

# VANPORT NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETIN

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## VANPORT FACES FUTURE

LONGEVITY OF VANPORT  
(From OREGONIAN, April 15)

"Suspension of federal funds for Vanport schools and hospital and the government position, made plain by regional officials of the public housing administration, that it intends to disown Vanport City if it can get away with it, presents some potent problems, not only for the residents of Vanport but for the city of Portland and the state of Oregon.

"A sub-group of the mayor's advisory committee on emergency housing has been instructed to go into this matter thoroughly and recommend a solution. It should be possible to reach a reasonable compromise on financing, which certainly should include a reduction in excessive expenditures for operation of what was Oregon's second city in wartime .....

"Approximately 5,000 of Vanport's population are veterans and their families, who have no other place to live. The government attitude is that "these are your boys --take care of them". But there is certainly a joint responsibility of state and federal dominion, for these men were not fighting for Oregon alone ....

"As for the city, county and State, it should be recognized that most of those now residing at Vanport are and will continue to be "our people". Local governments must be willing to share in a cooperative plan to prevent Vanport from becoming an orphan and a slum area.

"There is no basic conflict which teamwork such as that in wartime will not solve."

RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITY  
As residents of Vanport it is of

particular importance that we become aware of what is being said and done concerning us by local groups and the federal government.

We should know that the anticipated life of Vanport is three more years. That plans for disposition of the project include the present dismantling of buildings for re-erctions in areas where housing is vitally short.

We should also be aware that the continuance of Vanport as a community is going to require a degree of cooperation from residents as well as federal and state governments.

The Housing Authority is reorganizing its administrative operation in order to reduce costs by moving its Central Office to University Homes, re-assigning personnel and combining its maintenance crews. In order to further reduce "excessive" operating expenses residents in their own behalf will find it necessary for them to play a greater part in preventing physical destruction of property in Vanport.

Actually by taking a more constructive part in community affairs in Vanport you will be assuring yourself that you will continue to have a roof over your head, a school for your children and a hospital in case of need. It is vital to the interests of each of us that we participate in the growth and development of community organizations through which we may make our desires known and our numerical strength felt.

Information concerning community groups and agencies which you may have heretofore taken for granted is available at the Project Services Office in Community Building #1.

VANPORT YOUNGSTERS STAR IN  
MARBLE TOURNEY

The word "Champ" is still a familiar one to Vanportites -- this time it was with marbles.

Eleven youngsters of Vanport participated in the Seventh Annual Young Oregonian Marble Tournament in Portland last Saturday among about 60 other boys including winners of last year's meet and knuckled down to some real marble business to run off with 1st and 2nd place honors in one division, 1st place in another division, and the NO.1 CHAMP of the tournament.

Two of Vanport's three entries in Division A, 6-9 year olds, "struck" thru semi-finals until being outs by a sharpshooter of Portland, the only division Vanport missed.

ROBERT GRIFFEN, 10, won a first place trophy and WILLIE E. JOHNSON, 11, runner-up received a silver cup in the B Division, 10-12 year olds. BILL MCILWAIN, 15, winner of C Division, 13-16 year olds, received a trophy. He later "shot it out" with the winners of the other two divisions to be acclaimed champ at the tourney with a \$25.00 Victory Bond for his expert marksmanship.

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A Marble Tourney will be held Saturday, April 20, beginning at 9:30 a. m. in Community Building #2. There will be two divisions -- 7-9 years of age and 10-12 years of age -- and if you have not signed up as yet do so before Friday, at 5 p. m. which is the deadline.

HOSPITAL SITUATION UNCHANGED

Most recent developments on the hospital situation as reported by the Vanport Residents Emergency Hospital Committee indicates that the general feeling is a lack of willingness on the part of either the federal government or local groups to shoulder the full load of its operation.

As the Oregonian editorial points out this particular phase of community life in Vanport is now subject to study by the Mayor's subcommittee of housing and it is to be hoped that through cooperative efforts and understanding that local groups and the federal government will be able to come to terms concerning its continued operation.

In answer to residents' letters, Mr. Harry Freeman, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Portland has indicated that this agency is in accord with the residents and is aware of the need for the hospital.

NEW DIRECTOR AT COMMUNITY BUILDING #1

Towards the end of providing the most adequate leadership possible for community buildings operating in Vanport City, Miss Enid Jones has been put in charge of Community Building #1. Miss Jones, a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, is well equipped for the job both on the basis of education and experience. She has two years of post-graduate training taken at Western Reserve School of Applied Social Sciences with a major emphasis on group work activities. Before coming to Vanport, Miss Jones has worked with the Y.W.C.A. in Cleveland, as a community services employee of the Cleveland Housing Authority and in the Women's Activity Section of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company.

THE BROADACRE-DENVER  
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

The next meeting of the Broadacre-Denver Community Organization will be held in the Intermediate Auditorium of the MacArthur School at 8 p. m., Wednesday, April 24, 1946. At this meeting the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order will be presented for adoption. Important reports from committees formed will be rendered.

Every parent should be present at this meeting to hear important facts on "Your Child in School" by a speaker well acquainted with the situation.

The importance of our Organization is just beginning and each resident who has not become active in the organization should make it his business to become an active member. We, the present members, are doing our part in campaigning for improvement of social, health, and living conditions in our community. We need your help, neighbor! Bring two neighbors with you to our next meeting.

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Watch for the program for a local Talent Show to be held at Community Center #2, Wed. Nite, April 24, at 8 p. m.

## SCHOOL FUNDS SECURED

Superintendent James T. Hamilton announced that the necessary \$412,000. 00 School Budget for next year is now in sight. The funds will come as the result of a special election by resident property owners in Vanport in which the basic tax levy was raised from  $\frac{1}{2}$  mill to 50 mills thus increasing the Federal Housing Authority payment "in lieu of taxes" from \$10,000. to \$300,000. The additional \$112,000. will be provided with the passage of a Bill extending Lanham Act for one more year.

### ---- ALL ABOARD

A trip to see one of the wonders of the world will be taken by a group of boys and girls from Community Building #2. When? Friday, April 19, at 1 p. m. Where to? Sanctuary of our Sorrowful Mother. Transportation fee - 65¢. Others are welcome to go along.

### ---- SMALLPOX

When Smallpox broke out in Seattle and San Francisco about three weeks ago, many persons became terrified. People formed long lines in front of doctor's offices, and health departments, wanting to be vaccinated. Rumors of cases of Smallpox originated out of thin air. Up to this date there has not been a case of Smallpox in the vicinity of Portland this year.

To be on the safe side it is wise to be vaccinated for Smallpox at this time. This will protect the people in case they should be exposed to a Smallpox victim. But, it should still be kept in mind that it would be much wiser to be vaccinated at regular intervals of every 4 to 6 years. This would be a precaution. It would prevent people from becoming panicky when disease breaks out.

### RULES FOR VACCINATED ARMS

Do not wash over or wet the area of the vaccination. The vaccine is pressed under the first layer of skin and this skin acts as a protective covering. Moisture causes this skin layer to be softened and break the postule that forms. Do not bandage the arm; this causes sweating under the bandage. When the dry scab forms, a bandaid may be put

loosely over the area to protect it from rubbing clothes. If you have been vaccinated in the past five years an immune reaction may follow a vaccination. This is a small pimple that forms about two days after vaccination. The area itches for about four days, forms a small scab which falls off soon. If the vaccination "takes", a postule starts forming about the fifth day and the arm becomes inflated and quite sore. Small lumps may form under the arm. Keep the arm quiet, take plenty of fluids and don't become excited. Call your doctor or the agency that vaccinated you; don't listen to the advice given by friends and neighbors -- they probably know less about it than you do.

Remember this: Protect yourself and your family early against the diseases that are preventable and you will help maintain the health of the nation. By doing this you will prevent disease in your own home, and epidemics and panics in your community.

-- VANPORT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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VANPORT  
CITIZENS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

Next regular meeting:

Tuesday, April 23, at 8 p. m.  
Community Building #1

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### SPRING IS HERE

Flowers, green grass, budding trees, had you noticed? As you walk down the various streets in Vanport you will notice that several residents have been planting flowers in the plots in front of their apartments. Attractive fences have been placed around their lawns and flower beds. These people are to be commended in their effort to make the community attractive. Those who have not planted can help Management and the residents who have planted by not picking the flowers and by not walking on the grass.

The Boys and Girls at Community Center #2 have started a garden club. Lavender agertum to be used for borders were started in hot beds; plans were laid for planting flowers at home and around the Building. How about joining us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL PROJECT SERVICES IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING



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# PUBLIC LIBRARY

New Books



RUMOR HATH IT . . . . .	Hale, Christopher
WILD CALENDAR . . . . .	Block, Libbie
SNAKE PIT . . . . .	Ward, Mary
LIFE LINE . . . . .	Bottomo, Phyllis
HO, THE FAIR WIND . . . . .	Wylie, A. R.
BAR 20 RIDES AGAIN . . . . .	Mulford
DAVID THE KING . . . . .	Schmett, Gladys
THE CHAPIN SISTERS . . . . .	Rowe, Fynette
FRIDAY'S CHILD . . . . .	Heyer's, Georgette
GREAT AMERICAN NEGROS . . . . .	Rubardson, Ben
WINTER MEETING . . . . .	Vance, Ethel
CHRISTINE ROUX . . . . .	Williamson, Thomas
PLUMBING, INSTALLATION AND REPAIR . . . . .	Manley, H. P.
HOUSEHOLD MECHANICS . . . . .	Bedell and Gardner

### PURELY PRACTICAL

JOY OF COOKING . . . . .	Rombauer
SETTLEMENT COOK BOOK . . . . .	Kender
MEN IN APRONS . . . . .	Keating
HOW TO COOK . . . . .	Griffin
JUST FOR TWO . . . . .	Wallace

### SOMEWHAT SPECIAL

FOOD OF MY FRIENDS . . . . .	Safford
SERVE IT BUFFET . . . . .	Brobeck
A MEAL IN ITSELF . . . . .	Mabon
BREAD TRAY . . . . .	De Gouy
EGG COOKERY . . . . .	Wallace

### BED BOOKS FOR EPICURES

THE COLONY . . . . .	Brody
MAINSTAYS OF MAINE . . . . .	Coffin
DINNER AT OMAR KHAYYAM'S . . . . .	Merdikian
HIGH BONNET . . . . .	Jones
CLEMENTINE IN THE KITCHEN . . . . .	Beck