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ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS OF
WCCAO BOARD MEMBERS
PACIFIC UNIVERSITY Forest Grove
Brighton Chapel - - Marsh Hall

Wed. Oct-11 3:00 P.M.



✓ PANCAKE SUPPER - GREAT SUCCESS - POTLUCK DINNER - OCTOBER 14.

A pancake and sausage supper was held at the Timber Neighborhood Center Wednesday, September 27th. Purpose for the supper was to raise money to help the Timber Youth Club buy skates for the skating rink which is due to open here at the center later this fall. A total of \$70.25 was cleared after expenses. Mrs. Ma

Mrs. Marjorie Wilcox, Chairman of the Timber Area Council, organized the supper and got a very good committee of adults and youth to work with her on this project. About 150 people attended including a large number of members from the Washington County Community Action Board of Directors.

On Saturday, October 14, there will be a Potluck Dinner at the Neighborhood Center for the same worthy cause. Dinner will be served from 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. From 9:00 P.M. on games will be played. Each family is invited to bring one dish for the dinner and an inexpensive prize for the games. This will be your admission. The Youth Club will offer one ham and one turkey as grand prizes for the "Bingo". It should be a great evening of family fun.

EDITORIAL - THE ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING

Elsewhere in this newsletter is the announcement of our annual election of Board Members. This election meeting is the most important single meeting of our entire Washington County "War-on-Poverty" program. All who read this newsletter and who are citizens of Washington County should make it their solemn duty to attend this election meeting!

Some may ask, "what is so important about this meeting? There are many public groups involved in this or that community service. How is the Community Action Organization different?" I beg you read carefully my reply to this significant question.

I could point out that we are a corporation and the Board Members are the legal body which owns and operates the Community Action Organization. If the Board does not function, our whole effort in reducing economic and cultural poverty stops--we close the office.

It is necessary to remember that the Board of Directors is the direct contact between our local efforts and the Federal Government from which most of our funds are obtained. The Office of Economic Opportunity will deal only with the official actions of our Board.

But of crucial concern is that through our Board, made up of a cross-section of County citizens--citizens from all walks of life--we maintain control of our own affairs. It is this last reason which makes the coming election meeting so important. My own life experiences as well as all that has happened in the "War-on-Poverty" program dictates that the success we have in eliminating poverty in Washington County will come out of our own efforts. It is our County, our neighborhoods. The low income and distressed folks among us are our neighbors, friends, employees--our fellow citizens. They are part of us. No federal government can solve our problems or successfully carry our responsibilities. We have to do the job ourselves.

Only as we understand our own needs, develop a plan for solving them and take on the actual job of helping our fellow citizens become more effective in living with dignity as American citizens, will real progress be made. Quite frankly, all the Federal Government can do to help is to provide some of the financial means for our work and even here, if we become dependant upon the government for funds, we lose a part of our ability to solve our own problems. We also lose in personal dignity as we give up some of our freedom to the dictates of government bureaus.

If our Board of Directors do not find an effective way to work, the Federal Government will come in with their canned programs, directives, paperwork and delays. There never has been any real success in solving problems of poverty when a community takes the federal government route. We need a dedicated body of men and women--citizens of Washington County--who will accept the challenge of solving our problems of poverty right here in the County. The annual election meeting is where that group of citizens are formed--where the citizens of the county re-affirm their belief in the dignity of men and in the American tradition of freedom of opportunity for all citizens of our great nation.

Donald C. Jones Chairman
Washington County Community Action Organization

UPWARD BOUND PROJECT AT PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

For the second consecutive year, Pacific University is conducting an Upward Bound Project through the pre-college program of the O.E.O. This year's project involves 51 high school students from the Washington County and Portland areas. These boys and girls have completed their sophomore or junior year in high school and are all returning to high school this fall. They must all meet O.E.O. income standards and must have demonstrated academic potential for college study. The primary purpose of the program is to encourage and assist these students in their school performances and enable them to enroll in a college or technical school.

The program is divided into two phases, the first of which is the residency phase. For seven weeks, the students lived on the Pacific University Campus. Small classes, facilitating close student-teacher relationships, were held in such subjects as Math, English, Science and the Arts. A Reading Improvement program was also conducted. Trained leaders provided opportunities and guidance in varied recreational activities. In addition, the students were taken on educational/cultural tours and on pleasure trips to such places as State Parks and the beach. The second phase, the follow-up phase of the program, consists of maintaining contact with the students in their respective schools and assisting them as needed. A regular tutoring program is provided. The Upward Bound staff works closely with school personnel and with other social agencies in order to help these students realize the greatest possible development of their potential.

Jerry Brickey, Assistant Administrator
Upward Bound

NEW HOURS - NORTH PLAINS NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Monday & Thursday 12 to 8 P.M.

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday 9 to 5 P.M.

FAMILY HEALTH SERIES - NORTH PLAINS

The North Plains Community Center had its first session of a series of these discussions on Family Health Problems on Thursday, September 21 at the Center. An excellent film, entitled "Phoebe" was shown. It focussed on the problems of a girl when faced with the reality of a premarital pregnancy. After the film Mrs. Helen Running, Home Economist, who works with such girls in the Portland School District, led a discussion among the young people and Mrs. Emelda Jones, and Mrs. Maxine Sweetman led the discussion among the adults.

The second session will be on Tuesday, October 17, in the Community Hall. A film "Meeting the Needs of Adolescents" will be shown.

SHERWOOD AREA - GENERAL MEETING

At their last meeting on Thursday, September 28, the Sherwood Area Action Committee decided to postpone their General Meeting until Monday, October 30, 1967 at the Sherwood Grange Hall. This was to facilitate the possibility of a large turnout. Things are really humming down Sherwood way Be there.

HEADSTART - NORTH PLAINS

The Headstart program is off and running. John Ulrich, Director, will have an up to date report next month.

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WE WILL SEE YOU THERE!