



CAP NEWS

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HOPE COMMUNITY CENTER (Area) NEWS:

Sunset Grange Building - Telephone 324-3455
Sunset Highway - Manning, Oregon 97125

TEEN CHARM CLUB: The Teen Charm Club resumed classes on Tuesday, January 6, at the Grange Hall in Manning. These classes are held under the direction of Mrs. Bea Kuykendall, our volunteer youth co-ordinator. Ten girls are enrolled in the class, which meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

GED: As of this date no GED instructor is available for the Hope area. At least ten students are waiting to begin studies needed to achieve High School Equivalency Diplomas. If you know of anyone who is interested and able to teach this type of class, please contact us at Hope Center.

EMERGENCY HELP: Christmas Eve day, a disastrous fire completely destroyed the home and belongings of the Jim Estes family on Top Hill above Buxton. The community mobilized resources in an amazingly short time, led by such public-spirited people as Mrs. Delphy Noble and Mrs. Ellen Smith. One of the first persons to arrive at the Smith house with clothing from her own children's closets was Mrs. Myldred Tudor, who responded to another emergency call from us at Thanksgiving time. As of this writing, the Estes family has been supplied with housing, household goods, clothing and food. The Elks Lodge in Hillsboro provided a food basket and toys for the Estes children. Theresa Carson, Hope Center secretary, filled in for Naomi Nichols, who was fighting the flu, and she was able to gather a truckload of needed items for the family. All and all, it is a wonderful feeling to see how people respond when help is needed.

COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING: As of this time, we are still negotiating for a site for the proposed community center. We have been promised forty-five feet of a Quonset Hut, to be used for a center building, and as soon as land has been found, fund-raising will begin for the necessary materials, such as cement, etc. We have plenty of volunteers-- men, women and teen-agers to help with the actual construction.

The community center will serve as a much-needed focal point for such activities as GED classes, sewing classes, a Head Start center, Women's Club activities, Search and Rescue meetings, a car club for teen-age boys, guitar lessons, plus many other possibilities that people in the community have suggested from time to time.

SEARCH AND RESCUE: The Search and Rescue Group met on Wednesday, January 7, at 8:00 p.m., at the home of Kirk Kuykendal in Manning. Kirk reported the purchase of a pair of citizen's band, two-way radios for use in search and rescue work. The Hope Area Council voted to provide money from the Council treasury to pay for the radios.

SEWING CLASS: Sewing classes will resume on Tuesday, January 13, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., at the Grange Hall in Manning. Everyone is welcome to attend these classes.

The next regular meeting of the Hope Community Area Council will be held on Wednesday, January 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sunset Grange in Manning.

NORTH PLAINS AREA DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (Community Center News)
Commercial Street (next to Post Office) Tel. 647-5515
North Plains, Oregon 97133

We would like to introduce a new member of our Council, Mr. Harry Haley. This father of four works at the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway station in North Plains. He has operated recreation programs for youth of the area for a number of years.

Mr. Haley spearheaded a move to get a United States flag for the North Plains Center. A letter from our Chairman, Gordon Lewis was sent to the Oregon Congressional delegation, and within two weeks our center had received a flag from Representative Wendall Wyatt. We are planning to have a formal, flag-raising ceremony in the very near future.

North Plains Community Center N.Y.C. worker, Linda Jones, had fantastic success with her first big project. Working in cooperation with Public Health Nurse, Betty Fineout, Linda contacted parents and reminded them of the Well-baby clinic held at the center on December 11. Twenty three children were examined and seventeen received immunizations. Dr. Julia Grach was very pleased with the turnout, as a good clinic usually has from twelve to fifteen children participating. BRAVO to Linda!

We would also like to tip our hat to Beverly Lewis, wife of Gordon Lewis - Chairman of the North Plains Council, in her private project to provide a Christmas basket for a family in the North Plains area. She learned the family would be celebrating a bleak Christmas with a very bare table. Bev got a group of women together and they provided three boxes of food. A box of toys from the Portland Toy and Joy Makers was also included in the Christmas Surprise.

The North Plains Area Development Organization is revising its bylaws and they were discussed at the January 8 meeting.

The next meeting of the North Plains Area Development Council will be held February 5, at the Community Center at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend our council meetings. Hope we see you there.

UPPER TUALATIN COMMUNITY CENTER (Gaston) NEWS:
104 Front Street - Tel. 985-8851
Gaston, Oregon 97119

Christmas is gone, but the memories linger on. Especially those at Gaston, and the busy days at Grandma's Corner will not be forgotten easily. Total sales for the month of December were \$744.00 and you can be sure "Grandma's Corner was really hopping.

Memories also, of a Christmas Party given for the young children of welfare recipients in this area. We give thanks to the Dorcas Society of Laurelwood for this thoughtful occasion. There were twenty four children attending, and each one received a new and

and an old toy, an article of clothing, and many good things to eat. One family whose children had the measles were treated with a party in their home. This also, was done through the thoughtfulness of the Dorcas Society of Laurelwood.

Activities already begun and other projects still in the planning stage promise a busy future for the Upper Tualatin Community Center area.

At the regular meeting of our Council, held on January 8, new officers were elected for the coming year.

A well-baby and immunization clinic will be held at the Community Center in Gaston on January 22, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. We are hoping to have a good turnout for this clinic.

Scheduled for the near future is the raising of our building in Cherry Grove. The lot is cleared and the brush has been burned. It is good to see the progress that is being made, as we have all worked on this project for a long time - not only fighting red tape, but skeptical public opinion doubting if the community center building would ever be a reality.

We are now beginning to see the results of months of dedicated effort by many people. Before too long we hope to be inviting everyone to the open house celebrating the use of our new community center.

Please check at the Community Center office in Gaston for the date and time of the February meeting of the Upper Tualatin Community Center Council.

TRI-CITY COMMUNITY CENTER (Sherwood) NEWS:
105-115 N. W. 1st Street - Tel. 625-6893
Sherwood, Oregon 97140

Fourteen families were given Christmas baskets of turkey, food and toys. Organizations who participated in providing these baskets were the Epsilon Sigma Alpha sororities of Beaverton and Newberg; the Tigard and Sherwood Fire Department; the Sherwood Methodist Church; Mt. Home United Methodist Church; the American Legion Auxiliary; the students at Sherwood High School; and the Sherwood Friends Church. We would like to thank these organizations, and the many individuals throughout the area, for their contributions and help in preparing the Christmas baskets.

We were glad to assist four families this month who needed clothing. We are able to do this because of donations to our "Clothes Closet". Anyone having clothes in good, wearable condition, which their own children have outgrown, please remember the Sherwood "Clothes Closet". Clothing can be brought to the Sherwood Center any week day from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

GED classes were discontinued during December, but we hope to have them start again this month. Mr. Henry Truax, who has been the GED instructor, will not be able to continue teaching the GED classes, due to other commitments, and we are looking for another instructor. If anyone is interested in teaching the class, please stop by or call the Tri-City Center in Sherwood. No particular qualifications are needed, other than being willing to give time and effort to a most worthwhile task.

The Youth Center, through use of a Honor System, is emphasizing the responsibility of each youth for his own actions, and the actions of any and all other youth using the Center.

Each month we seem to be stating the need for volunteer chaperons, however; as said before, the same people are asked again and again to serve in this capacity, and more volunteer chaperons are needed. We especially need chaperons for three or four hours on Friday and Saturday nights.

A dance is tentatively planned for either January 17 or January 24. Chaperons are needed for the dance.

We would like to thank Mildred Arthur, Susan Berry and Ron Holcomb for contributing their time during the last month as chaperones at the Youth Center and where needed.

Sunday, January 4, a group of teens spent the day at Mt. Hood. Transportation was provided through use of the Headstart bus and two volunteer cars, with gas expense being shared by those taking the trip. Everyone had a good time and spent a wonderful day on the snowy slopes of Mt. Hood.

Ruth Tiner, Tri-city Center Co-ordinator, has been in the hospital in Hillsboro for therapy treatment. She is home again, waiting for the specialist's decision as to further treatment for her back condition.

The next meeting of the Tri-City Community Center Council will be held January 27, at the Sherwood center. Time - 8:00 p.m.

HEAD START -----

At a given time, there are a few people who are dedicated to a principle, to the extent that they will serve full time on a voluntary basis. Such a person is a member of our Head Start staff at the Metzger Center, Mrs. Alison K. Phemister.

For eighteen years, Mrs. Phemister was the director-owner of the Preschool for Fours and Fives at the Valley Community Church in southwest Portland, and since the inception of Head Start she has been a consultant in Early Childhood Education. She brings to her class at Metzger a treasury of experience and even more important a commitment that is rare in these days. When she left her private business last spring she wrote, "I leave with many regrets. It would continue to be a satisfying career, but for some time I have felt a real need to serve further in other fields. I hope to expand my own knowledge of early childhood education and share some of my experience with other programs."

Almost immediately, Alison offered her services to Head Start and has been a full time volunteer teacher at Metzger since we opened there in October last year. Of course, no one is indispensable, but we know that without Alison's warm love for children and her ability with people the Metzger Head Start Center would be somewhat less than perfect.

John Ulrich
Head Start Director

CALENDAR OF COMING MEETINGS, CLASS SCHEDULES, etc. - January, 1970

GED Class Schedule: Monday & Wednesday in Hillsboro at the CAP office, 558 S. E. 10th
Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. - Mrs. Wyckoff - Instructor.
Tuesday & Thursday in Forest Grove at the Multi-service Center, 2033
"B" Street. Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Mrs. Wyckoff - Instructor.

Wednesday, January 21 - Washington County Community Action Organization, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting at 8:00 p.m. at City Hall in Hillsboro.