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"We must open the doors of opportunity. But we must also equip our people to walk through those doors."

Lyndon B. Johnson
President
United States

"Surely, it is not beyond our resources nor our ingenuity to include in our war against poverty these always 'excluded' Americans (the migrants)."

Sargent Shriver
Director
Office of Economic Opportunity

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LETTERS

Opportunity News:

I have read with great interest your story about JOE-X, because we have been interested in finding answers for youth who get into difficulties like Joe did. IF Joe has an arrest record just because he was with Billie, this may have serious effect when he looks for a job. There might be many other boys and girls mixed up in troubles like this.

Our Subcommittee on Youth Employment has planned a meeting for December 14 to look at the problems of job opportunities for those youth who have records of arrest. We hope that everyone at this meeting might suggest ways to help all youth get more jobs.

Sincerely,
Mrs. William Kletzer
Governor's State Committee
on Children and Youth
State of Oregon

Dear Miss Carrasco:

Do you have any copies of your back issues No. 8 and No. 9? We would like to have them for our library files, please. Thank you.

I was happy to see the Russian accent in this last paper. Good show!

Irene Chauvin
Stella Maris House
Portland, Oregon

Rincon de Andrea

We should remember in this time, when all of us are tempted by the Christmas gifts for sale, that Christmas is Christ's birthday. Some of you may feel that Christmas can't be celebrated — because of the lack of money. Money isn't necessary to celebrate Christ's birthday.

There are many different ways to celebrate Christmas without spending much money. Your church has religious services and Christmas programs for children and adults.

Of course children like toys and pretty decorations. This is an important part of Christmas for them. There are service organizations that have toys for children, when the parents are unable to buy.

In Woodburn you can send the name of the family, their address and the name, age and sex of each child to:

JCs
Box 3
Woodburn, Oregon

Each family will receive a Christmas basket with Christmas dinner and toys. Every town usually has such help. Call your Opportunity Center for information about this.

The whole family can enjoy

making Christmas decorations with colored paper, string popcorn and cranberries and make streamers of crepe paper. If you can't afford a Christmas tree, a fir or pine branch will serve the purpose. It can be secured against the wall and decorated.

Tenemos que recordar en este tiempo, cuando todos nosotros estamos tentado por las tiendas llenas de regalos, que La Navidad es el cumpleaños de Cristo. Algunos de nosotros posiblemente creamos que La Navidad no se puede celebrar por falta de dinero. Dinero no es necesario para celebrar el cumpleaños de Cristo.

Hay diferentes maneras para celebrar esta ocasión sin gastar mucho dinero. Su iglesia tiene sus servicios religiosos y programas de La Navidad para niños y adultos. Por supuesto que los niños les gustan los juguetes y decoraciones bonitas, esto es uno de los partes importantes de La Navidad para ellos. Hay organizaciones de servicio que tienen juguetes para los niños cuando es imposible que sus padres les compran.

En Woodburn usted puede mandar el nombre de la familia, su



Ann Chavez

dirección, los nombres de los niños y edades y sexo a esta dirección:

JCs
Box 3
Woodburn, Oregon

Cada familia recibirá una canasta de Navidad con comida y juguetes. Usualmente todo lo que los pueblos tienen esta ayuda — llámale a su Centro de Oportunidad para información sobre esto.

Todo la familia puede gozar haciendo decoraciones para La Navidad con papel de colores, dando "popcorn" y "cranberries" o cadenitas con papel crepe. Si usted no tiene los medios para comprar un arbolito entonces agarre una rama y se asegura en la pared. Esto queda muy bonita decorada con las decoraciones mencionadas.

BOB AND RAY By Ray Anderson



RAY: Hola Bob, ¿Cómo te va en la escuela?

BOB: Bien Ray, cuando termino recibiré una diploma.

RAY: ¿Qué dan diplomas a gente de edad ahora?

BOB: Por supuesto. Ud. también puede conseguir una diploma que muestra que has terminado el grado octavo.

RAY: ¿Cómo puedo hacer eso, Bob?

BOB: Solamente tienes que estudiar para tomar un examen. Cuando lo pasas el Estado de Oregon te envía una diploma de grado octavo.

Opportunity News:

After working in the Migrant Ministry this past summer and as students at Monmouth, we are interested in the activities of the VML and would like to be put on the mailing list for **Opportunity News**.

Mrs. Leonard Weber
Mrs. F. W. Wood
Corvallis, Oregon

Mrs. Priscilla Carrasco
Opportunity News
Dear Priscilla:

A friend would like to receive the **Opportunity News**. She has worked with the migrants near here at Eola Village and was thrilled with the paper. Her name and address: Sue Hoffman, George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon. Thank you for sending these people the paper. They all enjoy it so much.

Sincerely,
Betty Reid

DO YOU WANT AN 8TH GRADE DIPLOMA?

You may earn a certificate which is equal to an 8th grade diploma if you take the tests which the State of Oregon has provided. The test cost 50 cents. This announcement has come from Bob Wynia of the Valley Migrant League. You may ask your Opportunity Center for more information.