

Tacoma Teacher Writes

Sirs:
 One of my second year Spanish students brought a copy of **Opportunity News** to class after Christmas vacation. We found it most interesting in content, quite timely, and in Spanish.

Could it be possible to obtain copies for the class, starting with issue No. 27?

Could we use extra copies of the papers, too, and would be willing to pay . . . The class has 35 members . . .

For many years my husband and I worked with Spanish speaking students who came to the port of Tacoma. We have never investigated the migrant work possibility. It is extremely challenging. Thank you and God bless your efforts.

Sincerely,
 Mrs. Mildred S. Parker
 Spanish Teacher
 Tacoma Public Schools
 Tacoma, Washington

Reply

Mrs. Parker:
 Thank you very much for your interest in **Opportunity News**. We are sure your class will enjoy the copies we are sending.

When our budget permits, we send extra copies to persons who have written for this newspaper.

Please advise your class that the

A migrant cabin can also be a home

Last week we went out to visit some families who are staying for the winter in the camps around Woodburn. One of the most interesting homes was the cabin of Mr. J. T. Smith.

Mr. Smith is from the south, but he has lived in Oregon for many years. Several years ago he managed a farm and received a steady salary plus a house to live in. But he had to leave.

Now he is in a small cabin in a migrant workers' camp. He and his wife Lottie have done all they could to make the cabin nice. They have put up curtains. They have put rugs on the floor. They even have bought some furniture and put it in the cabin.

Mr. Smith says, "I know it isn't the nicest place in the world to live, but you have to do the best you can with the tools you've got."

The quality of our Spanish is not literary. Teachers are welcome to make alterations to meet their own requirements.

—Don Wilcox, Editor

Opportunity News:

Quiero que me haga favor de mandarme el noticiero de día por favor a esta dirección.

Nicoloz Rubelcaba
 Penn. Ave. 114
 Sunnyside, Washington

La semana pasada salimos a visitar unas familias que están quedando el verano en los campos cerca de Woodburn. Uno de los más interesantes hogares fue la cabaña del Sr. J. T. Smith.

El Sr. Smith es del sur, pero ha vivido en Oregon para muchas años. Hace unos años dirigió una hacienda y recibió un sueldo permanente más una casa. Pero tuvo que salir.

Ahora él está en una cabaña pequeña en un campo de trabajadores. Él y su esposa Lottie han hecho todo que podrían para hacer la cabaña bonito. Han ponido cortinas. Han ponido tapetes en el suelo. Aun han comprado muebles para poner en la cabaña.

El Sr. Smith dice, "Yo sé que no es el mejor lugar en el mundo, pero uno tiene que hacer el mejor posible con las herramientas que tenga."

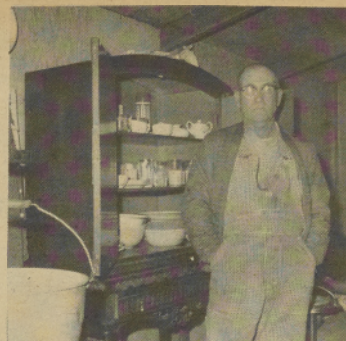
To Ann Chavez:

Ann, I want to tell you how much we enjoy your articles. The information is all such good practical advice that everyone should know, and I especially enjoy the good recipes. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
 Ruth Chavez

Dear Andrea:

I'm so proud of you and your journalistic career, and I do enjoy your paper. Can even read it in



Spanish. I take it to school and the Spanish teacher uses it in his classes. I thought the copy with the Russians too was exceptional. So glad you are doing such a good job.

Sincerely,
 Louise Sherman

Dear Ann:

Thanks so much for the paper, and am glad when the recipes are in English too . . . We enjoy it very much . . .

Emma and Jack Pomeroy

Valley Migrant League centers list many January activities

Stayton.

A teen-club meets every Thursday evening at the opportunity center in Dayton. It has 21 members. Terry Terranova is the leader.

Jim Houser, a VISTA volunteer, has organized a recreation program in Eola Village. It has programs four days a week from 4:30 until 7. There are over 30 youngsters taking part.

The 4-H Club organized by VISTA volunteer Toni Novak continues to hold meetings and activities.

D. Classes:

There are two G.E.D. classes in the Dayton area. One meets at the home of the VISTA volunteers in Amity on Monday and Thursday evenings at 7. There are nine students. The other is in McMinnville and meets twice weekly on Mondays and Wednesdays. It is taught by Mr. Beers and Toni Novak.

Home Extension:

There are two new home extension classes which have started within the past week. One is at Eola Village, the other is at the opportunity center.

House Meetings:

There are 24 house meetings planned for the month of January.

Judo Class:

20 persons are attending the judo class in Amity. Alan Fujii is teaching the class each Tuesday evening at 7.

Kindergarten:

A kindergarten has been started in Eola Village with 10 youngsters attending. It is operated by Toni Novak.

Spanish Classes:

A special class for people in the community who are working with Spanish speaking migrants is being taught by Mr. Robert Kiekel on the Linfield College campus. Over 30 people from all walks of life, such as social workers, health workers, etc., meet each Thursday evening.

Spanish Classes for Organizations:

Plans are being made for another Spanish class in addition to the one above. These classes are at no cost to the participants or to the V.M.L.

Welding Classes:

There will be two welding classes in the area with a total enrollment of 19 people. There are at present 10 students in the third term of a year long evening welding course. Mr. Patrick of the McMinn-

ville High School is the teacher. The class meets every Monday evening at 7.

Woodburn Opportunity Center

Basketball:

The recently organized basketball team holds practice on Monday and Friday evenings at 7 in the Washington School. The coach is Mike Devine. The first game is scheduled with Dayton.

Driving Classes:

Every Monday and Friday evenings from 7-9 Ruan Ruiz teaches driving classes in the opportunity center.

4-H:

There are two 4-H clubs in the Woodburn area. One meets every Thursday evening from 7-9 in the opportunity center. The other is planned for the Mt. Angel area. Meeting days will be announced later. Elaine Kawasaki of VISTA is in charge of these clubs.

G.E.D. Class:

Ben Graham is teaching G.E.D. on Monday and Thursday evenings at the Woodburn High School. The class meets from 7-9.

Judo Classes:

Every Friday from 7-8:30 Alan Fujii teaches judo in the Washington School.

M.D.T.A. Classes:

Courses will be taught for training in the following fields: basic education, farm equipment, landscaping, janitor course, service station, electric appliance, small engine. Persons may now register at the opportunity center.

Russian Teen Club:

Every Monday at 7 Ken Killary meets with a group of Russian teenagers in the opportunity center.

Salem Day School:

Day school for adults will begin again soon. There will be classes in basic education, spoken English, and G.E.D. People who are interested should register now at the opportunity center.

Spoken English:

Three classes in spoken English for Russian speaking people are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7-9 at the Woodburn High School. The teachers are Mike Devine, Anne Barocher, and Kay Dwiggin.

Welding:

Beginning February 1st a class in advanced welding will be taught by Mr. Fancher. Come to the opportunity center if you are interested in this class. The day and time are not decided yet.