


# CAP NEWS

Washington County Community Action Organization, Inc. WE AT CAP Vol. 2, No. 6  
558 S. E. 10th Avenue December, 1968  
Hillsboro, Oregon 97123

WISH ALL  
OF YOU A



Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year!



TRI-CITY COMMUNITY CENTER (SHERWOOD) NEWS: Special Thanksgiving help was given to four families in our area. We were notified Tuesday night just before Thanksgiving that these families did not have food for Thanksgiving. The Sherwood V.M.W. took one family in Tualatin and provided them with a turkey dinner. The other three families were provided with turkey dinners through the efforts of our office and the generosity of the Safeway and Circle K in Sigard and Ferguson's at Six Corners.

Plans are being made for a Christmas party for children up to 12 years old who come from low income families in the Sherwood - Tualatin area. The party will be by special invitation and will be given by the Sherwood Jaycees with our office assisting.

GED AND TUTORING: We now have nine students attending evening classes every Tuesday and Thursday, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. A new program of training for our NYC secretary and office help will begin soon, with Mrs. Boutwell, a former Sherwood High School teacher, now retired, conducting the classes. Tentatively scheduled to begin January 6, are classes to help students having difficulty in English, Science and Math. These classes will be conducted in cooperation with Sherwood High School, with the community center providing the tutor and transportation home if necessary. So far there are about seven students interested in this class.

HOUSING: Our office has been assisting with a survey of housing needs in our area. November 19th, volunteers from the League of Women Voters in Washington County and Lois Dalton from our office toured the Tualatin and Sherwood area to determine what houses are empty and the possibility of rentals.

CLINICS: An immunization clinic was held Friday, November 22, in the IOOF Hall. Thirteen children received shots. Transportation was provided for two families. Volunteers who helped were Birdie Shaw and Marlene Shaw. Dental Care for 12 children was received from the dental clinic this month. The Sherwood Center provided transportation for five of the children. Referrals for five persons were made to the Tualatin Valley Guidance clinic and are receiving help. Transportation is being provided for one of these persons as needed. The Well Child Clinic originally scheduled for November 29, has been postponed until later in December. The exact date will be announced as soon as it is known.

ABUNDANT FOOD: Food was picked up and delivered to ten families who do not have their own transportation.

CLOTHES CLOSET: Eight adults and twenty-one children obtained clothing valued at \$111.00. Mary Wert, Harriett Weideman, Bessy Schultz, Rosalie Baker and Homer Haynes donated a total of 12 hours sorting and arranging clothes this month. We are very short of boys clothing - all sizes, also boys and girls shoes are needed.

EMPLOYMENT: Retta Knothe from the Hillsboro CAP office continues to help give job referrals and interviews on Monday mornings at our office. Ten persons received help with jobs this month. One person was referred to

DVR in Hillsboro.

THE TRI-CITY YOUTH CENTER (THE HOUSE) had a "Bake Sale" Saturday, December 7, at Girod's Market in Tigard, to raise funds for its' expenses. Items for sale were donated by the youth and their parents and other interested people in the area. In addition to the bake goods, members of the center sold yule logs which they made with the aid of Lois Dalton, a member of the Tri-City Community Action Board of Directors. Holly and greens, donated by Claire O'Callaghan and Peggy Gensman, were also sold at the sale.

"The House" is happy to welcome Corrine Lahti, our new work/study student. She attends Portland State and works at "The House" on Wednesday afternoons and on Saturdays.

UPPER TUALATIN COMMUNITY CENTER (GASTON) NEWS: A special council meeting was held in the Upper Tualatin Neighborhood Center to review the programing for 1969. We had a very good turnout, in spite of the terrible weather. Only one council member was absent and 13 persons were present.

The immunization clinic originally scheduled for December 5, was postponed due to bad weather, colds, flu and other reasons. The clinic will be re-scheduled at a later date.

Through the efforts of the Hillsboro CAP office, Cherry Grove has obtained a jeep to be used for a police vehicle, and on November 21, a siren was acquired for a jeep. Still needed is a light and a radio, and Mr. Jim Prince, the Gaston policeman, has been promised a light by a reliable source. A dance was held on December 7, at the Gaston Community Hall to raise funds to be added to donations already received, to outfit Mr. Haldy, the Cherry Grove volunteer policeman, with a uniform and also, since well over a \$100.00 was raised at the dance a radio will be acquired for the police vehicle in the near future. Music for the dance was furnished by "The Apostles" and both adults and children had a good time.

GED CLASSES started at the CAP office in Gaston, November 20. Classes are free and this is an opportunity for those who have not completed their high school education to acquire an equivalency diploma.

The Gaston Cafe, now operated by Mrs. Pat Durand and her son David, has been given a Grade "A" rating by the County Health Department. The food is good, reasonably priced and much appreciated by everyone in the area.

Mel Chrisman, Program co-ordinator from Hillsboro CAP, reports that he has talked with Mr. Bradley of H.U.D. concerning possible rebuilding of the Gaston Community Hall. He informed the Community Council that money for government grants will be scarce in 1969, so he doubts if Gaston would be successful if applying for such a grant this year. Money taken in on fund raising projects amounts to about \$1,500.00 and is being kept in the bank, with the hopes of adding to it, until a new all-purpose floor can be installed.

GASTON YOUTH CENTER: The kids at the Gaston Youth Center are getting together shelves and books for a library. A shuffle board was to be delivered November 21, but due to loading difficulties, it will be delivered at a later date. A Teen dance was held at the Youth Center on November 23. Admission was two cans of food or 50¢. The canned food was divided into three parts and turkeys were bought with the money from the dance to make up food boxes. Sandy Hammers, Mary Embree and Rev. Fred Demara took the boxes to families that might not have had a very good Thanksgiving without them.

A pool table was found for the Youth Center through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbertson of Cherry Grove. Mr. Gilbertson found a good used one for \$50.00. The kids hope to have it all paid for very soon, and have already paid \$20.00 on it. Paint has been provided by CAP for the inside of the Youth Center and as soon as a few repairs can be made, will be applied.

NORTH PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS: A White Elephant and Rake Sale was held at the North Plains Recreation Center on November 16. The money earned in the Sale will be used for needs of the Recreation Center.

The ladies of the North Plains--Seven District League donated new pool balls, rack and pool cues to the Recreation Center. Many Thanks!

Sam Jones has volunteered to open the Rec. Center on Monday evenings.

We are trying to keep the center open in the afternoons for the older folks in the community who might like to use it. Dr. Stewart and Marietta Sorenson attended the special North Plains Council meeting the Recreation Board of Advisors conferred with the North Plains Area Development Organization on the operation of the center.

We have been having at least 20 people each day using the Recreation Center and more equipment is on the way, which should offer a wider variety of activities to appeal to more people.

Another new addition to the North Plains Recreation Center is becoming quite popular. A library has been started and is available for the use of all interested persons.

NORTH PLAINS G.E.D.: report from Roy Vann--G.E.D. Tutor. The G.E.D. classes at North Plains meet every Tuesday and Thursday at the Community Center from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 (noon). Our class time is flexible and the hours are arranged to the best advantage of the students attending. At the present time we have five regularly enrolled students and one student who attends class on Tuesday only. The class is well underway and showing promise. Each student works

at the pace best suited for his individual need. One student is almost ready for his final tests and when he has completed all his requirements, he will be eligible to receive his diploma, which is accepted on the level of a high school diploma after four years of high school credits are completed.

Anyone interested in information or in joining the GED class at North Plains Community Center can contact Roy Vann (tutor) at 648-3468.

HOPE COMMUNITY CENTER (TIMBER) NEWS: On December 10, interested residents of the area were invited to attend a meeting at the Banks High School Cafetorium to discuss organizing a Teen Center in Banks. The Banks City Council has offered the use of the Scout Building, which is located in the small park on Main Street.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC: Nineteen children came to the Buxton Community Hall on November 7 to receive their immunization shots. Fourteen of these received their immunizations and five were held over until a later time because of colds.

On November 25, several members of the Timber Area Council met with Dr. Stewart of the Health Department to discuss information obtained from the survey made earlier this year in the county, especially as it pertained to the Timber area and it's present and possible needs in the future. The meeting was held in the Timber Friends Church. We would like to thank Rev. Baker for the use of the church and all who attended the meeting.

Jerry Anderson, Program Director for Hillsboro CAP, attended the December 3, meeting of the Hope Community Center Area Council to go over the Proposals for the coming year. This meeting was held at the Timber Friends Church and we are most grateful to Rev. Baker for his generosity in allowing us the use of the church for our meetings.

There are now nine fire jackets stored in Les Pagh's garage for the use of the Timber residents. Let's hope we do not have to use them.

We also wish to acknowledge the generosity of the Hillsboro Elks Lodge for donating \$25.00 for a Thanksgiving basket to a family in the area, who otherwise might not have had a real Thanksgiving dinner. Much appreciated also, were the three quilts, three blankets and the bedspread given to one of our area families by the First Christian Church of Forest Grove.

WORK AND TRAINING: report from Retta Knothe, Work and Training Officer. The Work and Training Program for the areas is coming along satisfactorily, Job Placements such as child care, welding, office management, factory work and light clerical jobs have been made in the past few weeks.

A training program is being arranged in conjunction with Clackamas County Community Action and Northwest Training Center, for staff members of both Washington County and Clackamas County Community Action.

My schedule for Community Centers is the same as last month, however I would like to repeat it so that people living in the various areas may be aware of the services we are prepared to offer. Anyone interested in information concerning training or who is looking for a job, or both, can contact me through the Hillsboro CAP office, Telephone No. 648-7169 or one of the Centers on the days listed below.

Monday - Sherwood; Tuesday - Gaston; Wednesday - Timber; and Thursday - North Plains.

If the schedule is not convenient for persons interested in talking with me about training or work possibilities please feel free to contact the Community Center people in the area in which you live and ask them to make arrangements for a special appointment.

#### HEADSTART

----- JOHN ULRICH, DIRECTOR

Thirty percent of the Headstart programs in the United States, today, are illegal. Thirty percent of the Head Start programs in the United States do NOT have a parents' involvement program. Thirty percent of the Head Start programs in the United States therefore should not be refunded for their coming fiscal year.

It is reasonable that our share of that money would enable us to bring Head Start to virtually every eligible family in Washington County. We have one of the better parent programs in the state, but it is not perfect. Good, but not that good. To be better the parents' program has to involve more than classroom volunteers, drivers, and the lunch program because this is involved directly and almost entirely with the Head Start classroom activities. Our next aim is to try to get Head Start parents, Head Start older brothers and sisters, grandparents and other members of the families not only further involved with the classroom but also involved and/or further involved in the community: in the schools, the Chambers of Commerce, in the PTA (especially in the PTA), in any and all community programs that particularly aim at community relations and improvement. One very special area where parent's can and should be involved is seeing that the Head Start "graduates" are not forgotten when they enter the main stream of public education, by Head Start Follow-Through. No money, particularly, is needed, just determination and a voice, and the parents can keep Head Start alive and intact.

#### GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, NOVEMBER 14, 15 & 16 -

Salem, Oregon

Report by Sandy Hammers, Gaston Youth Center: "The Governor's Youth Conference was a sincere effort to communicate and bridge the so-called "generation gap". The participation of all was helpful in bringing better understanding to both adults and youth. The adults made a genuine effort to understand the special problems and experiences prevalent with today's youth. The younger participants acted maturely and in an orderly manner, and offered constructive suggestions about making life a little easier between the generations.

Two youth from Washington County, Suzi Lang of Cherry Grove and Bill Fenton, Jr. of Gaston, represented the Gaston Youth Center. They were active participants in the seminars and discussions and were able to bring back their newly acquired information and experiences to their community. Personally, I feel the conference was a valuable experiment in giving youth and adults a common sounding board. Many constructive programs have been aided by the information gained that weekend."

Report by Mike Dalton, Tri-City (The House) Youth Center: "The Governor's Youth Conference on Children & Youth, held at the Capitol Building in Salem, with respect for those who earnestly tried to make it a success, was sadly disappointing. Not because there was a communication gap, but because there were far too many young college students who came to protest in behalf of their own personal cause, which in the eyes of most of the youth that accompanied me, had absolutely no bearing on the topics that were supposed to be discussed. We were glad that the officials (moderators) tried to put a stop to much of these disturbances, for we felt the heckling was simply a slap in the face to almost all that participated.

Nine people from the Tri-City Community Action Program Youth Center participated in the event. They were: Cheri Siegfried, Barbara Webb, Ellen Gill, Bob Botten, Bill Botten, L. M. Weaver, Greg Moad, Tim Leadham and Mike Dalton.

Most of us felt that we had learned much and this experience was especially beneficial because we witnessed the birth of a communication gap. Much was said that was not pertinent to the scheduled topics, and most participants were frustrated because their attempt to communicate with each other proved to be frightfully difficult. Perhaps we shall be wise enough not to forget what happened in Salem, and try to build a bridge that will link our thoughts, hopes and aspirations.

**REMINDER:** Area Coordinators for families to receive Christmas baskets, etc. There are four area coordinators for the County - one each in Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Beaverton and Tigard. The Welfare Department and other agencies refer the needs of individuals and families to these coordinators. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU CHECK WITH YOUR COORDINATOR** when making these arrangements for people in your area. If you get the names of persons or families from some other source and you are interested, call your coordinator to see if they are being taken care of by another group or person. This will help to eliminate duplication. Some families received as many as five baskets last year and others went without!

Beaverton Area Coordinator	- Mrs. C. B. Walker	- Tel. 644-6249
Hillsboro " "	- Mrs. W. J. Van de Hey	- Tel 648-3505
Forest Grove " "	- Miss Tora Samuelson	- Tel. 357-9218
Tigard " "	- Mrs. Carol Fowler	- Tel. 639-6378

**HOUSING COMMITTEE:** - (Summary of Housing Problems & Progress to date) Washington County Community Action Housing Committee, Orville Nilsen, Chairman, has met frequently during the last month as the need for low-cost housing in Washington County becomes more immediate and the necessity of at least temporary emergency assistance was shown through presentation to the County Commissioners. On October 29, a peaceful, organized demonstration outside the county courthouse was the first public announcement bringing out the dire need for decent low-cost living quarters in the county. Through the efforts of Viva volunteers and interested private citizens the particular plight of 15 Mexican-American families for winter living quarters was shown. Following the presentation of the housing problems to the Board of County Commissioners, they requested WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION to conduct studies of the county's housing situation and seek out all possible solutions.

Consequently, the Housing Committee has held meetings with representatives of F.H.A. and the Portland Housing Authority in attendance. Viva representatives, League of Women Voters members and interested individuals have conducted a survey to find available rentals in the county. Through the efforts of these people and others who have become aware of the housing problem through newspaper articles, radio and television publicity, several rentals have been located and the efforts to locate still more houses are being intensified.

A letter of information stating the housing needs requiring immediate attention plus a check list which could be used to state area of interest or possible participation was mailed to all churches and fraternal, service or civic groups of Washington County. As a result of this letter at least six churches in the county have offered assistance to families who have housing problems. Some have provided housing, others have contributed money to supplement rental payments. Other organizations are also sending representatives to the meetings being held by the Housing Committee at the Community Action Office in Hillsboro and offers of varied kinds of assistance continue to be made.

More sponsors to help solve the problem of more, as well as, adequate housing are needed from church and civic groups.

The uppermost need as of the date of the CAP Newsletter is to find HOUSES. -AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE RENTAL. We are asking all who read our Newsletter to keep in mind that there are families, some with eight and ten children who are wondering where they will be living as of January 1, 1969.

Viva has spent many staff hours scouring the county for rental prospects but they have exhausted their resources. Anyone interested or able to participate in any way to alleviate the low-income housing shortage problems, immediate or long-range, of Washington County, is urged to contact Washington County Community Action Organization, Inc.

558 S. E. 10th

Hillsboro, Oregon, 97123

Telephone No. 648-7169