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## EDITORIAL

### THOSE FIRECRACKERS:

The fireworks display in Hillsboro and other communities is getting bigger and better each year. Little wonder that this year the cars were bumper to bumper on Main Street and Cornell Road for several hours before things began to happen on the evening of July 4th. Then with the arrival of darkness the show began. With a loud explosion the first firecracker appeared, spreading its light across the darkened sky. Then, almost as fast as it appeared the light was out - a flicker of light and then it was no more.

We in this country are fortunate that when the flicker of freedom did light our sky, it did not disappear as fast as it had come. But then freedom is something that never comes in a flash. Neither is 'happiness' or a 'better way of life'. Happiness must be pursued; a better way of life must be striven for, and freedom demands the full application of all our resources if it is to stay alive.

But 'free' as we are - and this is why there is a Fourth of July - the sad fact still remains that many, too many millions of our people still cry to be freed from poverty, from ignorance, and from the unequal opportunity to seek employment.

That is what the War on Poverty is all about. It is a commitment by our nation to secure the better way of life for all our citizens. It is the sparkling of the flame of freedom in all its dimensions in the hearts of many millions of our people. Their dreams of a better way of life for themselves and their families have been given a shot in the arm. But these dreams are yet far from being realized; victory has not yet been chalked up in this unique war. Lets only hope that one day history will record that victory did come, bringing with it the lasting light of a better way of life to all our citizens. Then those fireworks should bring us more satisfying thoughts

Peter M. Cullen

## TIMBER - MEETING WITH THE UNDER-SHERIFF

At the request of the people of Timber, Washington County Under-Sheriff, Charles Sherratt, met with them at the Neighborhood Center on June 14, 1967. Mrs. Marjorie Wilcox was chairman of the meeting and some forty three people were present. The people were concerned about what seemed to them to be a lack of law enforcement in their community. They felt that they were forgotten by the Sheriff's office. They were very frank in their questions to the Under-Sheriff, and discussed with him specific problems in their area. The meeting lasted over two hours, and there was a healthy exchange of views. As a result, the Sheriff's office is now better aware of the needs of the Timber area, and the people are more appreciative of the difficulties and limitations of the Sheriff's office. Congratulations to both parties.

Whether or not as a result of this 'get together', we are not sure, but the following day approximately 200 books were donated to the Timber Center by Under-Sheriff, Sherratt. Thanks 'Chuck', they are very much appreciated.

## NORTH PLAINS - HEAD START PROGRESS REPORT - IMPRESSIONS OF THE STAFF:

The overall picture is beginning to take shape nicely here in my room. I am constantly amazed at the progress that these kids are making in their adjustments to each other and to the adults in the room. Some who were shy and wouldn't talk to anyone at the beginning of the program, are now in the middle of everything. They are constantly learning new and better ways of working together, and are progressing very nicely in their daily schedule.

The main problem is in getting the ones here who need the program most. I must say that Mrs. Selmann has done an outstanding job of selling the program to the mothers that I have seen. The four who came to visit this morning, were more than enthusiastic about the whole thing. One mother of a child who is going to repeat first grade was very pleased with the progress that the child was making.

I would like to add, that my aides, both paid and volunteer, have been wonderful. They are the means of spreading myself over a much larger area than would have been possible under any other circumstances. They have made it possible to do in three weeks, what it would have taken several more to do in ordinary teaching.

The aides are good - they keep their eyes open to any opportunity to help, to relieve, to see detail, and to assist anywhere there is a need. Personally, I don't see how the program could succeed without them - certainly not with this scope. As far as I personally am concerned, this is the most gratifying teaching job that I have had in many years.

V. Dale Myrick, Head Teacher

Next month we will have a report from Judith Selmann, Social Worker, and Beth Sizer, Teacher.

## TIMBER - HOME ECONOMICS CLASS

For the first time in its history the Washington County Home Economics Extension Service reached out to the Timber area. In the person of Mrs. Betty J. Ashbaugh, the Extension Office conducted two classes in the Timber Neighborhood Center on June 20th and 27th. The first class was attended by fourteen interested ladies, and they had a demonstration on how to make jam. The second class was attended by twenty ladies and was on how to can and freeze vegetables.

The ladies seemed very pleased by the experience and they are now taking a correspondence course through the Extension Office on 'Food Shopping' in the hope of learning how to stretch their grocery dollar.

## NORTH PLAINS - MEDICARE INFORMATION DAY

North Plains Community Service Center held an Information Day on the Medicare Program on July 12, 1967. It was held at the Community Hall in North Plains. There was an afternoon session at 2:30 pm and an evening session at 7:30pm.

Mr. Dale Toll from the Social Security Office in Portland showed a movie and had a question and answer period afterward. The turn-out for both sessions was less than hoped for but those present enjoyed the movie, and their many questions were well answered by Mr. Toll.

## NORTH PLAINS - WELCOME ABOARD!

Father William Delplanche, Catholic Church, North Plains - Mrs. Midge Sheets and Mr. Don Murphy, who were recently elected to the Board of the North Plains Area Development Organization.

Mrs Don Murphy  
(Phyllis)