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Don't Wait for the "Other Guy" To Clean Your House

Are you a good house-keeper? You probably keep your own house neat and clean. You have pride in it. But what about your community "house"? What about the farm worker camp where you live? Do you work with other people in the camp to keep it clean and sanitary?

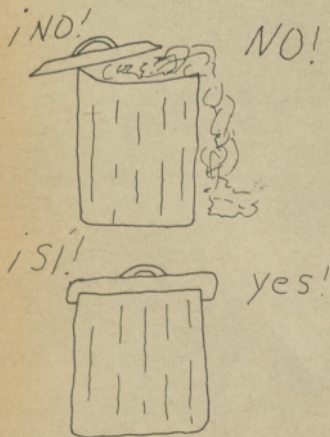
Look around your camp. Do you see overflowing garbage pails and dirty toilets? Do you see leaky water faucets? Do you see litter and trash?

Don't wait for the "other guy" to pick up and clean up. It just takes a little time and a little effort to keep your camp clean. Take pride in both your houses.

?Es Ud. una buena ama de casa? Probablemente Ud. tiene su casa nitida y limpia. Ud. está orgullosa de ella. ?Pero qué tal está la casa de la comunidad? ?Qué tal el campo de los trabajadores donde Ud. vive? ?Trabaja Ud. con otra gente en ese campo para conservarlo limpio y sanitario?

Inspeccione su campo. ?Ve Ud. basura regada y excusados sucios? ?Ve Ud. llaves de agua goteando? ?Ve Ud. basura?

No espere hasta que el otro la recoga y limpie. Solamente le tomará un poco de tiempo y esfuerzo para tenerlo limpio. Está orgullosa de sus dos casas.



Idea by Don Wilcox
Garbage by Rick Simon

Congress studies migrant labor bills

By Ralph Cake Jr.

The United States Congress makes laws to help people of this country. Congress now is studying five bills to help farm workers. These bills will change your way of life if they become law. It is important for you to know about these bills.

Beginning this week, Ralph Cake Jr. will write a series of articles explaining the farm worker bills in Congress. Mr. Cake is field director of the Valley Migrant League and is a lawyer.

"It's hopeless. There is nothing we can do."

This is what farm workers often say when they talk about their problems. But is it hopeless? Is

there no one who will listen — and help?

In the U. S. Congress in Washington, D. C., there are representatives who are paid to listen to the problems of the people. These representatives write bills, which are proposals for national law. A bill becomes a law after many steps. It is studied by a committee of U. S. Representatives or Senators. The committee makes changes and sends it to the whole U.S. House of Representatives or Senate for debate. If both houses of Congress vote "yes," the President signs the bill and it becomes law.

Representatives do not vote "yes" unless we tell them we want the

law. How do we tell them? One way is to write letters to our representatives in Congress.

There are five bills in Congress now which are of great interest to farm workers. The Senate Subcommittee on Migratory Labor is studying these bills now. One of the bills would make employers pay farm workers at least \$1.15 an hour. This is called the minimum wage bill.

In later articles in the Opportunity News, we will explain the minimum wage bill and other bills which are important to farm workers. Also, we will show you how to write your representative in Washington about your problems.

El Congreso y 'leyes pro-trabajador migratorio'

El Congreso de los E.E.U.U. hace leyes para ayudar a la gente de este país. Ahora, el Congreso está estudiando cinco pedimentos para ayudar a los trabajadores de labor. Estos pedimentos verdaderamente cambiarán su vida si sean la ley. Es importante que sepan algo acerca de estos pedimentos.

Empezando esta semana, el Sr. Ralph Cake Jr. escribirá una serie de artículos para explicar estos pedimentos de los trabajadores de labor en el Congreso. El Sr. Cake es "field director" del Valley Migrant League, y también es abogado.

"No tenemos esperanza. No hay nada que podemos hacer."

Esto es lo que dicen los trabajadores de labor, muchas veces, cuando hablan acerca de sus problemas. ?Pero, deben ser sin esperanza? ?No hay alguien que les escuchará y les ayudará?

En el Congreso de los E.E.U.U. en Washington, D. C. hay unos representantes cuyo trabajo es escuchar a los problemas de la gente. Estos representantes escriben pedimentos que quizás un día sean la ley nacional. Un pedimento se haría una ley después de muchos procesos. Un comité que consiste en representantes y senadores de los E.E.U.U. tiene que estudiar cada pedi-

mento. Este comité hace cambios. Lo manda a la "House of Representatives" o el "Senado" para que puedan discutirla. So las dos "cameras" del Congreso votan "Sí," el presidente firmará el pedimento y mediatamente será una ley.

Los representantes pueden votar "Sí" solamente si nosotros, el pueblo, queremos la ley. ?Podemos decirles? Una manera de decirles es escribir cartas a nuestros representantes en el Congreso.

Hay cinco propuestas en el Congreso, ahora, que les interesan mucho a los trabajadores de labor. Un sub-comité del Senado se especializa en Labor Migratorio estudiando estos pedimentos.

McMinnville farm workers gain new job skill



WELDING INSTRUCTOR Paul Patrick explains different parts of an oxygen-acetylene unit to Ramon Gonzalez. Mr. Gonzalez is a student in the McMinnville welding class. Photo by Phil Peters

Ten men in Yamhill County are learning to "strike an arc" — a skill that doesn't have anything to do with Noah or the flood.

The men are enrolled in McMinnville's beginners' welding class at McMinnville. They meet twice a week with their instructor, Paul Patrick. They learn principles of welding: how to cut metal, how to use an oxygen-acetylene torch, and how to strike an arc.

The McMinnville Public Schools system offers the course. The Opportunity Center pays for the men's tuition. Center Director Paul Peters explained the purpose of the course: "This gives the men a chance to improve their chances."

"They know many farmers are more inclined to hire a person for a time if that person has a knowledge of welding. Some of the men want to learn more about welding so they can take it up as a trade. Then they all can take better care of their own vehicles if they know how to weld."

MOVIE GUIDE

The Pix Theatre in Woodburn shows double features every weekend with a special double feature in Spanish very Wednesday night. The movies begin at 7 p.m. This is the Pix Theatre schedule for the rest of August.

"Girl Happy" and "John Goldfarb, Please Come Home" on August 13, 14 and 15.

"Cascabelito" and "La Oveja Negra" on August 18.

"Cinderella" and "High Wind in Jamaica" on August 20, 21 and 22.

"El Hijo del Charro Negro" and "A Donde van Nuestros Hijos?" on August 25.

"Crack in the World" and "The Curse of the Mummy's Tomb" on August 27, 28 and 29.

Did you like the pictures of the summer school children in the last week's issue of Opportunity News? We liked the pictures very much — that's why we were embarrassed for not telling you who the photographer was. Leland Harriman, Valley Migrant League school program coordinator, took the pictures.