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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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HOW MUCH DO MIGRANT WORKERS EARN?

In a recent Sunday issue of the **Oregon Statesman** there appeared an article by Al Den Beste entitled "Poverty War Helps Valley Migrants." Many persons have spoken words of praise for this article.

One of the statements which Den Beste made about migrant workers was, "No official records are available of what these workers make."

In most kinds of work, the earnings of laborers are well known. But it is difficult to gather accurate statistics on how much the migrant worker and his family earn. Perhaps it will never be possible to assemble exact information on these earnings. But the labor officials of the state and also of the nation will surely find it useful to have close estimates of these earnings. We may expect the state of Oregon to find ways to gauge these earnings. How much the migrant worker is able to earn—how much he does earn—makes a difference to all of us.—D.W.



LETTER RECEIVED FROM GRACIELA DE TREVIÑO

Dear Mr. Pape,

This letter is written in hope of being published in the V.M.L. News, mainly because I wish to greet all my friends, V.M.L. staff and migrant friends. To those friends to whom I promised to write, I wish to let them know, that for health reasons I was unable to do so, but I will start writing you all now that I'm able. To you sir, and the V.M.L. staff, I wish you the best of luck throughout the coming years, and I thank you for the newspaper.

Keep up the good work and keep smiling, these were your words, with which you greeted me, if you will remember.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Grace L. Treviño
538 Allen Parkway Village
Houston, Texas. 77012

JOB CORPS FRIEND WRITES

Dear Mr. Chris Bernard,

I read the "Opportunity News" and found under the word heading "SEA and MICAP invite CAC; meeting OK—Independence":

Jose Garza, president of the Spanish American Organization of Independence, Joseph Urso, president of the Polk-Marion County Community Action, Eva Garcia, president of the Women's Auxiliary, and you, Chris Bernard, as Area Supervisor of the Independence Opportunity Center.

I am having very great opportunity from the training that I'm getting. I am training myself for Radio & TV repair. Chris, I never had met many people as in Camp Gary Job Corp Center as I see them daily.

Your great friend,
Arturo Vasquez

LATIN-AMERICAN DANCE

When: May 21st, 1966.

Where: Laurel I.O.O.F. Building Association (In the St. John's district.) Portland, Oregon.

Music by "Conjunto Salinas"

Time: 8:00 in the evening.

The President who is putting on the dance is Mr. Berrera. It's \$1.25 for a single person, 75c for teen-agers and \$2.25 for a couple. There will be Mexican food and other refreshments prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ruiz.

WHAT IS THE VALLEY MIGRANT LEAGUE DOING THIS WEEK?

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Driver training classes meet Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Woodburn Center. The class instructor is David Martinez, VISTA Volunteer.

Reading and writing classes are held in the St. Paul Grade School. They meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. George Hamberger, VML research director, teaches this class.

The Independence VML Home-making Class had 18 visitors last week. They were ladies from the Falls City Home Extension Club. The purpose of their visit was not to teach, but rather to learn. The ladies of the Independence class taught the Falls City ladies how to make tacos, enchiladas, tortillas, and chicken rice casserole.

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Clases de preparación para examen de choferes se reunen lunes y jueves a las 7 p.m. en el Centro de Woodburn. El profesor de la clase es el Voluntario VISTA, David Martinez.

Clases de escribir y leer tienen lugar en el St. Paul Grade School. Se reúne a las 7 p.m. los lunes, martes, y jueves. El profesor de la clase es George Hamberger, director de "research" del VML.

La clase Hogareña de Independencia tuvo 18 visitantes la semana pasada. Fueron las Señoras del Club de Extensión de Falls City. El propósito de su visita no fue a enseñar, sino a aprender. Las damas de la clase de Independencia enseñó a las damas de Falls City como hacer tacos, enchiladas, tortillas, y sopa de gallina.

Salem Center starts new club



MEMBERS of the new Spanish Club, L. to R: Reginaldo Ortega, Virgilio Abrego, Max Alvarado, Teodoro Morales and Eustaquio Reyes listen to Quentin Rowland of the State Employment Service.

The Valley Migrant League Opportunity Center in Salem has started a Spanish American Club. The twenty members attend regular Sunday meetings.

Recently Mr. Quentin Rowland of the Oregon State Employment Service met with the club. They discussed finding new jobs for seasonal farm workers and the possibility of opening seasonal farm labor offices. Mr. Rowland stressed the fact that the Employment Service by law has to show preference to a veteran over a non-veteran. This is when both men are equally able to do the same job.

After Mr. Rowland spoke, there was a question and answer period. Sam Hernandez, assistant supervisor for VML in Salem, was the translator.

The Spanish American club has invited several speakers from different government agencies. The members will receive first hand information about how the government can help the seasonal farm worker.



QUENTIN ROWLAND, left, of Employment and Sam Hernandez, VML, discuss our common goals. QUENTIN ROWLAND, izquierda del Servicio de Empleo, y Sam Hernandez, VML, discuten nuestros fines mutuos.

El Centro de Oportunidad Valley Migrant League de Salem empezó un Club Latino Americano. Los 20 miembros asistieron a reuniones todos los domingos.

Recientemente el Sr. Quentin Rowland del Servicio de Empleo del Estado de Oregon habló al club. Discutieron el problema de encontrar trabajo nuevo para trabajadores de agricultura y la posibilidad de iniciar oficinas de trabajo de campo. El Sr. Rowland aclaró que el Servicio de Empleo según la ley tiene que dar preferencia a los veteranos. Entonces, cuando un hombre es un veterano y un no veterano con habilidades iguales hacen aplicación para el mismo trabajo, el veterano tiene que recibir.

Después de que habló el Sr. Rowland hubo preguntas. Sam Hernandez, sub-supervisor del VML en Salem, hizo las traducciones.

El Club Latino Americano ha invitado a varias personas de diferentes agencias del gobierno a hablar. Los miembros recibirán información de primera sobre como el gobierno puede ayudar al trabajador de agricultura.