

CAP NEWS

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WCCAO - Annual Meeting and Election: The annual meeting of the Washington County Community Action Organization, Inc. was held on Wednesday, May 14, 1969 at the Congregational Church in Hillsboro, Oregon. Elections to the Board of Directors for the year 1968-1969 were also held.

Louise Rice, Board Chairman and Jerry Anderson, Program Director showed slides of events that have taken place during the last year.

The annual report was presented by Louise Rice as follows:

"Philosophy of Washington County Community Action Organization has been to help those in poverty to make changes in their ability to deal with their problems, so that they no longer need help and can in turn help others."

Although the philosophy has not changed, the ways in which Community Action is putting it to work is changing.

1. Most of the early effort went into providing supplemental and emergency services to take care of immediate needs.
2. Emphasis now is being placed on projects that will help make long range improvements in living conditions.

1968/69 programs included 4 neighborhood centers, 3 youth activity centers, 1 summer Headstart, 2 winter Headstarts, individual basic education tutoring, 4 GED classes, and 1 job development and job corps recruiting project. These programs were concentrated in, but were not limited to the rural areas of Washington County.

During program year "C" (March 1, 1969 - February 28, 1970), WCCAO will conduct four neighborhood service centers, one multi-service center, two summer Headstart programs, two winter Headstarts, one basic education and GED PROJECT, and an Economic Development work training project.

WCCAO received \$219,038.00 from OEO and \$45,343.00 of local shares and in-kind donations for Program year "B". We anticipate \$235,384.00 of OEO funding and \$63,886.00 of local share and in-kind for program year "C".

The following people have been elected to serve on the Board of Directors for Washington County Community Action Organization for the coming year: Cliff Cameron, Tom Catron, Janet Davis, Mitch Greenlick, Jean Hedrick, Don McKown, Orville Nilsen, Red Sisk, George Skosberg, and Stewart Slinger, from the private sector.

WCATI (Western Community Action Training, Inc.) Report by Louise Rice, Board Member-WCATI I would like to share my experiences and impressions during my trip to San Francisco as a board member of Western Community Action Training, Inc.

When I arrived I found WCATI had booked me with a roommate from Hawaii, Dorothy Nebriga. We talked far into the night and found even though we lived across the ocean from each other, we both wanted the same things for our families. We became such good friends we decided we would like to share a room together at our next board meeting.

Our first day was a training meeting from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. After the meeting ten of us went out for dinner. We were a well-rounded group, coming from different states and representing six nationalities, but I found the most interesting person to be Elias Joseph, an Eskimo, from Alakanuk, Alaska. It took Elias one week to get to our board meeting. He lives in a village where there is only one phone in a company store, a school house and a CAP office. He took a bush plane and had to change planes four times. He told me that his people had become interested in Community Action Programs because of their Headstart Program. The people in the village of Alakanuk had an average of a third grade education, but they now have a GED class with two-thirds of the village in the class.

I felt that during this two day board meeting I had been given the opportunity to meet and talk to people that are really interested in our CAP programs and care what happens to our whole program and to us as people.

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John Ulrich, Headstart Director

There are many different but related early childhood development programs for the disadvantaged or handicapped children, all of which are offering services to the Washington County Community; Head Start, Day Care Centers under various administrations and structures, various others offered by agencies and organizations, even private industry.

Four C is simply a method allowing the programs already in existence to coordinate their services, pool their resources, and share in the advantages of cutting red-tape and eliminating duplications...without losing their individual identities.

A Steering Committee has been meeting for several months, working out details and planning. On Saturday, June 7, from 9:30 to 2:00 o'clock, there will be a WORKSHOP to explore in depth the whole area of child services. It will be held in the Fellowship Annex of the Congregational Church at 5th and Main in Hillsboro. Plenty of coffee will be available and a buffet lunch will be served. IT IS ALL FREE! It is open to anyone interested. If you, as an interested individual, do not receive a mailed invitation, come anyway! If you do plan to come, let us know ahead of time: Contact John Ulrich, Head Start Director, Washington County Community Action Organization, 558 S. E. 10th, Hillsboro, Oregon. Telephone - 648-7169.

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HOPE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY CENTER (AREA) NEWS: The spaghetti dinner and dance, held April 26, at the Banks Legion Hall, was a huge success. More than a hundred people attended. Deedee Olson, the chef of the feast and her handsome, hardworking husband, Phil, kept the food coming. Lucinda Bino worked very hard to help Deedee as did Glenn and Sandy Aust. We ran out of spaghetti four times, but eventually everyone was fed. Through the efforts of Bea and Kirk Kuykendall, a band from Beaverton under the direction of Steve Croeni, provided dance music until eleven o'clock. Don Kennedy of Buxton played rhythm guitar with the band and sang. (Glenn Campbell had better watch out for competition!) A mother-daughter team of Roxana and Margaret Stubblefield also sang, much to everyone's delight. Harriet Cox, singer and music teacher, accompanied Nadine Siegal in a group of songs from "Sound of Music".

Babysitting was provided by Carolyn Bellish, Peggy LaGore, Valerie and Joanna Nichols and Jeanette Williams. Stanley Noble and his mother, Delphy Noble, pitched in and helped with all sorts of odd jobs that have to be done to make an evening like this the success it was.

Six delicious, delectable cakes were donated for door prizes by Winnifred Cieloha, Pat Kahlor, Pat Chamberlain, Donna Davis and Sandy Aust. Decorations were made by Teresa Carson and her daughters-Diana, Molly and Janice, along with Bea Kuykendall, Margaret and Roxana Stubblefield and Delphy Noble, also Doris Davis. Artistic posters by the Carsons and Barbara Alley helped tell the world about the event. It was a real community effort enjoyed by all.

Have you seen the sign for our Center? A thirteen year old boy from Buxton, Tolbert Lovelady, painted it for us. Tolbert is a talented, promising young artist who hopes to be taking lessons shortly through the Recreation Program Sandy Aust is working on.

QUONSET HUT: Mack Watts, Robert Byrd, Jim and Richard Smith went to Roseburg April 17 and disassembled and hauled a ninety foot Quonset Hut back to Buxton. It will be stored until ready for use, and a portion of the hut will be reassembled on the site of the old Timber school for community use.

The Women's Club is now meeting each Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. for a fun session of diet talk, exercises (wear slacks and bring an old blanket) and mutual self-help. Immediately following is our sewing class. Come and learn how to make clothes for yourself and your family. Mrs. Frances Hills is our able, sympathetic instructor.

REMODELING PLANS: Mack Watts has taken charge of plans to make the second story of the Grange Hall usable for the many activities of our Center. First project is to build an outside stairway. Volunteers who would like to help, please contact the center.

TIMBER CLEANUP DAY: Marjorie Wilcox, Council Chairman, sent out some very clever invitations, made from plain brown paper sacks, for a cleanup day at the Timber school grounds, Saturday, May 3. The women of the community provided lunch, and a good, constructive time was had by all.

MEDICAL SELF-HELP CLASSES: Beginning Monday, May 12, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Kirk Kuykendall will teach a course of 11 lessons in Emergency Medical Self-Help. These classes, which are free, are open to everyone from age 12 on up. The knowledge of what to do in an emergency could mean the difference between life and death for someone you love. Contact the center for more information and registration for the Class. Telephone No. 648-7169.

POLICE PROTECTION: A number of persons in the area have expressed an interest in some form of expanded police protection. Sheriff Warren Barnes will speak at the Grange Hall Thursday, May 8, at 8:00 p.m., on how to set up such a program. All interested people, women as well as men, are urged to attend.

UPPER TUALATIN COMMUNITY CENTER (Gaston) NEWS:

CLINICS: An Immunization and Well-Baby Clinic was held in the Upper Tualatin Neighborhood Center at Gaston on April 24th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. We had a very good turnout as 25 children were at the clinic. A total of 22 adults attended, including the Doctor, nurses and center staff, three fathers and mothers of the children. We had planned to discontinue the clinics, but Dr. Gratch and Health Nurse Helen Earlandson were so pleased with the turnout, we have decided to have another clinic in about three months.

Through the combined efforts of the County Health Department and the Gaston Center Staff, a T.B. testing clinic was held at the Gaston Center the 5th of May from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Persons taking the test will return the next week to find out results of the tests. Notices concerning the T.B. Clinic were placed in the school through the use of flyers, and posters were placed in many locations in the area. The T.B. testing was free of charge and everyone was welcome to partake of the T.B. clinic, even if they did not live in the immediate area. 79 persons were able to partake of the services of the Health Department through this T.B. clinic.

GED CLASSES: GED tests will be given to 7 people who have been attending classes in the Gaston Cap Office. Everyone is biting their finger nails and studying very hard so they can pass. We would like to continue these classes after the tests for those who will not be taking the tests this time and also for those that have just started to attend the GED Class.

ART CLASS: Classes have been temporarily cancelled, but will be starting again soon. Students will be informed of the time and place. At our next Council meeting a date will

be set for our annual Art Exhibit. There is no charge and everyone will be invited to come and see what we have been doing. Mrs. Arnold Jensen has invited us to exhibit at the Hillsboro Library through the month of August.

NORTH PLAINS AREA DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (Community Center News): On April 30, Florine Sepulveda left her position as aide at the North Plains Center. We regret that Florine will no longer be with us. North Plains also lost Jim Carte, Center's Coordinator for the last two years, on May 15. We wish both of them all happiness and success in their coming endeavors.

Roy Vann has been appointed temporary Community Worker II, and as of June 9, Helen Affolter will be serving as secretary at the North Plains Community Center.

North Plains held open house for the Washington County Community Action Organization in their newly decorated Recreation Center on April 14, 1969. We were very pleased to see so many people in attendance and welcomed the compliments from our guests on the appearance of our center.

Another open house was held for the general public on April 19. Many people attended and seemed to enjoy themselves.

On April 22, the North Plains Community Center was host to the "A-C" Committee meeting.

TRI-CITY YOUTH CENTER: A meeting of the Tri-City Youth group was held on May 3, 1969. The meeting was called to order by Mike Dalton, and presided over by Mel Chrisman, John Moses, Corrine Lahti and Mike Dalton. Thirty-nine youths, twelve adults and one reporter attended.

The By-Laws were read in part by Mike Dalton and Corrine Lahti. Although an interpretation of the By-Laws was attempted, an apparent incomprehension by the youths brought forth the motion by Mike Dalton that the By-Laws be written and altered by the youths in their own language. This motion was unanimously passed. A committee of youths was democratically chosen after several of the members had volunteered. Each of the members age groups are represented, and one of the youth advisors will be present at the meeting scheduled for May 5. The committee members are as follows: Robin Saleen, Julie England, Debbie Weese, Muriel Heffer, Cindy England, Phyllis Biederman, Rena Heffer, Elizabeth Swaggon, Kym Weese, John Wozniak, Steve Sedivec, Jimmy Saleen, and Dan Cochran. The By-Laws and the officers for the Youth Board of Directors were voted upon Saturday, May 10. Bulletins and Letters were sent out and posted prior to the meeting.

Proposals for summer activities were made. Excursions to the Beach, Mt. Hood, the state capitol, Beaver Baseball games, fairs, Oaks Park, Jantzen Beach, swimming, horseback-riding, bike rides, hiking, etc., were suggested by the youths. Mel Chrisman suggested excursions to the Capitol Building, and movies for the Center-- we could charge for the first movie and give the purchaser a free ticket to the next movie-- in this way, we could support having a movie a month. The reporter present suggested a trip to the State Penitentiary, with valid reasoning---it is a worthwhile adventure for the growing up and maturing of our youths. The youths stated that they would like such an excursion.

A membership card was mentioned. For the purchase of these cards, which would be 50¢, the participant would be allowed three free activities in a three month period -- one activity per month. The youths appeared to be in favor of the proposal, to be voted upon at the May 10 meeting.

Further proposals concerning the age limit of participants at THE HOUSE will be voted upon at the May 10 meeting. Voting on the May 3 meeting concerning whether or not youths under thirteen years old should be allowed the same privileges that the older youths are allowed (specifically the use of the Center throughout the hours that the Center is open) resulted in a 7 to 1 vote favoring the plight of the younger members of our community.

The May 10 meeting will also ask for suggestions for raising funds. Pat Smiley suggested we start saving green stamps--we suggested a drive for the valuable stamps.

Committees to make arrangements for dances, chaperons, etc are being formed as the youth council elected May 10 takes office and makes plans for the coming year.

Other results of the May 10 meeting were decisions made on the following proposals as follows:

It was voted that conduct, not age, would be the determining factor in participation in activities at the youth center.

It was voted that Membership cards would be issued (as stated above)

No decision was made regarding a drive to save green stamps.

The question of changing the name of the Youth Center (THE HOUSE) to something else was decided against by popular vote.

TRI-CITY COMMUNITY CENTER (SHERWOOD) NEWS: To help raise money for the rent of our center a white elephant sale was held at the Flea Market at the Tualatin Odd Fellows Hall on Saturday, May 3. Girls who helped were Louise Olsen, Muriel Heffer, and Phyllis Biederman.

Clothing and furniture have both been donated this month. We still need boys clothing in all sizes.

Tri-City Community Action is assisting with the Sherwood Council on Aging. A meeting was held at the center on May 12. We extend a cordial invitation to anyone interested in this group to attend future meetings as they are planned.

We have provided approximately 52 job referrals during the last two months. Of these 12 were employed. Our NYC secretary transferred to Portland, and we have a new NYC secretary, Alice Baker. In our Tri-City restaurant we have an OJT trainee, Kathy Walsh. The restaurant also has three high school students helping serve during lunch.

Housing: Three more families have applied for the Farmers Home Loan for low income persons. Two families have their final approval and one of these should be in their new home as of this newsletter date.

We also helped find five rentals for families in need of housing.

Abundant Food & Emergency Food: Abundant Food was picked up and delivered to 19 families. Emergency food was purchased for a family needing help in our area. The money was donated for this purpose by an individual who prefers to remain anonymous.

Mrs. Beihn, President of the Golden Age Club in Sherwood, has been elected Vice-President of the Washington County Council on Aging.

GED Classes: Testing for GED classes has been held recently at the I.E.D. Center in Hillsboro. Results for the people tested have been most gratifying and the students and instructors are to be congratulated on their fine showing. The various classes completed all or part of the tests as follows:

North Plains - Five people took the tests. Of these five, two people graduated, one person completed 3 units, one completed 4 units, and one completed 2 units. The three persons who have not completed the 5 units (batteries) required are continuing to attend GED classes at the North Plains classes and everyone passed the tests for which they had registered.

Manning - A new class of 12 students and three of those students, registered, will be taking tests of all or part of the five units (batteries) in June.

Sherwood - There have been fourteen graduations this year and on May 16 and 17 six students took the GED tests at the I.E.D. Center in Hillsboro. Of this group four graduated and the remaining two took tests in four of the five units (batteries) and passed.

Hillsboro - A new class of 12 students which meets at the County Extension Building on Monday and Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Testing will be scheduled as students in the class are ready.

Gaston - This GED class presently has 10 students. From this class six persons took the tests on May 16 and 17. From this group three completed all tests for graduation. One student completed 3 batteries, one student - 2 batteries, and one student - 1 battery. All students passed the tests for which they had registered.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, CLASSES - May, June 1969

GED Classes are held as follows:

North Plains Community Center - Meets every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Students can come anytime during these hours. For information call Telephone No. 77-5515.

Manning - Hope Community Center - Meets every Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., call Telephone No. 324-3455.

Sherwood - Tri-City Community Center - Meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. Call Sherwood Telephone No. 625-6893 for information.

Hillsboro (County Extension Building): Meets every Monday and Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Gaston, Upper Tualatin Community Center - Meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Call Gaston Telephone No. 985-8851 for information.

Information concerning all of these classes can also be had by calling the Washington County Community Action Office in Hillsboro, Telephone No. 648-7169.

Friday

May 23 - Rummage Sale (sponsored by No. Plains Youth at the North Plains Recreation Center,

Saturday

May 24 - Rummage Sale at North Plains Recreation Center continues

" " - Art Show & Bake Sale at Cherry Grove Gym.

Sunday

May 25 - Art Show & Bake Sale at Cherry Grove Gym

Monday

May 26 - "4-C" Steering Committee Meeting at 8 p.m. - Congregational Church-Hillsboro

Tuesday

May 27 - Tri-City Board Meeting at 8 p.m. at Sherwood Center

Wednesday

May 28 - Washington County Community Action Organization Board Meeting at I.E.D. office in Hillsboro. Time 8:00 p.m.

Monday

June 2 - Tri-City (Sherwood) Board of Director's Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday

June 5 - Well-Child Clinic - No. Plains Recreation Center

" 5 - Housing Community Meeting at 8:00 p.m. CAP office - Hillsboro

Friday or Saturday

June 6 or

" 7 - Benefit dance for Susie Lang - Gaston Community Hall at 9:00 p.m. - Check with Gaston center Tel. No. 985-8851.

" 7 - "4-C" Informational Workshop at Congregational Church - Friendship Building free luncheon. Any interested persons welcome. Hours-9:30 to 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday

June 10 - Education Committee Meeting 12 noon, CAP office - Hillsboro

Thursday

June 12 - Seminar - Congregational Church, Hillsboro at 11:30

" " - WCCAO Executive Board Meeting at Merrill's Restaurant at 12 noon

Friday

June 13 - Rummage sale at North Plains Recreation Center - sponsored by St. Edwards Catholic Church.

Saturday

June 14 - Rummage Sale at North Plains Recreation Center - sponsored by St. Edwards Catholic Church.

Wednesday

June 18 - Washington County Community Action Organization Board Meeting (location not decided)

Tuesday

June 24 - Tri-City Board Meeting at 8:00 p.m. at Tri-City Community Center (Sherwood)

Thursday

June 26 - Seminar - Congregational Church at Hillsboro at 11:30 a.m.