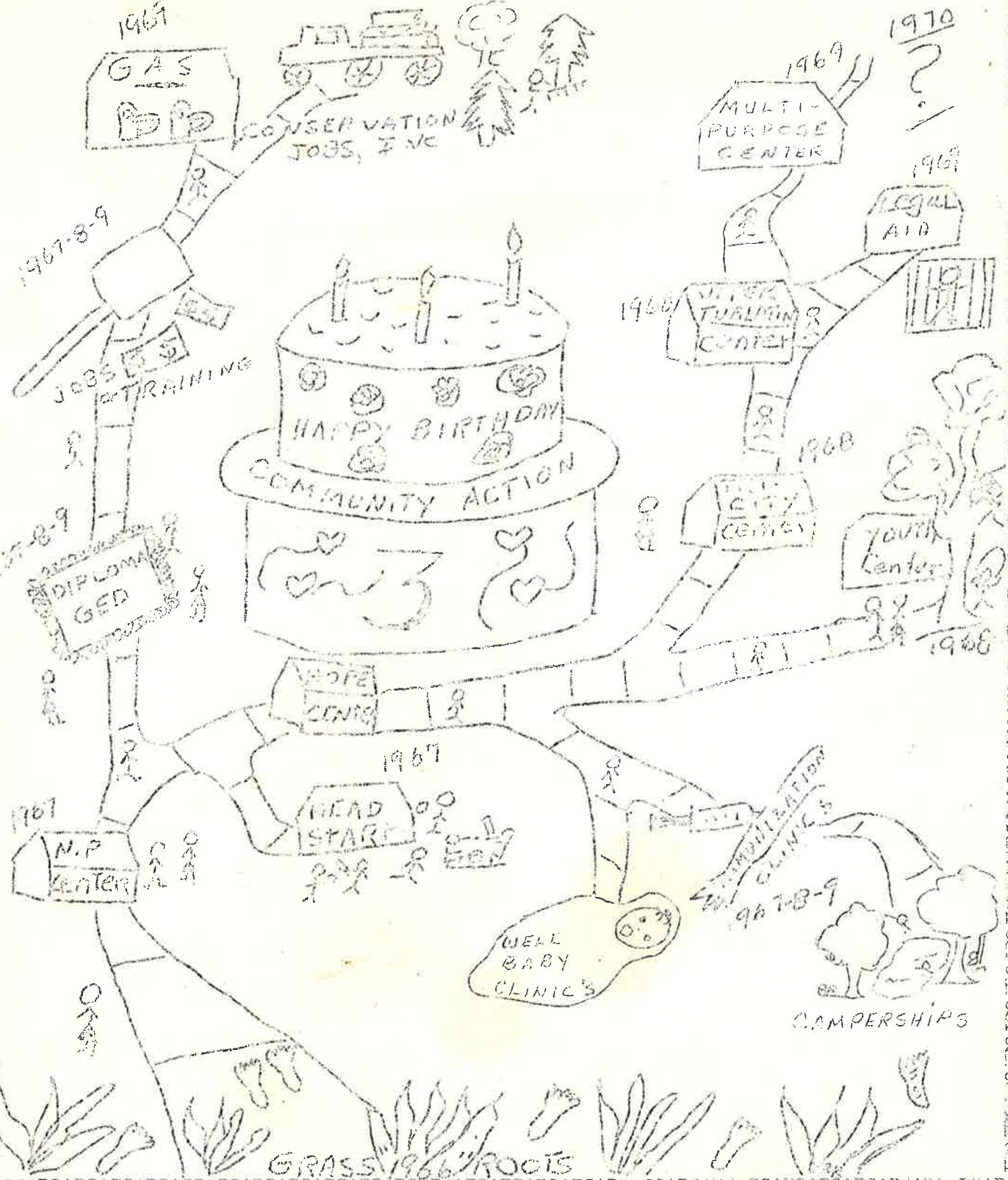


# CAP NEWS

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WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION ORG., INC., 558 S.E. 10th - Hillsboro, Ore. 9712



WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION, INC.

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In July, 1966, Washington County Community Action Organization opened an office in Hillsboro, Oregon. Previous to that time the board members of Washington County Community Action, with Dr. Donald Jones of Pacific University as Chairman, were an active, hard-working group who met almost every week to formulate policy and establish procedures to be followed by the Grass Roots Teams soon to start a survey of the county as a first step in a community action program.

The first employees in the Hillsboro office were Elizabeth Tuttle as Administrative Secretary, and Hugh Rosenberg as Administrative Director. In August, Kenneth Glover joined WCCAO as Director of "Grass Roots".

Shortly after this, interviews and hiring began for the two Grass Roots Survey Teams. On November 1, 1966 twelve people were brought together for the first time. This group consisted of two team captains and ten team aides. After two weeks of intensive training, which included exposure to federal, state and county agencies, and their services and working operations, the grass roots survey began.

This first phase of the community action program in Washington County involved survey, evaluation, and planning, to locate the low-income families, list by priority their needs and problems, and plan and instigate programs to combat poverty. As the months passed, needs of all areas of the county came into clear focus. The work of the Grass Roots Teams - searching and questioning - was the foundation on which Washington County Community Action built its present-day programs.

Of the original thirteen people involved in the Grass Roots Program, six continued or returned to employment with WCCAO. Dan Buehner, Jim Carte and Elda Anderson returned to private industry after spending several years in advanced positions with our community action program. Lucille Shaw, a team aide in Grass Roots, is now a secretary in the central office and has also worked as a North Plains Center Aide and a Field Secretary. Retta Knothe, after several years as Co-ordinator of the Hope Center now works as Work/Training Officer in the Central Office. Jean Sorensen, a former Team Captain, has returned to the program in the position of M.I.S. Co-ordinator and Newsletter Editor.

The cover page of our Newsletter tells the story of the growth of Washington County Community Action better than a 1,000 words, but as proud participants we would like to tell our readers of our four successful neighborhood centers, and the well-baby and immunization clinics sponsored by our centers in co-operation with the County Health Department. The G.E.D. classes in our centers plus others in donated space in parts of the county where need for classes has arisen. Our Youth Program has had success and failure, but as long as there are families the need for youth recreation programs will be with us and there will be people working toward successful recreation programs. As of our 3rd birthday, our Tri-City Center at Sherwood has a very successful youth activity program developed, and the Upper Tualatin Center at Gaston has just completed plans for a new community center at Cherry Grove which will have many youth-directed activities. Hope Center has an enthusiastic group of volunteer parents acting as advisors for the boys and girls in that area. The North Plains Center, under the leadership and guidance of Roy Vann is working with the youth of that area to earn money for campship fees and other possible activities.

Our job placement, through contact with private industry is a successful, on-going program which also ties in with our education classes and other community activities.

Efforts directed towards improved low-cost housing continue through our active and dedicated housing committee. Progress is slow, but we are encouraged by efforts of private organizations and churches of the county after being made aware of the housing problem through Community Action meetings and press releases.



Our newest program is Economic Development. Under the title of Conservation Jobs, Inc., it is directed to the training and employment of men in the logging industry. Contracts for logs have been established with lumber companies and as the men in this program learn the latest and most modern methods of doing this work, both the men and private industry profit from this program.

You, the readers of our Newsletter, can see Washington County Community Action has done many things in the past three years.

We are proud of these accomplishments, but most important, plans yet to be made or completed, changes and improvements are still ahead, and action, especially community action, is better than 1,000 words.

### WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION, INC. CELEBRATES THIRD BIRTHDAY

Friday, August 1, 1969, WCCAO celebrated the third year of its operation as an active community action program with a picnic at Damon's Hideaway. The use of Damon's Hideaway was contributed to Washington County Community Action by Mr. Damon Trout, owner of this beautiful and unique facility. Staff members from Community Action assisted Mr. Trout and his cooks in preparing the picnic buffet which was enjoyed by over 300 people.

In addition to celebrating our third year as a community action organization, the purpose of the picnic was to acknowledge services past and continuing by many dedicated persons of our area. Special acknowledgement was also given to G.E.D. graduates who had completed this course of work through extensive hard work and dedication beyond the usual circumstances of such achievement.

Mrs. Louise Rice, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Washington County Community Action, welcomed all those present at the picnic, and presented awards to the following individuals: Red Sisk - recognition for early board work on the Mariposa Committee and many other projects and committees.

Blair Pruess - commendation for early board work and continuing participation on the Education Committee.

Orville Nilcen - acknowledgement for his devotion to duty, and work on the Housing Committee.

George Skosberg - dedication to his early board work, general board assignments, and work on the CAP Evaluation team.

Hugh Rosenberg, Executive Director of Washington County Community Action, acted as Master of Ceremonies for the awards program. Before the awards presentation he gave a brief resume of the beginning of Community Action in Washington County, its growth and promise for the future.

Named as outstanding students in the Adult Education Project were the following G.E.D. graduates: Lois Dalton, Mary Embree, Patricia Gard, Leona Gouveia, Frances Hills, Carol Humble, Cliff Jefferies, Margaret Stope, Carol Thomas, Mary Wert, Rosalie Baker, Mary Kane and Mary Ann Sharp. Diplomas were presented to those graduates who had not yet received them.

Recipients of awards for outstanding staff accomplishments were:

Roy Vann - for exceptional work as a G.E.D. instructor in North Plains and Manning.

Retta Knothe - for her excellent work as Job-placement and work/training officer on the CAP staff and the follow-up work she has done in this position.

Mrs. Boutwell - for achievement in central office procedures and practices (or to quote Hugh Rosenberg as he made the presentation, "for bringing order out of chaos")

Ruth Tiner - for outstanding community work in the Tri-City Community Center area.

Mr. Arthur Cunningham of Component Building Supply (CBS) was presented with the award for "Outstanding co-operation from employers". The award was presented to Mr. Cunningham for his assistance and co-operation with the employment program conducted by Washington County Community Action.

Other awards presented were to Dr. Stewart and the County Health Department staff for their contributions to the people of Washington County. Dr. Donald Jones, first chairman of Washington County Community Action Organization's Board of Directors, for his untiring efforts and sacrifices for community action. Bob Warner, principal of North Plains School, for his leadership, inspiration and good example. Ted Brown and crew, for their work in the North Plains Migrant Project.

Everyone at the picnic seemed to enjoy themselves. The combination of excellent food, good friends - old and new, and the beautiful setting of Damon's Hideaway were among the reasons for the success of Washington County Community Action's first annual picnic. We want to especially thank Mr. Trout for the use of his facilities. Also a special thank you to the many staff members who worked on picnic preparations and helped in arranging for such a memorable day.

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NORTH PLAINS AREA DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (Community Center News)

North Plains Recreation Center - Telephone No. 647-5515  
Commercial Street (next to Post Office), North Plains, Oregon

Hillsboro's Clean-up Campaign is being ably assisted by Roy Vann, North Plains Community Worker, Scott May, Portland State Work/Study Community Worker and their 'contracting crew' of seven boys from the North Plains area. This crew is helping solve two problems at one time - to rid Hillsboro of unsightly weeds, long grass and blackberry vines; while giving the boys a way to earn some much-needed money, most of which will be used for a week's stay at summer camp. The work crew consists of Rex Jones, Tommy Watts, Paul Riley, David Moon, Wayne Budd and Randy Hughes.

G.E.D. Classes will begin at the North Plains Community Center on Monday, August 11. The class time is 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. every Monday afternoon. Doris Holmes has volunteered her services to recruit new members for this class, which is open to all interested in studying to acquire a general equivalency diploma. G.E.D. Classes are held at the North Plains Center on Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. also; however, it is "Men Only" for the Friday evening class. Any interested men can begin this class at their convenience.

The North Plains Area Council held a Rummage Sale on July 17, 18 and 19 and netted \$53.00 for the Campship Fund. Another Rummage Sale, along with an auction, is planned for August 21, 22 and 23.

On Monday, August 11, Linda Holmes will present "Hints on Beauty". Time: 8:00 p.m., at the North Plains Community Center. Everyone invited.

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TRI-CITY COMMUNITY CENTER (SHERWOOD) NEWS:

105-115 N. W. 1st - Telephone 625-6893  
Sherwood, Oregon 97140

The well-child clinic at the center was postponed until August 7. There will also be an

Immunization Clinic. Dr. Grauch will conduct the clinics. Hours are 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Housing: Two more families have applied for loans to purchase homes through the Farmer's Loan Administration. Two other families were helped with finding homes to rent.

Employment: Thirteen job referrals were given this month. Four jobs were obtained.

Abundant Food: Food was picked up and delivered to ten families who did not have their own transportation.

Emergency Help: Three families received emergency help this month. This assistance included making appointments with the Tualatin Valley Guidance Clinic, transportation and contacts for medical emergencies and working with the Welfare office where there was need of immediate financial assistance. Our office helped with money management and other personal problems as was needed in times of family problems.

Clothes Closet: Five families received clothing and furniture this last month. These families had a total of thirty-one children and we were able to find clothing for all of them.

G.E.D. As of the end of July ten people have indicated they would like to enroll in a new G.E.D. Class. Arrangements are not yet completed for an instructor but we will have more information about the G.E.D. class in the near future.

Youth Activities: A dance was held at St. Anthony School in Tigard with the New Colony Band playing. One hundred and ten teens attended, and net receipts from the dance totalled \$45.00. Chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. John Duffield, Pam Branagan, Dennis Anderson, Steve Sammler and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Tiner. Saturday, July 12, was street clean-up day in Sherwood. Thirteen teens from our center helped. Our college work-study students, Pam Branagan and Dennis Anderson also took part in this project. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Tiner supervised. A trip to Pacific City is planned for August 16 for teens and older. Contact the center for definite information. Another dance is planned for August 23 at St. Anthony's in Tigard. Admission will be \$1.00 and the "New Colony" band will play. Arts and Crafts classes have been changed to Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 to 12:00 noon, for children - five through 12. Wednesday is field trip day and trips are planned to a variety of places through the month of August.

Campships: We have signed 13 boys and girls for campships at Trestle Glen, the Salvation Army Camp. They will leave August 14 and return August 21.

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#### HOPE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY CENTER (AREA) NEWS:

Hope Community Center - Telephone No. 324-3455  
Sunset Grange Building, Sunset Highway, Manning, Ore.

The Sunset Barbecue on August 8, 9 and 10 at Banks, Oregon will have a booth set up by "Native Crafts, the Junior High and High School Teen Groups, and Search and Rescue. We will sell ice-cold watermelon and hot corn on the cob. The Youth groups are helping with the decorating and selling. Native Crafts, Headed by Shirley England and Carol Thomas, will supervise the job. The money will be divided three ways, and will go for needed supplies and equipment.

Plans for the erection of the "Native Crafts Cabin" are just about complete. Mr. Gaddy and Mr. Hills have given many hours of their time to help iron out the details of the actual construction of the building. Mr. Ambrose Schmidlin of Buxton has generously donated most of the material we will need. This lumber is located on Green Mountain Road

and we need volunteers to help get it up to Timber Junction. Plywood cores, 7 inches thick and 8 feet high, for \$1.00 each, are available from Stimson Mills, and would be both interior and exterior walls. We can also get wood from an old barn for nothing that would be suitable, but would not give us the old pioneer look the cores would achieve. Decision as to what kind of lumber will be used will be decided soon so construction can begin.

Campships: Fourteen children from the Hope Center area will be leaving for Trestle Glen Salvation Army Camp on August 14.

The Well-baby and immunization clinic will be held August 14 at the center, which is located in the Sunset Grange at Manning, between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Volunteers Donna Davis, Margaret Stubblefield, Vera Kennedy and Bertha Byrd will help the staff of the Health Department while our aide, Naomi Nichols, is on vacation.

The Kaiser Health Plan, which will provide free health care for 300 low-income families in Washington County, will soon become a reality for our area. Job openings for aides for the Kaiser Plan, to work in different parts of the county are open. If you are interested, call Retta Knothe at the Hillsboro office, Telephone No. 648-7169 for a job application.

We have been asked to identify priorities in our area for the coming year. What do you think is needed to help our community? Among the needs mentioned are Day Care, job training located closer to us than Portland Community College, and transportation pools. Let the council members know how you feel about these things. Your ideas and opinions are wanted and welcome.

Head Start will begin (see Head Start article) in our area around the first of October. Contact Naomi Nichols or John Ulrich at the Hillsboro office if you want more information on whether or not you have an eligible youngster.

Women's Club: The first dieting contest is over, and Frankie Hills was declared the winner, with a loss of eighteen pounds. She came to the meeting with a new hairdo, which was her prize and wearing a new outfit - no one recognized her. Frankie is also our volunteer sewing teacher, and Elsie Davis, Bertha Byrd, Margaret Stubblefield and Becky Leafy are all enjoying the lessons.

The Junior High Youth Group held a dance July 25 at the Buxton Community Hall. Thirty-five young people danced, drank quantities of fruit punch and ate dozens of cookies. Chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. F. Stubblefield, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kennedy, Kirk Kuykendall and Naomi Nichols. Plans for a swimming party at the Forest Grove pool on August 14 were announced.

A fund-raising project which will involve the sale of 100 special recipe cookbooks for one dollar each was also announced.

At a special council meeting, four new members of the Council were nominated: They are William Hobson, Margaret Stubblefield, Vera Kennedy and Christine Pine. Bylaws were reviewed, and plans for the Booth at the Barbecue were completed.

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UPPER TUALATIN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER NEWS:(Gaston)

104 Front Street - Telephone No. 935-8851  
Gaston, Oregon 97119

The Cherry Grove Auction was a big success, with many people asking when another auction would be held. The auction was held August 3, and brought in \$457.03. This money will

be used towards a Community Center in Cherry Grove. We are thinking of having another auction in the near future. If anyone has anything they would like to donate, please call Mr. Lang at 985-8363 or Mrs. Embree at 985-8851. These people will be glad to arrange for someone to come and pick up your donations so they can be stored for the next auction. Clothing, furniture, appliances or just plain odds and ends would be very much appreciated. Harry Vance donated his time as auctioneer and his wife, donated her time as clerk. Ray Lang worked long hours hauling and storing donated items, and his boys were also willing workers for the auction. We would like to thank each and everyone who worked so hard to make this auction a success.

A dance was held for the teen-agers of this area on July 11. It was very successful and had a big turn-out.

On July 22, the county commissioners approved the conditional use permit for the land we have available in Cherry Grove for use as a Community Center.

The Headstart Program in Cherry Grove is progressing very well. Five children from the Cherry Grove, and Gaston Area attended a special reading course at Pacific University. These five children were from the Headstart Program.

GED Classes are still in session with another new student. Two men in the class are learning English and the other two students are trying for their GED diplomas.

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#### "GROUP TO GROOVE AT TRESTLE GLEN"

Camp Trestle Glen will be "where it's at" for approximately 50 Washington County children August 15 - 21. They will hike, swim, fish, eat, and do their own thing in the beautiful wooded camp in Barton, Oregon.

Community Action was not funded, as it has been in the past, to sponsor a camping program, so an all-out fund raising program has been undertaken. Contributions have been received from throughout the county: Beaverton Moose, Hillsboro JayCee's, Forest Grove Jay-Cee's, and various individuals. A highlight of the fund-raising program was at the First Annual CAP Picnic when little men (with big hearts) in white and pink hats collected almost \$100.00 from a kind-hearted, generous group.

Outstanding has been the response from prospective campers at North Plains. Roy Vann has contacted the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce which has found property-clean-up jobs for the group to earn their own way to camp.

Paramount in the camping program has been the undauntless efforts of Salvation Army and its staff, which has contributed the use of its camp and camp scholarships for half of our children.

The centers are recruiting children from their areas. These lucky children will be at the camp-happening" August 15 through the 21.

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The first article of our birthday edition, in recounting the history of our Community Action Program has not mentioned our Head Start program. However, we thought we would leave it as a preface to the article by John Ulrich, Head Start Administrator.

The first Head Start School was held at North Plains in the summer of 1967 with approximately thirty children. In September, 1967 a full year program was inaugurated at North Plains with fifty children registered. This continued through May, 1968.



With the Summer Program of 1968, a move was made to Manning with thirty Head Start-age children participating.

The second year of Head Start - 1968, 1969, for the first time had classes in two locations - Banks and Metzger. This proved a successful growth experiment, and children from widely separate areas of the county profited from the two schools.

This summer of 1969, Head Start was again in two locations. Gaston with a large registration had its first Head Start program and a most successful, enthusiastic participation by both children and parents. A smaller session was operated in cooperation with the Migrant Program at the North Plains Elementary School and was a 4-C experiment with far-reaching benefits. The following article deals with future plans and the most effective administration of Head Start for children of all areas of Washington County.

HEAD START REPORT - August, 1969

John Ulrich, Head Start Director

Expansion of the full year Head Start to help approximately sixty percent more children in the County is possible under new rulings as a result of delegation of Head Start to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. According to our latest information, we have the option of combining "summer Head Start" into the full year program, thereby serving more children, opening up more positions to low-income family members who might be interested in working for Head Start in various capacities, and bringing more and better Head Start to different areas of the County.

We are seriously thinking in terms of somewhat smaller centers in conjunction with Neighborhood Service Centers, the basic idea being to take the Head Start centers to the children and their families instead of taking the children to the centers. Smaller centers than have been conducted in the past can be brought to different areas not now being served, and where there is no Service Center in existence.

Because of the philosophy of Head Start in general, anything we do will of necessity have the concurrence of the Parents Advisory Committees in the various areas already formed and those in other areas yet to organize. Since our funding year begins in March, we may not be able to do much in reorganizing along these lines until our new financial year, but wherever possible, we hope to inaugurate at least part of this change in October, when our new fall school year begins.

If you know of any children in your area whom you think might be eligible for Head Start this fall, please give their name, address and telephone number (if any) to your center representative, or call the Head Start Director at the Hillsboro Community Action office, Telephone number, 648-7169.

MULTIPLE SERVICE CENTER - Forest Grove, Oregon

To complete the story of Washington County Community Action progress in the last three years we would like to announce the opening of a Multiple Service Center in Forest Grove, Oregon. This center is located at 2033 "B" Street. Jerry Anderson, Program Director; Mel Chrisman, Special Projects Director; and Retta Knothe, Work/Training Officer; will be moving to the new location from the Hillsboro Administrative Office. The purpose of the new Multiple Service Center will be to offer varied services to people of the areas now served by the Hope, Upper Tualatin and North Plains Centers in the western part of Washington County. The new center will also serve as a resource disbursement agency for all programs of Washington County Community Action Organization.

The opening date for use of this new facility is not yet available, however it will be in the near future, and it is planned to have an open house and introduce our newest undertaking to the people of Washington County and others who are interested in our work.



SPECIAL NOTICES:

We have misplaced our overhead projector and large screen. If anyone knows where it is hiding please call the CAP office, 648-7169.

Job openings: Retta Knothe has two job openings for which she will welcome applications.  
 No. 1. An O.J.T. position for a service station attendant. Age 18 or older. The person hired for this position has the opportunity to advance to management of his own service station if he can do a reliable job and work as a trainee to learn all phases of this business.

No. 2. Secretary for a private business. Again office skills, reliability and willingness to work hard can lead to advancement and a better position.

Call Mrs. Knothe at 648-7169 for additional information or appointment.

Applications for aide for the Kaiser Health Plan soon to begin in Washington County are available at the Hillsboro Office. See or call Retta Knothe for these.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, CLASSES - August, 1969

Friday, August 8 - GED Class (Men Only) @ No. Plains Center, 7:30 p.m.  
 " " " - Booth at Sunset BBQ - Hope Center (see Hope Center news article)

Saturday, " 9 - Booth at Sunset BBQ - Hope Center

Sunday, " 10 - " " " " - " "

Monday, " 11 - GED Class - No. Plains Center, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. (all welcome)  
 " " " - "Hints on Beauty" - No. Plains Center @ 8:00 p.m.  
 " " " - Gaston Campership Physicals @ Health Department. Time 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, " 12 - Education Committee Meeting - 12:00 noon @ CAP Office, Hillsboro  
 " " " - Hope Area Council Meeting - 8:00 p.m. Sunset Grange, Manning.  
 " " " - Sherwood Campership Physicals - Health Department @ 9:00 a.m.  
 " " " - Arts and Crafts - Sherwood (see Tri-City News article)  
 " " " - GED Class - Gaston Community Center. Time - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday " 13 - WCATI Training Meeting - 9:30 a.m.  
 " " " - North Plains Campership Physicals @ Health Department. Time 9:00  
 " " " - Sherwood Youth Group - Field Trip (see Tri-City news article)  
 " " " - Women's Club - Hope Center @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday " 14 - Special Programs Committee (emergency) Meeting. 12:00 noon, CAP office  
 " " " - Jobs Inc. Meeting, North Plains Center @ 7:30 p.m.  
 " " " - Manpower Meeting, CAP Office - Hillsboro @ 7:30 p.m.  
 " " " - Hope Center (area) Campership Physicals @ Health Department. Time  
 " " " - Well Baby-Immunization Clinic - Hope Center (See news article) 9:00 a.m.  
 " " " - Swim Party - Forest Grove Pool - Hope Center Youth. 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
 " " " - Arts & Crafts @ Sherwood. (See Tri-City Center News article)  
 " " " - GED Class - Gaston @ 7:30 p.m.  
 " " " - Washington County Fair - see Community Action exhibit

Friday " 15 - Campers leave for Trestle Glen Salvation Army Camp from Shute Park  
 at 1:00 p.m.  
 " " " - GED Class (Men only) - No. Plains Community Center @ 7:30 p.m.  
 " " " - Washington County Fair - visit Community Action exhibit

Saturday " 16 - " " " " " " " " " "  
 " " " - Tri-City Youth Group - trip to Pacific City for teens and older

Monday " 18 - GED Class, North Plains Center from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

## CALENDAR - August, 1969 (Continued)

Tuesday - August 19 - Legal Aid Meeting @ CAP office, Hillsboro. Time 7:30 p.m.  
 " " " - Arts & Crafts @ Tri-City Center (Sherwood) - see news article  
 " " " - GED Class - Gaston

Wednesday, " 20 - Field trip - Tri-City Youth (see news article)  
 " " " - Women's Club - Hope Center " " "

Thursday, " 21 - Campers return from Trestle Glen Salvation Army Camp  
 " " " - Rummage Sale - No. Plains Center  
 " " " - Arts and Crafts - Sherwood  
 " " " - GED Class - Gaston

Friday, " 22 - Rummage Sale - No. Plains Center  
 " " " - GED Class -(Men only) @ No. Plains Center. Time 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, " 23 - Rummage Sale - No. Plains Center  
 " " " - Dance at St. Anthony School, Tigard. Sponsored by Sherwood Youth

Monday, " 25 - GED Class @ No. Plains

Tuesday, " 26 - Arts & Crafts @ Sherwood  
 " " " - GED Class @ Gaston  
 " " " - Area Council Meeting - Tri-City Center, Sherwood @ 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, " 27 - Field Trip - Tri-City Youth (see news article)  
 " " " - Women's Club - Hope Center

Thursday, " 28 - GED Class - Gaston  
 " " " - Arts & Crafts @ Sherwood

Friday, " 29 - GED Class (Men only) @ North Plains Center 7:30 p.m.

----- GED CLASSES are held in Hillsboro at the County Extension Building every Monday & Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Wyckoff - Instructor, assisted by Margaret Bagg.

The next meeting of the Washington County Community Action Organization Board of Directors will be held Wednesday, September 17, 1969.