

Green Thumb' means work for the elderly Green Thumb' es trabajo para los de edad

By Rick Simon

It's almost impossible for a man to get a job after he reaches age 50. No one wants to hire an old man.

How many times have we heard this statement. Many times. But it is no longer true. Now there is an opportunity for elderly people to find work, and help make our country more beautiful too.

There is a new project starting in many of our V.M.L. areas. It is called "Project Green Thumb." Project Green Thumb is part of Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson's effort to beautify the countryside. This project will be run by the Office of Economic Opportunity and will help provide more jobs for elderly people who need the income.

The work will include planting and maintaining plants, trees, and shrubs along highways and road-parks. It is just the type of work that many elderly semi-retired or retired farmers or farm workers are used to doing.

Anyone can qualify for the work if they are over 55 years old and need extra income. To get a job in Project Green Thumb a person can earn over \$1,500 a year. A man and wife can have a total of \$3,000 per year together and still qualify. A person can still receive Social Security and or pensions and work on Project Green Thumb if their total earnings do not go over

"Casi es imposible para un señor de edad conseguir trabajo despues de los 50 anos de edad. Nadie quiere emplear un viejo."

¿Cuántas veces hemos oído decir esta? Muchas veces. Pero ya no es verdad. Ahora hay una oportunidad para personas de edad pueden encontrar trabajo, y ayudar a hacer mas bonito nuestra patria tambien.

Pronto empezara un proyecto nuevo en muchas de las areas del V.M.L. Se llama "Proyecto Green Thumb." El "Proyecto Green Thumb" es parte del proyecto para embellecer el campo de la Sra. de Lyndon B. Johnson. Este proyecto sera dirigido por la Oficina de Oportunidad Economica y ayudara a proveer mas trabajo para gente de edad quienes necesitan el dinero.

El trabajo incluye el sembrar y mantener de plantas, arboles y arbustos al lado de carreteras y parques. Es exactamente la clase de trabajo que muchas personas de edad, pensionado o semi-pensionado estan acostumbrados a hacer.

Cualquier persona puede pertenecer al programa si tienen mas de 55 anos y necesitan mas dinero. Para calificar en el Project Green Thumb una persona no puede ganar mas de \$1,500 por ano. Una pareja puede tener un total de \$3,000 por ano juntos. Una persona puede recibir Seguros Sociales o pensiones y trabajar en el Proyecto Green Thumb si su ganancia total

IT'S BLOSSOM TIME IN THE STATE OF OREGON



Snow storms in Oregon? No, no, no! High winds, tornadoes, cyclones? No, not in Oregon. Blossoms? Yes, indeed! Five hundred million of them, more or less. The whole countryside is in bloom.

Last Sunday, the newspapers in Salem gave the public a "blossom tour." And as for the Hood River

country — hosts of farmers and their families provided a dinner for a multitude of people who drove east from Portland to see Oregon's wonderland of blossoms.

The air is fragrant, the flowers are blooming, and the fields are getting ready to welcome migrant workers. See you in Oregon soon.

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If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, call or come in to any one of our opportunity centers. There will be more information for you there.

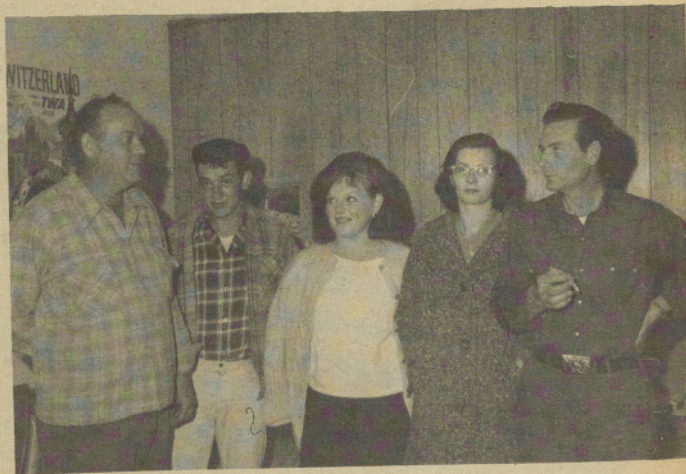
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Si Ud. tiene interes, o conoce a alguien que tenga interes, llame o venga a cualquier centro de oportunidad. Habra mas informacion para Ud.

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Farm workers organize club in Sandy



THE NEW CENTER at Sandy is already becoming lively with meetings, even though the formal opening will not come until May. Last week this newspaper printed a photo of the teen age club. This week we present a newly organized group of adults, a farm workers' club.

TWENTY-FOUR persons attended the club meeting last week. This club plans to form GED classes for adult education. There will be dances and recreational activities. The club will meet each Thursday evening.

ABOVE ARE the newly elected officers: (left to right) Bill Guernsey, president; Sherman Pehfter, vice president; Darlene Pehfter, treasurer; Charlene Smith, secretary; Bill Smith, chairman. A guest at last week's meeting was Mr. Bushue, a grower.