

GAP NEWS

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UPPER TUALATIN COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS: We had a very nice Well Baby Clinic with twenty-four children, six mothers and two fathers attending. We can't praise Dr. Gratch and nurse Helen Earlanderson enough, they are both very nice and very efficient.

The recently formed Teen Club in the Gaston Area is going great. The kids had their second dance Saturday, September 28th. Had a good turn-out and everyone likes the music played by our teen band, "The Apostles". Mr. Bradley Brown has been coming out from Portland to help the kids with their music. He offered to help any boy or girl in the area to learn to play any instrument of their choice free of charge. He is a fine musician and this is an opportunity for anyone interested.

The kids will have a meeting every Tuesday at 6:00 P.M. At their last meeting the 5th of this month, they discussed fund raising projects and decided to start with a Bake Sale the 26th of October, with another dance in the near future. Some of the kids are going to go house to house and collect pop bottles the 10th.

Gary Anderson was introduced to all present. He is our new work-study boy from Pacific University, who will replace Linda Davis and will be working with Sandy Hammers from now on; Welcome Gary, we are glad to have you.

We will be starting G.E.D. classes very soon in the Upper Tualatin Neighborhood Center office. Anyone interested, contact Evelyn Crook or Mary Embree at the office in Gaston.

Rev. Demara of Cherry Grove says the jeep donated for the Volunteer Police there, is in very good working condition after Mr. Brooks gave it a tune-up and fixed the light switch. The fellows are thinking about a new paint job on it.

The annual Smorgasbord will be in the Cherry Grove School Gym the 12th of Oct., starting at 4:00 P.M. They didn't have it last year, but hope to make up for it this year. All you can eat for \$ 2.00; students \$ 1.00.

At our last community meeting, three new council members were elected. Maxine Cox; Irene Pearson; and Lorna Mae Irwin.

Eleven new students have enrolled in Evelyn Crook's oil painting classes. Six adults and five children. This makes twelve adults and ten children attending classes regularly. Some of the students from last year will be coming back soon. The adult class is held in the Gaston Community Hall on Mondays and the childrens class is held in Cherry Grove School Gym on Saturday. There is going to be a lot of painting going on in this area this winter.

TRI-CITY COMMUNITY ACTION(SHERWOOD) NEWS:

Immunization Clinic was held Thursday September 26th. The I O O F Hall in Sherwood was donated for our use. Mrs Juanita Floyd volunteered her help. We had a smaller attendance this time as many of the children have completed their shots.

Head Start program is ready to begin in this area. So far eighteen children have qualified. A meeting was held Oct. 2 at our office and a Parents Advisory Board was selected. Mrs. Ann McFarling was appointed as temporary chairman. We have several parents and individuals who have offered their help.

THE HOUSE (Youth Center) located in Tualatin is getting off to a good start. The youths and adults have been painting, decorating, cleaning, and sanding floors. They now have a pool table, juke box, and various vending machines. Half of the take from these machines goes to the youth center to help pay expenses. Meetings have been held to appoint officers and a committee for by-laws.

A teen dance was held Sept. 28th at the Tualatin Grade School and another is scheduled for Oct. 26th at St. Anthony's School in Tigard.

NORTH PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS: The Recreation Center at North Plains is getting under way with the hiring of two work-study students; Pat Delaney of Pacific University and Mike Jamison of Portland State. They will be at the center evenings and week-ends to initiate and supervise activities in which the kids show an interest. The parents on the Recreation Board will lend a hand also.

Five ladies from North Plains attended the first Family Forum session Monday Oct. 7th in the Forest Grove Day Care Center and enjoyed it immensely. They said it was a wonderful opportunity to relax over a cup of coffee and talk with other women about common problems, knowing all the while their children were having a big time downstairs in the nursery.

Jim Carte, the Center Coordinator completed a training session in Hillsboro for Laubach Literacy Tutoring. Florine Sepulveda is going to the Division of Continuing Education Certification program in Portland. Both of the staff are gaining new learning and skills to be used in their Center and Community.

HOPE COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS: Due to the unfortunate happening of the Center being destroyed by fire; there has been a great deal of activity going on in finding a new home and equipment. The morale of the council was very good; and they have found a new home for the Center. The staff shall be working in the area shortly.

LAUBACH: There will be a Laubach Literacy workshop in the basement of the Congregational Church, fifth and Main in Hillsboro on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday the 28th - 30th - and 1st of November from 7 to 10 P.M. Please contact: Mel Crisman - 648-7169 to register for the workshop.

IN MEMORIUM:

It was with great sorrow that I learned of Ken Glover's untimely death Monday, October 7th. Ken was one of Washington County Community Action Organization's original board members and served sincerely and constructively until the time of his death. Ken was always active in the CAP board's decision making and as such, he worked in the best interest of the community, the poor, and Community Action. He was dedicated to the goals of The War on Poverty. He argued for what he thought was right rather than what was popular, and as a result had both friends and enemies in the community. My friendship with Ken was maybe typical of many; it had both it's ups and it's downs. But Ken was my friend.

Hugh Rosenberg

Arrangements are pending Kenny's return from Vietnam and will be held at Donelson, Sewell, and Mathews Mortuary in Hillsboro.

Dan is working out of the Hillsboro office at 558 S.E. 10th, Hillsboro— Phone 648-7169.

We have lost Retta Knothe to a new program called Basic Education and Work Orientation; hoping she will be back and visit as much as possible.

At the regular meeting of the council, Tues., Oct. 1st, which was held at Mr. Grimsley; Dan Buehner was promoted to Coordinator of the Center. We are interviewing, so hope to have an aide soon.

Clyde Grimsley and Jim DeYoung flew to Othello, Washington with Hugh Rosenberg to pick up a dump truck, which is now down at Jim DeYoungs. It will be used on roads that the County does not take care of, and to haul equipment for the Center. There is also a Panel truck at Jim's Station which will be used in hauling groups of people to and from activities.

Dan Buehner is going to Portland Community College beginning Oct. 15th for Community Workers Upgrading. He has also been certified as a Laubach Basic Education Instructor, which he will be using in the future, to help people learn to read and upgrade their reading skills.

HEAD START NEWS: For various reasons, Head Start will be located in two widely separate areas of Washington County when the new full year program begins in Mid-October.

The grant provides for forty-five children. About half of that number will attend Head Start in the Community Hall at Banks, and will include eligible children from North Plains, and the general area served by the Banks School district.

The other half of the program will be at the West Hills Unitarian Fellow-Ship pre-school buildings in Metzger where a two-day-a-week volunteer school was conducted last year. Served at Metzger is the Tri-City, Metzger-Garden Home suburban area.

In the preliminary surveys of site locations, we have found community interest and cooperation to be what can only be described as excellent. At the risk of complacency, and a certain blowing of our own horn, we point to the successful summer program at Manning as some basis for the community and parental enthusiasm we have found in establishing a full year program at Banks. Enthusiasm and interest in the Metzger area was built in.

WORK AND TRAINING NEWS: Since beginning as Work and Training Officer for CAP I have learned it is not finding jobs for people, but instead finding people for jobs; besides going to the employment office every day and obtaining a list of 20+ jobs, we also began to contact employers directly.

In attending the meeting at the Oregon State Department of Labor, we met with Roy Ziegler for an orientation of current Oregon Labor. We went to the Labor Department and obtained the new directory of Oregon Manufactories which is excellent.

We have had the first training session for all the centers staff and now they will be referring people to us for screening and placement. There are 2 sets of 40 slides ordered for use in training in the centers prior to placing people in employment.

Retta Knothe