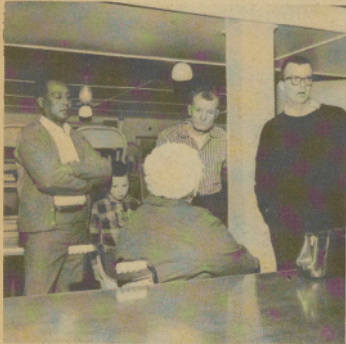


West Stayton people want to know, 'What is community action?'



UPPER LEFT: Roy Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Breeding and Mrs. Ardash Ort.

LOWER LEFT: Sam Hernandez, left; Robert Duncan, center; Ralph Cake, right; Mrs. Ort, seated.

LOWER RIGHT: Ted Schneider, assistant supervisor of West Stayton Opportunity Center, left; Mrs. Robert Duncan; Henry Woods, supervisor of West Stayton Opportunity Center.

Photos by Peter Reich

What is community action?

A group of people in the West Stayton area met in the V.M.L. Opportunity Center recently to discuss this question. Ted Schneider, the assistant supervisor of the West Stayton area, invited some friends from the Hillsboro Opportunity Center to come and tell about community action in Washington County.

Community action, said Roy Merritt, is the whole community working together. How? A board of directors meets to discuss local problems and plan programs. Poor people must always be included on these boards. Sometimes poor people don't understand the rules of meetings. The poor people, the community leaders, the people from the "power structure" must all learn to talk together and understand each other.

Mrs. Ardash Ort of the Hillsboro Opportunity Center, VISTA Volunteer Peter Reich, and Roy Merritt of the Washington County Com-



munity Action Organization were guests at the West Stayton meeting.

Mrs. Ort reminded the group that community action is a learning experience. "Through community action, groups of people may learn about each other for the first time—how they feel, and how they live."

Classes will begin this week at the West Stayton Opportunity Center for instruction about committee meetings, the Economic Opportunity Act, and community action programs.



Dayton's candidate is Fay Galaviz

Miss Fay Galaviz is the Dayton candidate for queen for the VML Maypole Ceremony and Dance.

Fay is 18 years old. She is a senior at Dayton High School. She is studying to be a secretary and she hopes to continue her education after she graduates from high school. She has lived in Dayton for 10 years. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Juan Galaviz.

Fay is secretary and program aide for the Dayton Opportunity Center, and she is president of the

La Srta. Fay Galaviz es candidata para Reyna del Maypole Ceremony y baile en Dayton. Ella fue elejida por el Valley Migrant League.

Fay tiene 18 años de edad, es estudiante del Dayton High School.

Teen Club. She and her sisters, Rosemary and Hilda, were the cheerleaders for our basketball team.

We in Dayton hope that Fay will be crowned queen. We think she will make a very beautiful one.

Esta estudiando para secretaria. Ella tiene la esperanza de continuar sus estudios después de su graduación. Fay ha vivido en Dayton 10 años en compañía de sus padres, Sr. y Sra. Juan Galaviz.

Fay es secretaria y programadora del Dayton Opportunity Center. Ella también es presidente del club de Jóvenes. Fay y sus dos hermanas Rosamaria y Hilda fueron cheerleaders del equipo de fútbol de Dayton.

Nosotros en Dayton tenemos mucha confianza que Fay sea coronada Reyna de dicho evento. Ya que ella sería la Reyna más simpática.

Irma Alvarez -- Independence choice

Irma is 17 years old. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Guadalupe Alvarez. Irma has lived in Independence for 12 years. She was born in Memphis, Texas. She has worked in the fields here in Oregon. Irma is a student at Central High School in Independence. After graduation she plans to go to a business school and take accounting and bookkeeping.

Irma is overjoyed at being a candidate, and is working very hard at selling tickets so that she can become queen.



Irma Alvarez

FRIDAY NIGHTS ARE DIFFERENT FOR INDEPENDENCE TEEN-AGERS

By Judy Jelenik

Friday nights used to be a dull time for the teen agers of Independence! Now, through the interest and enthusiasm of the newly formed Teen Club of Independence, this is being changed. The club was formed four weeks ago and has about twenty members; the ages of the members range from 13-19 and membership is open to all.

At the first organizational meeting, the officers were elected. They are: Danny Alvarado, President; Luis Treviño, Vice-president; Alvina Hernandez, Secretary; Janie Cedillo, Treasurer; and Ralph Alvarez, Sergeant-at-arms. The advisors are Donna Paulson and Judy Jelenik,

VISTA Volunteers.

The objectives of the group are to help each member and the community as a whole. Plans are being made for different projects. They include a swim party, car wash and trips to the coast and Portland. One Saturday the girls held a very successful Bake Sale; the merchants of the town cooperated by letting them use their stores for the sale. Last Friday, an after-the-meeting dance was held in the Opportunity Center with records and refreshments. The club is also giving their full support to their Queen Candidate, Irma Alvarez. Irma will represent Independence at the May Day Dance in Dayton on May 14.