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COUNTY COMMISSION LOOKS AT COMMUNITY ACTION--AGAIN

Economic Opportunity Act Amendments enacted by the last session of congress places the authority for conducting Community Action squarely with the Washington County Commission. This does not mean that the commission must replace WCCAO or the neighborhood councils, although that is one course of action open to them. Three major alternatives are available to the commission, and a multitude of variations are possible within those alternatives.

This situation is what led to the public hearing, held March 12, at the commission meeting. By my count, 29 people including Marko Haggard of Governor McCall's office and many local people from our service center areas, made presentations before the commissioners. Most presentations were expressions of activities being conducted under WCCAO Authority, and statements of support for WCCAO, its Board of Directors, and Staff Members.

The response was heart warming and impressively demonstrated the effectiveness we have achieved. However, I left the hearing with the uneasy feeling that the commission had not been entirely candid with the audience by not clearly stating alternatives and problems being considered by the County Government. I was also concerned by the apparent distrust of the audience for commission involvement in Community Action. I think this could have been largely overcome had the commission presented a clear explanation of its considerations.

My personal feeling is that proper and responsible involvement of elected officials can greatly strengthen Community Action. Hopefully, such involvement would lead to greater understanding and communications between community groups and elected officials.

It is now time to set aside past misunderstandings and hard feelings in order to get on with the job of making Washington County a better community for all of its citizens, especially those with problems.

A final hearing on the commission decision will be held, April 9, at the regular commission meeting. Dr. Jones and I will be working with the Commission prior to that meeting to try to work out a constructive arrangement, and arrange for a specific proposal to be presented at the April 9 meeting.

Hugh G. Rosenberg
Executive Director.

CLINICS, CLINICS, CLINICS—NORTH PLAINS and TIMBER: As mentioned in the last edition of our Newsletter, Dr. James Stewart, County Public Health Officer, and his staff have visited our area councils and discussed health problems with the local people. As a result of these meetings Dr. Stewart has come up with a plan to hold well-baby and immunization clinics in each of the centers, ~~on a regular basis.~~ *regularly* A clinic will be held in each center every other month, with every second clinic being a well-baby clinic. Dr Stewart has secured the services of a pediatrician from the University of Oregon Medical School for the well child clinics, and she will examine the babies on a regular basis. This will give the parents and the doctor a chance to get to know each other.

Our two last clinics were held in North Plains and Timber on February 29, and March 7, ~~respectively.~~ Both were immunization Clinics. The North Plains clinic reached 48 people, 42 of whom were pre-schoolers of low income families. The Timber clinic took care of 35 babies and pre-schoolers.

The interesting thing about the 35 babies served by the Timber clinic is that several months ago the question was raised as to the need for such clinics in the Timber area. The response was that there was no need due to the apparent fewness of the babies in the immediate area. So evidently the staff and the center are making some discoveries.

Another interesting development is the way the clinics have become more effective in bringing other health needs to the attention of the people. We now really work on 3 clinics at the same time. This month, Mrs. Mary Sackett, Health Nurse, at the Family Planning clinic was on hand at Timber to inform and introduce the mothers to the Family Planning Clinic operation, and she did a wonderful job. *Wood* Besides this the staff try to find out the Dental needs of the children, and if they need help their application is forwarded to the dental clinic for an appointment.

*Dr. Jones
Cost \$27. per
hr. for
min. cost
at Staff
meeting.*

Now
UPPER TUALATIN COMMUNITY CENTER: On March 1, 1968, our newest center *opened at* threw open its doors for operation. It is located in the Sleischaur Building on Front Ave. Gaston and right next door to the Beauty Salon. The staff have been busy with training, and getting to know community resources, and the needs of the local people.

At their last meeting on February 27, the advisory Council selected Mr. Reed Clark, Cherry Grove, as their new Chairman, since Evelyn Crock, now a staff person, had to step down. Interest is growing every day in the area and with the leadership of Reed and his group, great things are sure to happen. To get things started and swinging the group *WOW* have decided to meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday.

They have also decided to open the center on Saturdays and for the present the schedule is from Tuesday to Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Phone: 985-8851.

THANKS: To Mr. Charles Noble of Noblecraft Industries for the donation of a wood jointer machine to the Timber center. This is the first piece of equipment for the wood-work shop that the Timber center is working on. The proceeds of the recent rummage sale in Timber is earmarked for the acquisition of some more equipment for the workshop.

THANKS: Also to the Active 20-30 Club of Hillsboro, and their president, Mr. Alan Mitts, for the 3-shelf Bookcase and huge table that the club made for the Head Start program in North Plains.

SKATING RINK A REALITY—TIMBER: The Timber Youth Club, The Area Council and indeed the whole community are to be commended on completing their skating rink project. Over the past several months they have had a potluck dinner, a sausage and pancake supper, car washes, etc. to raise the necessary money to repair and refinish the floor. The job is now done and the kids and the adults are having a ball flying round the gym floor. The rink is open on Tuesday evening and at any time for any group of local kids, if they have adult supervision.

CONGRATULATIONS to James Stout and Paul Mohr who recently passed the GED test. Good work guys and I am sure Mike Dalton and Karen Wright, Tutors, at the Sherwood center. Proud of both of you. Mike tells me that 3 more of his pupils will soon be ready to take the test. All the best, Fellows, and let's have our congratulations on the next Newsletter. Right? Right. *This is a sentence* *RIGHT as Pete*

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CO-OP WORKSHOP: Saturday, February 17, 1968 was the day for the Timber Co-op Workshop held at the center. It was the consensus of all present that it was one of the most informative seminars in most of our experiences. This was due to the high caliber of the resource people, who gave of their time and knowledge. What a panel of helpful people, and they were from Oregon State Extension Service, OEO, Cooperative League, SBA, FHA, Pacific Supply Coop, Western Oregon Electrical Co op, BAND, State Forestry, International Paper.

So
The Practical Result of the workshop, as far as the Timber people are concerned, was the decision by the Timber Area Council and the Vernonia Action

Group, who have joined them, to apply for funds for a feasibility study. The School of Forestry at Oregon State University and the Oregon State Extension Service are willing to make a sizeable contribution to the study. Besides there is the word from Mr. Ira Kaye, Chief, Rural Service Division, CEO, that the necessary funds may be available to start the study. An application is being prepared.

CLOTHES CLOSETS---TIMBER AND SHERWOOD: Both the Timber and Sherwood centers have now a very fine clothes closet in each of the centers. The selection of clothes is varied and of high quality. People in the areas are drawing on them more and more. So if you know of a family who needs some clothes do send them to the closets.

"MOP UP MEASLES" SUNDAY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

WHEN? On Sunday, March 31, 1968, 11: a.m. -- 4: p.m.

For Whom? All children between the ages of ONE and TWELVE who have never had measles, or who have not already received measles' vaccine.

WHERE TO GO? The Clinics Will Be Held at:

BEAVERTON HIGH SCHOOL

FOREST GROVE UNION HIGH SCHOOL

HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL

TIGARD UNION HIGH SCHOOL

WHO IS SPONSORING IT? The all-out effort will be sponsored jointly by the Washington County Medical Society and the Health Department, with the cooperation of the Oregon Medical Association and the Oregon State Board of Health.

WHAT IS THE COST? Although there is no fixed charge, a donation of 50¢ per child is requested, to partially defray costs of the vaccine.

BRING YOUR CHILD TO THE HIGH SCHOOL NEAREST YOU.