the poverty program. The emphasis is always on the dollar. We constantly are reminded about how much it costs to put a kid through the Job Corps. -As if a human life can be assessed in dollars - not only the life of the kid but the life of his future wife and kids - not to mention the contribution a responsible citizen can make to society in return. Anyway too many people believe that the War on Poverty is a massive, expensive federal attack on the problems of poverty.

It is not. It is only a small beginning. The picture of a free-spending program is badly out of focus. For example, in the first two years, we spent about \$2.2 billion on this war. This is about the same amount as the profits recorded by General Motors in any one year. It is only a fraction of the cost of sending men into space, not to mention the cost of the other war. Much ado has been made about the amount of money already spent in those riot torn cities of this summer. Yet in all of them the amount spent was only a fraction of what was requested to do the job effectively. It is ridiculous to suggest that money is not the answer. It sure is a big help, and the facts of life are such that it does cost money to do anything.

Of course it is also true that it is not going to be won by money alone. People must be involved as in winning any war, and only people can bring victory. And no matter what is said, it must be admitted that the War on Poverty has at least made a large segment of our people aware that there are still ghettos, and rural shacks in our midst. And they will not go away by us

Pretending that they are not there. It has also made the low income families know that they don't have to be poor; there is a way out of the cycle of poverty - they can now get a "hand" but not a "hand-out", by helping them to help themselves. America's poor are being involved, and are being given a chance to decide their own programs.

This is a new approach and one that takes getting used to. This is true for the politician as well as for the business and professional person. It is a new experience for all Americans. One can only hope that Congress will keep the experience alive. In all honesty we have only yet scratched the surface. Too many hands are held out - reaching for help. Lets hope Congress sees beyond political expediency.

WELL BABY CLINIC - HUGE SUCCESS: At 1:30 P.M., August 23 last, Dr. Thomas Roe, Instructor, University of Oregon Medical School, with Alice Riley and Polly Winroth, Public Health nurses from Washington Counth Health Department, arrived at the North Plains Community Center to hold a Well Baby Clinic.

It was arranged to examine fifteen kids at this first clinic but the good doctor and his able nurses took care of seventeen. Dr. Roe commented that the children were, for the most part, very healthy, and he was surprised at the excellent condition of the childrens teeth. The nurses gave immunization shots to those children that needed them.

At 4:30 P.M. all the children had been examined. All concerned were very pleased with the fine preparations made by the staff for the clinic. Sincere THANKS to Dr. James Stewart County Public Health Officer.

Youth Center
Kids & Adults
PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE SUPPER: A pancake and sausage supper will be held at the Timber Neighborhood Center on Wednesday, September 27, 1967 between the hours of 6:00P.M. - 8:30P.M. This is the effort of the adults in the community to chip in towards raising enough money to buy roller skates for the Youth skating that they hope will be ready by the fall. The girls say that this will be the most delicious you could hope for. So why not mark your calendar right now and make a date for you and your family. You can eat all you can manage.
Adults: \$1:00: Kids(6-12) .50: Under 6 Free.

In conjunction with the Roller Skate Rink, the YOUTH CLUB had a Rummage Sale at the Center on the 25th, and 26th of August. Many and varied items were offered for sale and the kids made \$35.00. Well done, Kids! Anyone wishing to donate towards this cause please call 357-8206.

RIVIERA MOTORS TRAINING EXPERIMENT: Eight boys, ranging in age from 17 to 19, and chosen from all parts of the County, participated in a one month summer training program, sponsored by Riviera Motors Volkswagen. The boys were trained in Volkswagen mechanics. They worked in the shop with tools, parts and on used cars, and did study on text-book material.

Good work habits were stressed and needed to be reinforced only a few times. All eight boys stayed with the program, and passed the final exam successfully. Three of the boys are now employed with Volkswagen Dealers and further follow-up will be done by the Community Action office on the others. Riviera Motors feel that the program was beneficial for the boys and the company and they are seriously thinking of having another program next year with some modifications made on the basis of this years experience.

SHERWOOD AD HOC COMMITTEE FORMED: On Thursday, August 17, 1967 the group interested in the possibility of a Neighborhood Center for the Sherwood area, elected the Rev. Otis Harden, First Methodist Church, and the Sherwood Grange, Chairman of their ad hoc Committee. Agnes Mandel was chosen Secretary. A Vice-Chairman will be elected on September 13. At their last meeting they set Tuesday, October 10 - the target date for a General Meeting, when they plan the election of their permanent Council. The efforts of the committee have given rise to much local interest, and many questions are being asked and answered.

G.E.D. CLASSES IN THE COUNTY:

North Plains: Place - The Catholic Rectory

Day & Time - Monday & Thursday - 7:00-9:30P.M.

Teachers - Dave Gillespie & Jeannie Barbie

In July 3 students passed the G.E.D. class. Congratulations!

Timber: Place - The Timber Neighborhood Center.

Day & Time - Tuesday & Thursday - 7:00-9:30P.M.

Cornelius: Classes will resume on Monday, September 11th

Place - Cornelius Grade School

Day & Time - Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday

8:00-10:00P.M.

The VML is to be commended for providing this wonderful educational opportunity, and the Community Action Neighborhood Centers are most happy to cooperate in whatever way they can.

ARTS & CRAFTS CLASSES: An Arts and Crafts Class started in the Timber Neighborhood Center on Monday, August 21. The ladies were off to a fine start with fifteen attending and Mrs. Shirley England of Timber as instructor. Shirley is a recent resident in the Timber area and is very well qualified to conduct the class. The class meets on Monday at 7:00 P.M.

YOUTH CLUB - NORTH PLAINS: On Saturday, August 19 some 34 youths and seven chaperones left North Plains for an all day outing at Seaside, Oregon. All returned home safe and sound after a very enjoyable trip.

On Friday last, the kids had a dance at the Community Hall in North Plains. Some forty kids kicked their heels for a few hours, and seemed to enjoy themselves. More are planned for the future