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This newspaper, as yet un-
named, will be published
weekly for free distribu-
tion to seasonal farm
workers of this area, and
to persons interested in
the activities of the
Valley Migrant League.

The Story of The Valley Migrant League

Hailed as the forerunner of
things to come in the national
programming for the solution to
seasonal farm worker problems,
the VALLEY MIGRANT LEAGUE was
born on January 16, 1965.

Present on the occasion were
Oregon citizens who had long
shared a concern for enriching
the lives of the seasonal farm
workers.

Two months later, a project
proposal covering seven Willa-
mette and Tualatin Valley coun-
ties had been prepared, present-
ed and approved and on March 19,
1965, the Office of Economic
Opportunity announced a \$681,300
Community Action Program grant
to the VML.

A non-political, non-profit
Oregon corporation, the VML is
governed by a 30 man Board
drawn from a cross-section of
interested Oregon Citizens in-
cluding educators, legislators,
growers and farm workers. Al-
though receiving official sup-
port from the Oregon Council of
Churches Migrant Ministry and
Roman Catholic Stella Maris
House, the VML is not a church
operated program.

Under provisions of the Econ-
omic Opportunity Act, the VML
must institute new programs; it
cannot take over projects al-
ready in operation. By assist-
ing and coordinating existing
programs and by adding its own
new resources to the effort,
a greatly enlarged group of
experienced leaders and much
technical assistance can be
marshalled. Much of the VML
grant will be used to evaluate,
research, and experiment with
new methods and to publish the
results as an aid to communi-
ties, growers and farm workers
as they continue the action
story of the war on rural pov-
erty. --By the Staff

NEWS BRIEFS

By Katie Bartels

The Teenage Club at Indepen-
dence Opportunity Center has
been busy this month. The
group has a meeting every Tues-
day at 7:30 p.m. with dancing
afterwards. The baseball team
had its first practice last
Saturday and plans a game soon
with Hoefer Camp.

New officers of the Indepen-
dence Club are René García,
president; Connie García, sec-
retary; and Danny Alvarado,
sergeant-at-arms.

About 100 people came to the
Center last week to celebrate
Tony Cedillo's 17th birthday.

Young people in camps in the
Woodburn area are joining the
Woodburn Opportunity Center
swimming program. Young people
go to the Salem YMCA swimming
pool each Thursday night from
8 to 9 p.m. Call Kenneth Kil-
lary, Woodburn area director,
at 981-3171, for more informa-
tion.

Parents from the Willard
camp are invited to a planned
parenthood meeting at the Wood-
burn Opportunity Center. The
meeting will be Tuesday, June
22 at 7 p.m. Mrs. Jean Radow
of the Portland Planned Parent-
hood clinic will speak.

The first mechanics class
sponsored by the Indepen-
dence Opportunity Center was
popular -- it was almost too
popular! Area Director Ivan
Wells said seven men regis-
tered for the class at Green
Villa. Twenty-five men
showed up! They had to have
the class outside to have
enough room.

Dick Ivy taught the first
class. Mr. Wells hopes to
have an additional teacher
for the class soon.

El club de "teenagers" en
Independence ha estado muy ac-
tivo este mes. El club ha te-
nido reuniones cada martes a
las 7:30 P.M. Después bailan.
. . . El equipo de baseball
tenía su primera práctica el
sábado pasado. Tienen pla-
neado en juego con el campo
de Hoefer. . .

La junta directiva del club
es lo siguiente: René García,
presidente; Connie García,
secretaria; Danny Alvarado,
sargento de armas.

Más de 100 personas asisti-
eron a la fiesta de cumpleaños
de Tony Cedillo la semana pa-
sada. Cumplió 17 años.

Muchos jóvenes de los alre-
dores de Woodburn están par-
ticipando en un programa de
"swimming" empezado por el
centro de oportunidades. Estos
jóvenes nadan en la piscina
del YMCA de Salem entre las 8
y las 9 de la tarde. Si usted
quiere participar puede llamar
a Kenneth Killary, Woodburn:
981-3171.

Los padres de familia del
campo "Willard" están invita-
dos a una junta en el centro
de Woodburn, martes el 29 de
junio a las 7 P.M. Se tratará
sobre planeación de familia.
La Sra. Jean Radow del "Port-
land Planned Parenthood Clin-
ic" hablará.

El primer clase de mecánica
del centro de oportunidad de
Independence tenía mucho éxi-
to---casi demasiado. El direc-
tor Ivan Wells dijo que regis-
traron siete personas en Green
Villa Camp para la clase. ¡Lle-
garon 25! Tenían que salir del
cuarto y tener la clase afuera.
El Sr. Dick Ivy enseñó la pri-
mera clase. Esperan que para
la próxima tendrán dos profe-
sores.

This is your newspaper

This is the first issue of
the Valley Migrant League news-
paper. The editors hope this
newspaper will serve you -- the
rural farm workers in the Wood-
burn area.

Many of you speak Spanish, so
many articles will be in Span-
ish. Other articles will be in
Spanish and English.

The success of this newspaper
depends on the help we get from
you, our readers.

What are some of the ways you
can help us?

One way is to give your news-
paper a name. You will see
that the first issue of the
newspaper does not have a name.
Will you help us choose a good
name for your newspaper? The
name can be in English or in
Spanish.

If you have an idea for a
name for this newspaper, tell
your area director. Or you can
write to the Editor, P.O. Box
128, Woodburn, Oregon. The
person who chooses the best
name will have his picture in

this paper.

Here is another way you can
help us. We need people to
help distribute the newspaper
in different camps each week.
Would you like to give out
copies of the newspaper to
people in your camp? Tell
your area director if you can
help us with this.

We also need "reporters" for
the newspaper. Do you know of
any news? Did anyone in your
camp get married? Did anyone
have a baby? Tell your area
director if you have any news.
He will tell us and we will put
it in your newspaper.

There is one more way you can
help us. Tell us what you like
about the newspaper. Tell us
what you don't like about the
newspaper. Tell us when we
make mistakes. Tell us what
news you want to read.

These are ways you can help
make a better newspaper for
you. Remember: This is YOUR
newspaper. We want YOU to
enjoy it. Will you help us?