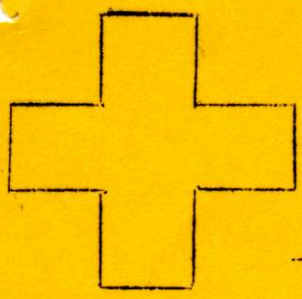
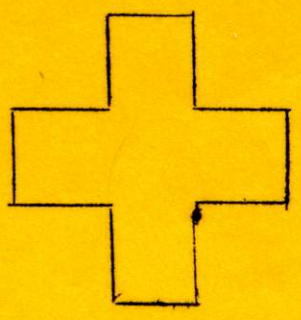


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VANPORT NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETIN



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VANPORT HOSPITAL TO BE CLOSED

The Vanport Hospital will have to start curtailing its operations on the 15 of April unless funds are made available to cover the loss incurred in the carrying out of its operations.

This hospital is here to serve the 18,000 residents of Vanport City. No community of 18,000 people should be without hospital facilities regardless of its location.

In the Portland area it is even more important to us as residents of Vanport that this hospital not be closed as there is a great shortage of hospital space in the City of Portland. The following are some facts that you should know about the Vanport Hospital.

1. Half of the patients at this hospital come from areas outside of Vanport City. In most instances this is because there is no room for them in other hospitals in the Portland area.

2. The staff of doctors now using the Vanport City Hospital has been on a steady increase since the first of the year. One reason for this is that those doctors returning from the Armed Forces are unable to get their patients into other hospitals as quickly.

3. This hospital is an "overflow" institution. It furnishes excellent hospital facilities to all people in the Portland area who might otherwise not be able to enter any of the very overcrowded hospitals in Portland.

4. If a program of building expansion was started immediately to enlarge

the facilities at hospitals in the City of Portland it would take from 18 months to two years before they could be available for use on a par with the facilities now available at the Vanport Hospital.

5. Funds for the continuance of the hospital are no longer available through the Federal Works Agency, and some other source must be found to supply the cash to carry out this vital operation.

6. The Hospital Superintendent has indicated that his efforts to see that the hospital is allowed to remain open would be greatly helped if residents of Vanport City and Portland were made aware of the situation and wrote letters concerning their desire to see the hospital remain open.

7. The Vanport Residents' Emergency Hospital Committee is a working committee of people living in this area to aid you by making available to you the information you need to write a letter. By supporting the activities of this committee you will be aiding in the program to keep a hospital in Vanport City for your use in the case of an emergency.

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REGISTRATION BOOTH OPENS
FOR VANPORT VOTERS

The registrar of Multnomah County has just announced that there will be a Registration Booth at the Sheriff's Office from April 3 until the close of the registration period, April 16. The booth will be open from 10 a. m. until 6 p. m. daily. In order to avoid the last minute rush, you should make it your duty to get registered today.

ACTION TO SAVE HOSPITAL

SMALLPOX

Representatives of three Vanport Community groups met Tuesday night to discuss action on the question of the Vanport Hospital being forced to close unless funds are made available from some source to continue its operation.

Feeling that their best expression of action would come through closer organization on this one situation the group initiated the Vanport Residents' Emergency Hospital Committee. Officers elected were, Mr. J. Lewis Ackerman, Chairman, and Mrs. Carl Jensen, Treasurer. The immediate job of the group is to present to the resident of Vanport City the facts concerning the possible closing of the hospital and the effect that such action would have on each resident.

Their first step to acquaint more people with the problem is a planned demonstration to take place Saturday morning in Vanport City. Further immediate action required is the writing of letters to the following persons whom it is known can be of help in the plan to keep the hospital here.

Mr. Jesse Epstein, Regional Director,
Federal Public Housing Administration,
Skinner Building,
Seattle, Washington.

Mr. Harry Freeman, Executive Director,
Housing Authority of Portland, Oregon,
Alderway Building,
Portland 5, Oregon.

Senators Wayne Morse and Guy Condon,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Congressman Homer Angell,
House Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

In addition to the above it is of vital concern that those of us whose homes are in States other than Oregon, contact our representatives and make them aware that federal funds must be made available for the continuance of the hospital that is here to serve us while we are living in Vanport City.

Everyone has been reading in the local papers about the Smallpox scare in California and in Washington. There have been no cases reported in this area but it is advisable to be vaccinated if you have not been in the last two years. Many people have been vaccinated at the Multnomah County Court House and the Vanport Health Department during the past week.

LIBRARY CARDS

Effective April 1, all cards issued bearing numbers above 8,000 may be used for Vanport circulation only. However, people wishing books from Portland Library may have them delivered to the Vanport Library by requesting same from the Vanport Librarian.

AMERICAN VETERANS' COMMITTEE

At a meeting held on April 2 at Community Building #2 a Chapter of the AVC was formed. Temporary officers were elected to serve for 60 days or until a permanent constitution with permanent officers is adopted. The group will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month at Community Building #2 to discuss questions of community interest. The first order of business will be a discussion of ways and means of keeping the Vanport Hospital in operation. All veterans, men and women, are invited to attend the meetings.

VANPORT CARDINALS TAKE MILL PLAIN PEE WEE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Vanport Cardinals, a great little bunch of Pee Wee basketeers, operating out of Community Building #2, displayed their skill and talent to earn a 35 - 27 count over the Little Tigers of Mill Plain, thus winning the #1 berth in the Mill Plain Pee Wee League Championship with gold basketballs as their reward. The Little Tigers refused to be "out of the game" until the Cardinals decided they had been pushed too close for nearly three quarters. Pulling into the fourth quarter with a four point lead and adding four more spelled CHAMPIONS for the "Cards".

NOTICES

Community Building #1 will be closed to the general public during the week of April 7 to 13 for repairs, Churches and classes will meet as scheduled.

Thursday evenings are reserved for "ADULTS ONLY" at Community Buildings #1 and #2. Bring your neighbor for ping pong, pool, badminton, volleyball and card games.

BROADACRE-DENVER ORGANIZATION HOLDS ELECTION

The Broadacre-Denver Community Organization met Wednesday evening at Upper-Grade Auditorium of MacArthur School. Mr. Edward Perkins acted as chairman. The following officers were elected to serve for a six months' period: President, Mr. Edward Perkins; Vice-President, Mrs. W. Roper; and Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Odessa Harmon.

We wish the new officers the best of luck and offer congratulations. In looking over the cooperative members of the Executive Committee all of the projects should be most successful. The following names have been submitted to the President by the Nominating Committee from which to draw chairmen and vice-chairmen for Standing and Temporary Committees: Mr. Dewey Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Colbert, Mrs. Helen Weaver, Mr. Otis Wilder, Mr. Edward C. Wilder, Mr. Jimmy L. Ganter, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Orbo, Mrs. Marguerite Hedge, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Evans, Mr. W. A. Roper, Mrs. Clara Mae Walker, Mrs. Lela Johnson, Mrs. Josephine Norwood, Miss Artie Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ward, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nelson.

Rev. C. N. Austin, Pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church was guest speaker and gave a most informative speech on "The History, Defeat, and Present Strategy of Fair Employment Bill".

SOFTBALL AND HARDBALL PLAYERS

All MEN'S, BOYS', GIRLS' AND WOMEN'S hard and softball teams must be registered before April 26. You may register

by contacting Mr. Gary at Community Building #2 or Miss Jones at Community Building #1.

SOFTBALL

Men's teams will be eligible for competition in six different leagues according to ability. Boys' teams will be classified according to age into one of six leagues. The girls' and women's leagues will be made up of teams playing for the fun of the game and competition in these leagues will be restricted to this level.

HARDBALL

Vanport adult teams will be able to play in the Portland League this year with part of their games scheduled on a home field here in Vanport. League play will start about May 15. REGISTER NOW.

Boys' team play will be preceded by a clinic beginning April 27. Watch for another announcement about this.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE STUDIES VANPORT SCHOOL APPROPRIATION

The future of the Vanport Schools now lies in the hands of a congressional committee which is considering a bill to appropriate funds for all such projects in which the emergency need continued after the Lanham Act funds were terminated.

The outlook for the eventual passage of the bill is favorable but rapid passage is extremely necessary if we are to be in a position to renew contracts with our teachers before they accept other offers.

To insure prompt action on this bill (H.R. 5796) letters and wires indicating the urgent need should be sent to the following Senators and Representatives: Representative Lanham, Chairman of the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds (now handling the bill); Representative Homer Angell from Oregon; and Senators Wayne Morse and Guy Cordon of Oregon.