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TRI-CITY COMMUNITY CENTER (SHERWOOD) NEWS:
105-115 N. W. 1st - Telephone No. 625-6893
Sherwood, Oregon 97140

EMPLOYMENT: Thirty job referrals were given this month. We helped place fifteen of these in jobs. We now have seven full time NYC girls and one boy working part time for our office. The girls are learning restaurant and fountain operations, cashiering, and help with arts and crafts classes in the Youth Center.

HOUSING: Eight more families are applying for low-income loans to purchase homes. Three families who applied for home loans, have had their loans approved - two in the Sherwood area, and one in the Garden Home, Metzger neighborhood. These three families are now living in their homes.

We have requests for rentals for several families. Anyone knowing of rentals may call the Tri-City Center, telephone number 625-6893.

GED: Classes have been temporarily discontinued. We plan a new class, beginning sometime in July. Anyone interested in attending a GED class can get further information at the center and register for the planned class.

CLINICS: A well-child clinic is scheduled for Thursday, July 24. We hope to have an Immunization Clinic at the same time.

ABUNDANT FOOD: Abundant food was picked up and delivered to thirteen families during the last month.

CLOTHES CLOSET: Thirteen persons received clothing this month. We are still receiving requests for boys clothing, especially size 10. We also need bathing suits in all sizes for both boys and girls.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: A turkey dinner was held at the Old Methodist Church in Sherwood, on June 14. A profit of \$93.57 was realized after expenses.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: The Board of the Youth Center met on Wednesday, June 18. It was decided that the youth would take on the project of cleaning the main streets of Sherwood. The date for this project will be Saturday, July 12.

"The New Colony Band" will play for a Teen Dance, Saturday - July 19, at St. Anthony School in Tigard. Time - 8:00 p.m., Admission \$1.00.

On Sunday, June 15, eight teens, representing Tri-City Youth Center, helped the Jaycees in a clean-up project at Sherwood City Park. Those who helped the Jaycees were Verna Hayes, Muriel Heffer, Roger Booth, Kirk Wallace, Julie England, Debbie Weese, Guy Heffer and another boy. A check for \$50.00 was donated by the city to our center, to help with our rent payments.

HOPE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY CENTER (AREA) NEWS:

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

Plans for a Native Crafts Cabin are being discussed by the Council and other interested citizens. Undiscovered talent in our area would be brought to the attention of the public through this project, which would offer unique, individual and hand-made articles for sale. Examples of items available in the Native Crafts Cabin could be, paintings, sculpture, exceptional handwork, cabinet making and other woodwork. If interested in contributing or helping, contact any council or Hope Center staff member.

A canning demonstration by Betty Ashbaugh, of the Extension office, was held Wednesday, July 2, at the North Plains School kitchen. Eleven women attended and enjoyed Betty's demonstration for methods of canning boysenberries, peach jam and green beans. Those attending were Carole Crocker and Louise Van Domelen of North Plains; Becky Leafy and Elsie Davis of Banks; Chris Pine, Virginia Gribner, Margaret Stubblefield, and Marion and Naomi Nichols of Buxton; Beatrice Kuykendall and Claire Walliman of Manning. Betty gave most of the food she had canned as door prizes, plus some interesting leaflets and instruction booklets. Millie Provis, the most efficient and helpful cook at the North Plains school, helped Betty, and also gave the women some valuable growing and planting tips for their gardens.

We would like to say "Thank you" to Susie Smith and Susie Mead for their help with the car wash given last month by the Junior High Youth Group. We unintentionally omitted their names from the list of those who worked so hard to make the car wash a success.

GED: Roy Vann has temporarily suspended the GED classes, due to the harvest season. The Tuesday night class will be resuming in the near future. Call the center if you are interested in joining a GED class, and we will give your name to Roy so he can contact you when classes resume.

Naomi Nichols, Hope Center Aide, took a carload of children to Doernbecher Hospital, Saturday, June 21, to celebrate a surprise birthday party for Loretta Leafy who was recovering from burns. A Birthday cake, presents, and a general good time made it an occasion everyone will remember.

A community project that will be remembered and appreciated for many months took place last week. Ten families cooperated in using one of Community Action's dump trucks to haul much needed gravel for roads and driveways badly damaged by last year's severe winter weather. Tires, axles and people's tempers should be saved because of this cooperative effort.

The Hope Community Center voted to support the proposed Health Services Program to be administered by the Kaiser Foundation. The Council for Hope Center was most enthusiastic about the proposed Health Program, and felt it would answer a grave need now lacking in the rural sections of Washington County.

The Women's Club, whose activities include a "diet" contest, has offered a prize of a trip to the beauty shop for a free shampoo, haircut and set. As of this date Frances Hills is out in front with a loss of thirteen and one-half pounds. The contest ends in three more weeks. All women are invited to attend the meetings, held every Wednesday at the Sunset Grange in Manning, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Dan Dushner, Hope Center Coordinator, has resigned, effective June 30. Everyone connected with Community Action, as well as residents of the Timber, Buxton, Banks and Manning areas, will miss him and remember the dedicated work he contributed to the Hope Center areas.

UPPER TUGLATEIN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER NEWS: (Gaston)

104 Front Street - Telephone No. 985-8851

Gaston, Oregon 97119

Plans for the proposed Youth Center in Cherry Grove are moving along rapidly and are most encouraging for all those people who have been working to achieve this goal. A conditional use permit was granted by the Washington County Planning Commission Wednesday, June 25. Clarence Koennecke has offered to clear the lots of brush and old shacks and debris, as he already has a cat in use in the area.

Several men have volunteered to help move the quonset hut (which will be used for the youth center building) as soon as it becomes available. We want to get it to its new home as soon as possible.

We have already received quite a few things for the auction, planned for August 3 -Sunday, at Cherry Grove. We hope to raise enough money to lay the concrete slab and purchase other needs to ready the quonset hut for use. Anyone wishing to donate for the auction, please call 985-8851, 985-8935 or 357-7241 for pickup of items.

We have a new girl from NYC, Jennifer Fenimore from Cherry Grove. Becky Cox took leave of absence for the summer to attend Upward Bound at Pacific University in Forest Grove.

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

A small summer Headstart Class is being operated in cooperation with the Migrant School at the North Plains School building. Between fifteen and twenty children are attending the Day Care Center at the Old Scotch Church.

Six NYC girls who were recruited through the North Plains Center are working at the two locations.

GED: Plans are being made for an evening GED class for men. The men working in Conservation Jobs, Inc. will make up part of this group and any other men in the Manning, Buxton, and North Plains areas who are interested, can get further information by calling Roy Vann at the North Plains Center.

A horseshoe court is planned for the area in back of the No. Plains center. Fill dirt is needed before the horseshoe court can be started. Call the No. Plains center if you can help on this.

Florence Woods, a No. Plains resident, is enthusiastically contacting people for an art class to be held at the Center. Roy Vann will start the classes and as the class progresses it is hoped an advanced instructor can be found to develop the talents of those participating. The Art Class will start on July 10, at 8:00 p.m. at the No. Plains Center.

A charm class is being offered to all girls and women, ages 8 to 80. This class will be conducted by Linda Holmes and will include make-up techniques, hair styling, diet tips, posture aids and many other things of interest to all women. The date for this class is July 14, at 8:00 p.m. at the North Plains Center.

CONSERVATION JOBS, INC. - Bob Berge, Consultant

Due to the fact that "Jobs, Inc." would be in conflict with a firm already incorporated in Oregon, we have changed the name to "Conservation Jobs, Inc."

At present, Conservation Jobs, Inc. has a five men crew working on the Camp Brown timber sale. On this job the men will receive training in all phases of selective logging.

Earl Pine is the crew leader in charge of the men on the job. Charles Pine is the assistant crew leader. Both of these men possess full knowledge of the logging and construction fields.

Jeff Winner, Buddy Robbins and Butch Pine are all young men working on O.J.T. (on-job-training) contracts.

We have purchased a log truck and will be delivering three loads of logs a day to the mill, beginning July 6.

4-C PROGRAM:

A discussion panel made up of members of the 4-C Steering Committee will appear on KGW-TV, Channel 8, Sunday, July 27, at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday Scope, a regular public service program on that station. Members of the panel are Ruth Berger, Director - West Tuality Day Care Center; Doris Rosin, Director - Aloha Retarded Children's Center; Marietta Sorensen, Supervising Nurse with the Washington County Health Department; and John Ulrich, Head Start Director - Washington County Community Action Organization and Chairman of the Washington County 4-C Advisory Committee. The moderator will be Mr. Bob Jackson of KGW-TV.

The panel will discuss the general concept of Community Coordinated Child Care, its needs and possibilities, and its application in Washington County from the standpoint of the individual panel member's particular part in the over-all subject of child care and early childhood development. As background material there will be several minutes of color film taken at various child care centers, as well as color slides of children in action.

The program was arranged by Mr. Jim Colley, of Broadcast Counseling Service and is an outgrowth of his offer at the 4-C Workshop in June.

Betty Carter, of the Washington County Children's Dental Clinic, has just returned from San Diego State College where she attended a summer session from June 16 through June 27 on "The Disadvantaged Family and Community Agencies". The following is a report on the course from Mrs. Carter:

"The course, 'The Disadvantaged Family and Community Agencies' was attended by sixty-nine students, many teachers, some social workers and college students preparing to work in service fields. Mrs. W. Edwards, from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, was the instructor.

One purpose of this class was to explore the agencies dealing with 'the less chance' families. We had speakers from a Neighborhood House, The United Community Service, the Boyside Settlement House, the Chicano Interracial Committee, and a parent of a mentally retarded and emotionally disturbed child.

The second purpose was to define the disadvantaged and learn about them, their living conditions, their feelings and attitudes. There is no prescription, no set steps to follow. The suggested method is to be aware of their needs and the problems of living, for those we hope to serve. An understanding of oneself and our motives were expressed as being essential, if we are to reach the 'less chance'. To help someone means giving of our understanding and friendship, rather than material items. If we can inspire self-respect and a desire for knowledge, they can learn to help themselves. The goal should be, agencies and the disadvantaged working together, making life healthier and happy for many instead of a few.

There were films on the living conditions throughout our country. San Diego has nearly 450 agencies to serve the city and the county and three field trips were selected by the students attending the course, to observe and evaluate. The Children's Dental-Health Center was a natural choice for me. This Dental Center has been in operation for 17 years. It takes care of families not on Welfare but who can pay a minimal fee for dental service. The support and organization was very close to the arrangement in Washington County. Some good ideas and information were gathered from this visit.

Outside reading and written reports were also expected as part of this class. One quote from 'Low Income Life Styles' by Lola Ireland, sums up the discussion very well: 'The entire life situation of the poor must be considered if any part of it is to be changed. Their attitudes arise in no vacuum but are logical results of real circumstances. Nothing which the community does for them can be durably effective until they are a functioning part of the community. Energetic patience must prevail. The alienated adult cannot be re-educated. His children can be somewhat swayed, but it is with his grandchildren that one can really have hope.'

A last point and a very important one is the realization that agencies must work together with a continuing, stable program which unites and supports the workers in these agencies."

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

- Thursday, July 10 - Art Classes at No. Plains Center as listed in No. Plains article will not begin on July 10. Check at the center for starting date.
- " " 10 - North Plains Area Development Organization Council meeting- 8:00 p.m.
- " " 10 - Manpower Committee Meeting - CAP office, Hillsboro, 7:30 p.m.
- " " 10 - Tri-City Youth Center Meeting (Sherwood) - 7:30 p.m.
- " " 10 - " " " " Field Trip, ages 5 to 12 to Alpenrose Dairy 10:30 to 12:30.
- Saturday, July 12 - Hope Center Junior High Group - Field trip to Portland Zoo, followed by visit to Farrell's ice-cream parlor. Bring sack lunch and 25¢. This includes everything except Farrell's. Meet at Banks High School. Hours - 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- " " 12 - Dance at the Gaston Community Hall. Music by "The Apostles", Admission - 75¢ single, or \$1.00 a couple.
- Monday, July 14 - Charm Class - No. Plains Center. Time 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 15 - Legal Aid Committee - CAP office, Hillsboro at 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 16 - Women's Club - Hope Community Center (Manning Grange) at 7:00 p.m.
- " " 16 - Tri-County UGN Meeting at Kelley's Restaurant (West Slope) 12 noon.
- " " 16 - WCATI Meeting - 1:30 p.m. at residence of Mrs. Louise Rice.
- " " 16 - Tri-City (Sherwood) Field Trip, ages 5 to 12 to Hillsboro Park - swimming. Time 10:30 to 1:30.
- Saturday, July 19 - Tri-City (Sherwood) Teen Dance. "The New Colony Band" - St. Anthony School in Tigard - Time 8:00 p.m., Admission \$1.00.
- Wednesday, July 23 - Women's Club - Hope Community Center (Manning Grange) at 7:00 p.m.
- " " 23 - Tri-City (Sherwood) Field Trip, ages 5 to 12 to Portland Art Museum Time 10:30 to 12:30.
- Thursday, July 24 - Tri-City Community Center - Well-child clinic and possible immunization clinic. Check at center for time. 625-6893 - telephone no.
- Friday, July 25 - Dance sponsored by the Hope Center Junior High Group. Admission-10¢. Call Mrs. Kuykendall for location and time. Telephone No. 324-7835.
- Sunday, July 27 - Panel discussion, KGW-TV-Channel 8, "4-C" (Community Coordinated Child Care) by members of Steering Committee on Sunday Scope, 9:00 a.m.