

CAP NEWS

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HOPE COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS: We would like to welcome the new aide to our center. She is Naomi Nichols of the Buxton area. Naomi is very enthusiastic and interested in the work done through the Center. Also a special thank you to the people who gave time to interview to fill the position for the new aide; Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. Pagh, Mrs. Tallman, and Bayons, and Violet Tucker for the use of space in the Timber Inn for interviewing.

There is now a TD 9, International Crawler down at Jim DeYoung's station that was brought in by the Washington County Road Dept. At the last council meeting there was a committee appointed to set up the rules on the Crawler. They are Mr. Grimsley, Mr. Butler, Mr. Jenson, and Mr. Bayons.

The staff has been working in the Banks community with great hopes of starting a Youth Center. They will be attending the town council meeting on November 12, with members from the program in Hillsboro.

The residents of Timber have been circulating a petition to show what they used the old schoolhouse for, and they are planning to attend the next school board meeting in hopes that they may obtain the continued use of the property. May you have the best of luck!!!

There will be an immunization clinic at the Buxton Community Hall on Nov. 7th, at which Mrs. Cilola from Timber has volunteered her time. Thanks to the Hall members for use of the building.

John Moses from the CAP office in Hillsboro attended the last council meeting which was held at Mrs. Wilcox's to explain how we may incorporate.

UPPER TUALATIN COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS:

Several families in Scroggins Valley and Cherry Gove, which is a part of the Gaston Area, will benefit greatly from the dental clinic at St. Mary's Home for Boys in Beaverton this month.

GED classes are to start in the CAP office in Gaston next week for sure. They had to be postponed for a week, but will get under way about the middle of next week. Anyone interested should call or come in before Wednesday, the 13th. Classes will begin in the evening at 7:30 and last two hours. They will be very informal so you won't have to dress up for class. Come in your work clothes if you don't have time to change after work. I might add there is no charge for the classes and any person who does not have a High School Diploma will be welcome to come.

Mothers in the area are forming a committee to apply for funds for a Summer-

Headstart in Gaston next Summer; Headstart is for low-income families that cannot afford to pay to send their children to Kindergarten. Through the efforts of Mrs. Robert Hedin and local parents we have a Kindergarten this winter, but a lot of families have small children that cannot pay \$15.00 a month to send them. There must not be less than 12, or more than 20 children in a Headstart class and of low-income families. Children must be 5 years old and be old enough to start first grade by next fall. To inquire about this please contact Mrs. Crook at the CAP office in Gaston. Gaston hopes to have a ceramics class soon. Mrs. Criswald of G and G Ceramics in Forest Grove will give free lessons, but each student must buy their own supplies. Classes should begin next week.

THE GASTON YOUTH CENTER is going great guns! The youth of the area are working on many money making projects such as cleaning the community hall in preparation for the roller skating which will be held on Friday nights from now on for the youngest members of the community. On Tuesday, November 5th, we had a very productive teen meeting during which it was decided to have a benefit dance to obtain money and canned goods to give to needy families (through the CAP center) at Thanksgiving time.

The youth of the Gaston area hope to inspire the community to "rehabilitate" the "poor old community hall" and to help them "do something" with the grounds - maybe a park (?). They are very enthusiastic about helping the adults fix it up.

ROLLER SKATING started on Friday, November 8, with Ralph Rasmussen and Harley Fulcher to run the skating rink. Other parents are needed to help run the rink on other nights, or there may not be any more skating. Please take turns and keep this going for the children.

The Apostles, our teen band played for a school dance at the Gaston High School Friday, November 8.

The kids are looking forward to getting a library going in the Community Hall. We have lots of books promised and if shelves can be put up soon we will have the beginning of a fine library.

NORTH PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTERS NEWS:

The North Plains Center has a daytime G.E.D. class started on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30. The instructor is Roy Vann and he doubles as part-time repairman and maintenance man at the Rec. Center. He is a real asset to the Center.

Mrs. Probstfield of the Health Dept. gave eight kids immunization shots at the North Plains Center on October 24.

The Youth Center was used for a rummage sale November 8th & 9th, by the ladies of the North Plains Catholic Church. It is an excellent location and we trust they sold lots of clothes, etc. at a profit.

Retta Knothe, CAP Work & Training Officer, will be at the North Plains Center every Thursday from 10:00 to 12:00.

TRI-CITY COMMUNITY CENTER (SHERWOOD) NEWS:

The Tri-City Community Center is having a immunization clinic on the 22nd of November. They are holding a well-child clinic on the 29th of November. The Youth Center sponsored a dance at Tigard Senior High on November 16, with music by the "Looking Glass".

We are happy to report a very successful month of October for job referrals and placements. We placed 10 persons in new jobs and made 35 referrals. One local electrical company in the area hired six boys, who were sent to them by the center. They are being trained at a starting wage of \$2.26 a hour and can work 10 hours a day and six hours on Saturday. They were inexperienced young boys (18 and 19 years old) unable to previously get decent jobs.

Youth Center Report for September and October, 1968 from B. E. Webb, Chairman. "During the time our Tri-City Board of Directors, has carried the teen activities and our youth program we have been able to hold several activities. Among these has been a Teen Rally and Hootenanny and four Teen dances. Several more will have taken place by the date of the November Newsletter. Several meetings have been held between Cheri Siegfried, Mike Dalton and myself in relation to the organization and advancement of our youth center. Also from Mike and Cheri's diligent work we have been able to establish a site for a Youth Center, and organize the teens. After weeks of repair work, the teens and college work/study students have made it very presentable and transferred a ramshackle house into a Youth Center in every sense of the name. Our teens have elected and formed their own offices and officers. A meeting of the teen officers; and Bev. Harden, Mel Chrisman-Hillsboro CAP office, Ruth Tiner, Minnie Haynes, Lois Dalton, Barbara Webb, Mike Dalton and Cheri Siegfried, (a total of 20 attended) was held at the Youth Center to discuss future plans and for the basic bi-laws of the center, house rules were also set up. This meeting was held October 17th. As of this date Cheri and Mike have managed to acquire quite a few donations of furnishings and materials for the building. Through them we have come in contact with several people who will be reliable chaperons for the dances. The funding for our Youth Center is raised by donations and profits from dances. The utilities are carried by the CAP Hillsboro office if the youth center is unable to meet them. More projects for fund raising are being considered for the near future, such as our teens forming their own band. This will save the expense of having to pay outsiders to play for us. A meeting was held October 28 at the Youth Center to itimize our assets and expenditures. A full report will be made on the outcome of the meeting as well as all of our past activities."

WORK AND TRAINING:

A regular schedule has been formulated for the work and training officer as follows: Monday - Sherwood; Tuesday - Gaston; Wednesday - Timber; Thursday - North Plains. The Center staff are to make appointments with the unemployed people in their area and the work and training officer will interview them to find out exactly what they are looking for. So far the results are promising, but we will have a more complete numbers report on our progress in the next CAP Newsletter.

HEAD START:

The full year program has Head Start classes at two centers in opposite corners of Washington County with a total of 41 pre-school children attending at this time.

The Banks Center is in the Banks Community Hall and serves the northwest area with children and families from the Banks and North Plains School District. Both district's bus systems are helping by carrying children to school in the morning, and parents are assuming the responsibility of taking them home at noon. The parents are also cooking the hot lunch and serving it from the excellent kitchen in the hall.

The Metzger Center is operating in the pre-school facilities at the West Hills Unitarian Fellowship located in Metzger at 8470 S. W. Oleson Road and has children from Sherwood, Tualatin, Tigard, Garden Home and Metzger. Here too, parents are handling all the driving for transportation and are doing the cooking. In addition to parents volunteering in the classroom, there are daily volunteers from the Fellowship members.

G.E.D. TRAINING:

New classes have started with 7 students attending. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings - 7 to 9 p.m. Any one wishing to attend should contact our office. We have 4 volunteer tutors signed up. Anyone unable to attend class may contact our office for home tutoring. Three students are ready to take their G.E.D. test at Portland State and the Portland Community College.

LAUBACH:

A second Laubach Workshop was just completed, and 15 tutors were certified. These people are ready and willing to work with anyone, on a one-to-one basis, who needs help with basic reading problems. For tutor information call Mel Chrisman - 648-7169.

General News Items:

At a regular Banks City Council Meeting, Tuesday, November 12, a resolution was passed to allow W.C.C.A.O. to establish a Teen Center in the city-owned Boy Scout Building. Plans are underway to open in the near future.

Six members of the CAP Staff are attending M.D.T.A. Community Worker upgrading training at Portland Community College. These people are Retta Knothe, Elda Andersen, Lucille Shaw, Mary Embree, Naomi Nichols, and Dan Buehner. They attend the Community College Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 6 p.m. The class this term is Contemporary Problems with other classes scheduled for future terms at P.C.C.

The main office has been re-arranged to make it a more efficient and workable office. With the use by the permanent staff, temporary staff and additional program-proposed usage, the office is being fully utilized. It is hoped the new office arrangement will make it possible for work to be done under more quiet, business-like conditions, which is most necessary for the coming months.

Phyllis Murphy has left the CAP Staff to be with her family. She has been replaced by Jean Sorensen as Program Secretary. Jean is no stranger to CAP, having worked as a Team Captain during the Grass Roots Program, and we are very glad to have her working with us again.