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## EDITORIAL

### DISCUSSIONS

With the everyday development of our neighborhood groups, it is very interesting to witness how people like to talk over issues with other people. Perhaps it may be in order to say a few words about group discussions.

Naturally group discussions require some advance preparation. There must be a goal, for people cannot just talk; they must direct their efforts toward solving a problem or coming to understand one another better. Often there will be no clear answer, and this should be recognized at the outset.

Members of the group must have facts on which to base their discussion. Someone once charged that discussion is simply "pooled ignorance". This should not be so, for the best discussions come from people who have broad experience and are willing to share it as well as to learn from others.

Group discussions are not arenas. There are no opponents to be defeated, no heretics to be uprooted, and no heathen to convert. Discussions are places to clarify ideas, to sort out the poorer ones and to gain other points of view to give perspective to one's own.

"The thing I hate most about an argument is that it always interrupts a discussion". G.K. Chesterton.

Soo- TALK, BABY, TALK!

Peter M. Cullen

LOCAL KIDS ENJOY SUMMER CAMP: Through the combined efforts of the Optimist Club of Beaverton, the Salvation Army in Portland, and Washington County Community Action Organization, 19 children of this area know what it is to spend a week away from home, berry fields, etc. They spent a week at the Salvation Army Camp, Trestle Glen, which is located on the Clackamas river. These children, for the most part, never had the opportunity for camp before. On Saturday, July 29, they were put in cars and station wagons for the trip to camp. On Friday, August 4, they returned home full of stories of their wonderful adventure.

If there are enough good-hearted business men and organizations in this area that would like to sponsor a child for one week there will be more than just 19 going next year. If you would like more information on how to sponsor a child, call Washington County Community Action Organization, 648-7169.

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TIMBER SCHOOL BECOMES ALIVE AGAIN: In cooperation with the VML, The Timber Neighborhood Center has organized a G.E.D. class that began on Wednesday, August 9. The classes are conducted in the Timber school. With school levies, the PIL Athletic drive, etc, getting so much publicity these days, it is somewhat of a switch to see some 12 people quietly return to the class-room without fanfare or hoopla. That high school diploma, that once seemed so unimportant, is now a goal they are striving for. Mr. Tom Jones, teacher at Buxton grade school, is the teacher. Success to Mr. Jones and his eager students, and congratulations to the Timber Area Council for making this a priority project.

NORTH PLAINS - KNITTING CLASS: The first meeting of the knitting class was on July 11. The ladies started right in on their project. Most of the ladies are knitting sweaters as a first attempt and coming along real well. Mrs. Mays is the efficient and very patient teacher. Should you wish to join the class is held every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Mays. For more information call the Community Center - 331-5515.

DR. JONES TALKS AT SHERWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING: On Wednesday, August 9 Dr. Donald C. Jones, Chairman of our Board of Directors, gave a very informative talk to Mayor Adrian A. Eichelberger and his City Council on the function and operation of the Community Action Program. Dr. Jones was introduced by Peter M. Cullen, who was invited to the City Council meeting by the Mayor. Some constructive questions followed the talk.

A delegation of local people were present at the meeting. These people are very interested in the possibility of opening a neighborhood Center for the Sherwood area. Already the Sherwood Grange has given permission that their hall be available as a center facility. We will give them all the help they request to make the center a reality, if this is what they want.

YOUTH CLUB - TIMBER: The Banks District School Board has given permission for the Community Center in Timber to prepare the floor in the school gym for a Roller Skating Rink. It will cost some money to do this, and purchase roller skates. The Youth Club has organized a bottle hunt as their first project to raise some funds.

At their last meeting, the Timber Area Council voted to have a Pancake-Sausage supper sometime in September. The proceeds will go to buy some roller-skates. More news next month about that supper. But if you can help in any way why not call the Center - 357-8206.

30 N.Y.C. PROGRAM: N.Y.C. is Neighborhood Youth Corps. It is a job program for kids 16-21, who are of low income families and want to work. In-school and drop-outs are eligible. We are happy to report that the N.Y.C. is showing much success in North Plains, where the kids work at the school and in the Center, and also at Banks school. More information can be obtained by contacting the Community Center at Timber or North Plains or phoning 648-7169, the Community Action office in Hillsboro. John Moses is the man to see.

HEADSTART REPORT: We would have liked to include the impressions of Mrs. Judith Selmann, Social Worker and Mrs. Beth Sizer, teacher in this report but space is a problem this month. Lets say that both are very enthused about the program and are very pleased especially with the involvement and interest of the parents, the adequate staffing, and the team approach - nurse, social worker, teachers, aides parents all working together - which has made this experience most satisfying to both of them.

The Home Extension Office, in the person of Mrs. Harriet Lyon, has just completed a series of 3 talks to the Headstart Mothers on food for the family, shopping and household hints, and knowing your children. We are very grateful to Harriet for all her help and we are sorry to see her leave us soon. Thanks Harriet, and success to you in your new job.

✓ YOUTH CLUB ORGANISED IN NORTH PLAINS: Eight kids walked into the Community Center in North Plains last week and asked Mr. James Carte, Coordinator, about the possibility of starting a Youth Club in town. A meeting was called for August 3, and 26 kids showed up. Their first order of business was to elect their own police force to supervise activities. They appointed their own committee to go to the City Council, and invite the city fathers to the next Youth Club meeting, and also to request permission to use the Community building for their dances. The kids have also lined up a group of chaperones. It seems like they have made a very constructive beginning.

Perhaps as a result of this, Mr. Eve Anderson has donated his bus and the kids have decided to have a beach party at Seaside on August 19. The bus holds 95 passengers, and they intend to fill it with kids and some chaperones. The club meets every Friday at the Center until school starts. Other activities are also planned.