

Health service van sought for Chicanos

HILLSBORO—Plans were announced here Wednesday to raise funds for a mobile van to bring health services to migrant farm workers and rural families in Washington County.

The van also would be used to train Chicano youth as medical aides.

The two-edged program is being sponsored by the Washington County Health Department, its Migrant Advisory Board and the Washington County Community Action Organization.

Joe Garcia, chairman of the advisory board, estimated it would cost \$150,000 per year to purchase the van and operate it. He said the board had raised \$1,000 toward the \$29,000 purchase price of a van and is seeking public

and private financial support for the project.

Garcia said the board would like to have the van in operation by the summer of 1973, when most migrant workers are in the area.

Arturo Cortez, community youth aide with the Washington County community action program, said 16 Chicano young people will be trained as medical aides by working with the mobile van.

They also will help in communication with the 3,000 farm workers who speak Spanish as their primary language, he said.

Harry Kemp, Washington County health officer, said his staff often has difficulty in communicating with the Spanish-speaking persons who come to the department.

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Self-help housing to be dedicated

Five families from Cornelius and Forest Grove will celebrate completion of the first self-help housing project in Washington County Saturday at 1 p.m.

This program, organized by Valley Migrant League in Forest Grove, allows families to build their own homes, helped by a low-interest loan from Farmers Home Administration.

The commemoration ceremony Saturday will begin at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Lozano at 1296 S Ivy, Cornelius.

Local officials, including Cirilo Villarreal of Valley Migrant League and Cornelius Mayor Ben Inscore, will attend the ceremony, and the public is invited. The ceremony will include a performance by the Tapatios, a group from Hillsboro specializing in Mexican dances. A tour of the homes will follow.

The self-help housing program is made possible by the Federal Housing Act. A group of families comes together and each family pledges 1500 hours of work toward building its own home, with assistance of a construction supervisor. The self-help hours then are applied toward the cost of the homes, giving each family an equity of \$3,000.

Families build the homes entirely themselves, except for wiring, plumbing, sheet rocking of walls and building cabinets.

Locally, the first self-help group was organized by VML's Villarreal. In addition to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lozano, the project includes those of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Silva and Mr. and Mrs. Armando Meza of Forest Grove and Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso Aranda and Mr. and Mrs. Ignacio Vidales in Cornelius.

VML will begin its second self-help program in October, when another five families will begin construction of their own houses.

ENRICH CURRICULA BI-CULTURALLY PLEA OF WORKSHOP FILM

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concerned citizens, most of them teachers, principals or counselors with School District 15, have reached the halfway point in a two-months' weekly workshop on changes which might be made in the curriculum to help Mexican-American children adjust more easily in the schools.

Last week the Portland papers discovered the project and announced that the school board was to meet with Chicano parents on Jan. 3. Not so, Supt. D. Herbert Armstrong told many callers, and again on Wednesday night he had to ask a small group of Chicanos who showed up to testify to leave since this was not a public meeting.

Recommendations from this task force will go to the school board next month and at that time the board will welcome views of parents and other citizens, Armstrong stated. Three more meetings will be held on Wednesday nights during January.

Feature of the Jan. 3 meeting was the showing of a film provided by the Oregon Board of Education's migrant education division entitled "Cultural Conflict and Traditional Curricula." The University of New Mexico professor whose lecture appeared on film contended that Chicano youngsters are healthier emotionally before they enter school. They are told by their parents that they will meet lots of new friends and learn lots of new things in school. Then they become bewildered when they are confronted with a strange language, strange customs and images different from any which are familiar to them. (e.g. a father in business suit with brief case in hand, a "good breakfast" of orange juice, cereal and egg).

"If Spanish was good my teacher would speak it," the child reasons, according to the New Mexican educator. "My father doesn't look like that," he thinks. Result is that he becomes ashamed of his own

culture and rejects the patterns of his family.

The lecturer urged an enrichment of the curriculum rather than a change. "Recognize Geronimo as well as Kit Carson as a brave man who fought for his beliefs; teach Cervantes as well as Shakespeare" were just two of his examples. "Enjoy the fruits of both cultures," he pleaded.

The educator noted that immigrants from many different countries in Europe had been absorbed into the American main stream within a generation or two, but that three "ponds" are still outside, handicapped by skin color as well as culture. These are the Mexican-American, the Indian and the Negro.

Miriam McDowell, director of special education, reported on what Eugene is doing with its minority pupils. In-service courses for teachers with practical tips for working with children are planned and parental involvement is stressed. Efforts will be made

for all employees in the schools to learn to communicate with the Chicanos. Hiring of more bi-lingual teachers is a goal as is a pre-kindergarten program which would be conducted in the children's homes.

Gilbert Anzualdua of the state department of education said help is available from Salem if the district makes a commitment to teacher training. The film shown Jan. 3 is just one part of a three-month training course, he said.

A list of 15 problems Chicano youths encounter in Forest Grove schools was presented by Arturo Cortez, representing La Rasas Unida Para Accion (The Races United for Action). Task force members began to respond emotionally to charges that Chicano pupils were not informed of special federal programs (Upward Bound) and were not allowed to enroll in classes which would challenge their abilities.

Amador Aguirre and Ray Chapman joined to "pour oil on troubled waters" and

Chairman Ellen Stevens said it was evident that a lack of information and communication existed. "This is the way people feel," she said, promising that "if these are real problems we will find the answers."

Armstrong cautioned against yielding to pressure groups which demand their own programs for the schools. He said the schools have been aware of and working with Chicano youngsters for 20 years and that most of their problems are the same as those of other children. Limited resources of the district must be used to help all children reach their full potential, he said.

"We don't need to bring pressure now," Aguirre replied. "We believe you now understand our problems."

Each member of the task force was invited to make specific proposals for changes in the curriculum or program of the schools and these will be reviewed at the Jan. 10 meeting.

Six arrested in drug raid

Six juveniles and one adult, Charles Scott Meece, 20, of 2125 18th Ave. were arrested Tuesday night Jan. 2 in a drug raid on a foster home located at the above address.

Forest Grove police held the young people in one room while they searched the home, uncovering marijuana, "hash" and assorted pills, according to Duke Vandehey, acting police chief.

Meece, a student at Pacific University, reported to be assisting at the Multnomah County-licensed foster home while the couple in charge was away at jobs during the day.

Meece will face drug charges in Washington County District Court. The juveniles will be returned to Multnomah County Juvenile Department for custody and court action.

More on
F.G. task force —
which ended in
adoption of
5 changes in
schools, including
special course
for teachers, bilingual
messages to parents,
and effort to
involve Chicanos in
schools decisions.

Forest Grove Chicanos want curriculum changes to help their youth

By LUCILLE WARREN

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FOREST GROVE — Does a Chicano first-grader have as good a chance to graduate from high school as his Anglo neighbor?

Several Mexican-American parents living in the Forest Grove School District don't think so. They have asked the school board to introduce bilingual classes, Mexican culture and history and Chicano teachers and teacher aides to give their youngsters a better opportunity.

A task force of Anglo and Mexican-American area residents will meet Jan. 3 with the school board to determine whether changes are needed to provide better education for Chicano students.

The group will meet weekly through January to develop specific objectives for the 1973-74 school year, according to Dr. D. Herbert Armstrong, school superintendent.

Three meetings have been held with parents and faculty to determine what the problems are, if any, Armstrong said, and the task force has been formed to make recommendations to the board.

During the past few years, many Mexican-Americans have become permanent residents in the community and their youngsters attend schools on a regular basis, Armstrong said.

Forest Grove has 240 Spanish-American students in a school enrollment of 3,780. There are 40 students with Spanish surnames in the senior high and 54 in three junior high grades. The rest are in elementary schools.

The Mexican-American parents have asked for counselors at the high school and

with. They want their children admitted to the more demanding and challenging classes at the senior high.

Joe Garcia, director of migrant education in Washington County, said he primarily would like to see bilingual classes the first two years for youngsters coming from homes where only Spanish is spoken.

"The child goes to school with no English and finds himself totally lost the first two or three years," Garcia said. "These students consistently are behind those who begin school speaking English," he said.

Ethnically-oriented materials should be placed in the schools from kindergarten through 12th grade, he believes, and he'd like to see Chicano studies in the curriculum for anyone in or above the seventh grade.

"We're also pushing for Chicano teacher aides to be hired," Garcia said, "because the role model is very important for children at this time."

It's difficult to find aides who will work for \$1.75 an hour the school district pays, Garcia said. He'd like to have the pay scale raised. "They can make more working in the cannery," he said.

Armstrong agrees the dropout problem is great. Relatively few "hang on" to graduation, and many stop school to go to work.

"We haven't been able to identify a problem any different from any other youngsters," Armstrong said. "We have students in school from the same background who do beautifully."

The school program, at this time, Armstrong said, is to meet the individual stu-

strong said.

The young people need skills in language arts and computation, Armstrong

said. They also need maximum information and training regarding U.S. citizenship responsibilities and priv-

ileges.

Armstrong said he believes these are the essential parts of the formal education

program and constitute the major responsibility of the school.

Teachers say the major

problem of many Chicano youngsters is lack of motivation demonstrated by a lack of regular attendance, fail-

ure to do regular assignments and a demonstrated success with pending effort.

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twins have shared in first-babe-of-year
prizes here. Sharon, born at 2:57, weighed
4-12½, and Karen, arriving at 3:05, was 3-
8. Taylors were not expecting twins. Tests

are being made to determine whether
girls are identical. They have older sister,
Sandra Marie, almost 3. Hillsboro winner
in annual derby is Michael John Eiden Jr.
(Argus photo by JoAnn Kirby)

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sign, directing traffic to Edwards Meadows, at
northeast corner of 21st and Tualatin Valley
Highway. Also denied was request for lot size,
rear and side yard variance by Lee Crowell on
Cornell between Grant and Oleander.

Commission approved requests from Joseph
Smith, between Morgan and Rood Bridge
for preliminary plat reapproval on 109

Youths invited on police patrol

Youths 12 years and older have been
invited to ride on patrol with Hillsboro
police officers.

Release forms are available at city
hall and must be signed by parents.

Directors request detail

Students be
allowed to walk across the 29 three-ton bridges
and reboard the buses. Meng then commented
about the 10-ton gross load empty.

Bob Schmor, Banks superintendent, said the
closures and postings would cost his district

Glencoe, Meacham, Timber and Cochran
Roads.

NO POSTING (45) — Tiedemann, Tigard,
Porter, Oleson, Taylor's Ferry, Cornell (2),
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Spring Hill, Gaston, Golf Course, Scotch

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and reappointed William Graeper to an
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Unified Sewerage Agency Commis
Another member will be appointed from
west end.

Freezing rain closes county schools

Freezing rain Wednesday night and early
Thursday snarled traffic in Washington
County, especially in the east end, closed
Hillsboro area schools and most others, and
caused scattered power outages.

The rain began late Wednesday afternoon,
following four days of low temperatures and
strong east winds.

Driving was treacherous through the night,
with the sheriff's office reporting many minor
accidents and traffic tie-ups on Barnes Road

and other east end streets.

Portland General Electric Co. crews worked
through the night Monday restoring service in
Dixie Mountain region and other areas, and
had further trouble from wind Tuesday.

Ice and limbs on lines created problems
Wednesday night, and caused a major outage
on River Road about 10 o'clock this morning
which affected some 1,000 customers, ac-
cording to Don Shattuck, PGE division
manager.

He reported trees went through line
Dersham Road near North Plains and in
Hills during the stormy week.

Forest Grove and Banks schools
among the few open today, as worst cond
were reported from Hillsboro east. Por
had freezing rain, black ice and 32-d
temperature at midmorning.

The 8 a.m. road report showed shower
slush on Wilson River and Sunset Hig
summits, with 32-degree readings.

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Computer helpful to local police

Forest Grove Police Department is linked not only with CRISS (Columbia Region Information Sharing System) but also with NCIC (National Crime Information Center) in Washington D.C., both of which help local law enforcement efforts. Acting Police Chief Duke Vandehey appeared before Forest Grove Chamber of Commerce Monday noon to explain how the nationwide computer system works.

When a police officer stops a driver on a traffic charge, he can radio in the the dispatcher at the local police station the car's license number; she puts the license number on the computer and within 40 seconds (sometimes a little more or a little less) the answer comes through on the computer as to whether the vehicle is stolen or the driver is wanted on any charge any place in the nation!

When such a spot check turns up a wanted person, police call it a "hit". Lt. Vandehey described several recent "hits" reported from different parts of the country. A fugitive from Detroit was apprehended by means of his social security number which was tattooed on his arm! Washington D.C. police checked a suspicious car, found the driver was wanted in Yonkers, N.Y. However, he said he was the wrong man and it turned out the ID card he carried had been stolen from an inmate in a North Carolina prison!

"Another stolen ID card was involved in the arrest of a hitchhiker in Delaware. He was thought at first to have been a deserter from the armed forces but was later identified as an escapee from a Rhode Island reformatory.

Lt. Vandehey said that the Forest Grove police station also has instant contact with LEDS (Law Enforcement Data System; which provides information on file in the state motor vehicles office concerning a driver's record. During the question period which followed Rich Heisler asked if the state office listed traffic arrests or convictions only. Vandehey said "just convictions".

Walter Clark asked if the state office would have a rec-

ord of his "restricted" driving license. Vandehey replied "yes". Paul McGilvra asked if the proposed red license plates for drunken drivers would really prove effective. Vandehey said that the plates would assure that a driver of such a car would be watched closely by police. Someone asked what would happen if his wife was driving the car and the police officer quipped that this would mean good business for auto dealers since the wife would no doubt demand a second car.

In reply to other questions, Lt. Vandehey said that evidence in a stopped car could be seized by police only if it was in plain sight; that a person cannot be required (by police) to get out of his car unless he has been placed under arrest; burglary problems in Forest Grove have so far been mostly cases of "kids looking for money" but that Beaverton is already experiencing big city professional burglaries. Vandehey suggested that homeowners write down the serial numbers of their television sets, guns, etc. so that if they should be stolen they could be traced.

Vandehey reported that the NCIC had 4,252,129 records on file on Dec. 1, 1972. Further, it had on file names of 117,481 persons wanted for felonies, 837,523 stolen vehicles, 288,235 stolen license plates, 865,502 missing articles (identified by serial numbers), 549,858 stolen guns and histories of 242,217 criminal offenders together with their MOD (mode of operation).

He invited Chamber members to visit the police station to observe how the computer works.

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