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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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THE MAN ON THE PHONE WAS UNHAPPY, BUT WHY?

We received an anonymous phone call last week. The man wanted us to know that he was unhappy. It concerned something this newspaper had printed about the price paid to strawberry pickers.

He said that he got along fine until the Valley Migrant League came along. We tried politely to invite him to our office to explain himself. Would he come? No.

We asked again for his name. He wouldn't give it. But he did mention something very interesting. He said that pickers have earned as much as 8 and 9 thousand dollars working for him.

We couldn't ask for happier information than this. For if it is true that good pickers are able to earn such money, the battle against migrant poverty is being won as it should be won - by workers earning good money for good work.

Can other growers assure us that workers are able to earn such amounts during the picking season in Oregon? -D.W.

SURPRISE FOR REICH

Last week Peter Reich's friends gave him a surprise party. Peter, a VISTA Volunteer, has many grateful friends in the Hillsboro area. Seventy-five people came to the Gaston Community Hall to say thanks and



goodby to a good friend. Peter has finished his year with VISTA.

"The finest praise of Peter's work is shown by the loyalty of his friends in Hillsboro," said John Hughes, assistant area supervisor. "We will miss him"

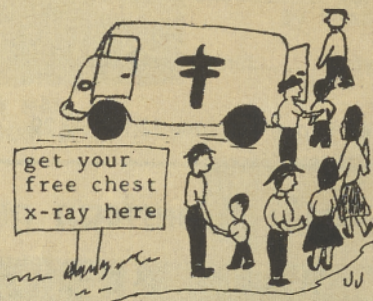
NOTE: Readers of the Opportunity News will remember with appreciation the splendid photos which Peter Reich has provided for this newspaper.-- D.W.

GROWER OFFERS PICKERS 70c

The rate which some growers are paying for strawberry pickers is not hard to discover. We have just copied the following words from a printed sign in the window of a public building:

WANTED

Strawberry Pickers Starting about June 1st 30 acres irrigated berries, 70 cents crate. Gas money for driveouts. Transportation furnished. Register now. (Name, address and phone are given.)



Dear Mr. Klinge, Having discussed the time you have suggested for the mobile x-ray unit with Mr. Swanson of State Board of Health, we have arrived at this conclusion: Woodburn x-ray survey - June 21 - time: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. You may publicize the event with this time schedule.

Willamette Tuberculosis and Health Assn., Inc. 1890 State St. Salem, Oregon

INDEPENDENCE DANCE IN HONOR OF GRADS



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group of Latin American students to graduate from Central High School in Independence.

What did the community think about the graduation? They were very happy. Over 400 persons came to the dance last Sunday night. Many brought gifts for the graduates. There was also cake and punch for everyone.

The Independence area supervisor, Chris Bernard, says that this first group will set an example for the other Latin Americans in school. "We hope," says Chris, "that there will be many more graduates and many more dances in the future."

RUMMAGE SALE

Above average items Friday & Saturday June 10 and June 11 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Next door to 1st National Bank on Garfield (P.O.E. sponsored)

What is the Valley Migrant League doing this week?

The Area Supervisor at Salem, Ivan Wells, was very sick last week. He spent two days in the hospital, and now is home resting. The Opportunity News and the rest of the staff at the Valley Migrant League wish Ivan a speedy recovery.

A group of teenagers at Sandy recently helped to clean up a farm labor camp for the newly arriving workers. (See story page 3.)

The Sandy Teen Club will have a "bike-hike" on the 26th of June. They will peddle their way to Rollyn lake.

Canning classes will start again in Independence next Monday, June. 13. The teacher

peciales porque son el primer grupo de latin americanos que graduaron del Central High School en Independence.

¿Qué pensó la comunidad sobre la graduación? Estaban muy felices. Más de 400 personas vinieron al baile el domingo pasado. Muchos trajeron regalos para los graduados. Hubo también pastel y ponche para todos.

El Supervisor del Area de Independence, eggi Chris Bernard, dice que este, el primer grupo de estudiantes mostrará un ejemplo para los otros latinos en la escuela. "Esperamos, dice Chris, "que habrá muchos más graduados, muchos más bailes en el futuro."

El supervisor del Centro de Oportunidad de Salem, el Sr. Ivan Wells estuvo muy enfermo la semana pasada. Tuvo que internarse en el hospital por dos días. Ya ha regresado a su casa donde se encuentra en estado de convalecencia.

Un grupo de jóvenes de Sandy acaba de ayudar a limpiar un campo para trabajadores agrícolas que acaban de llegar.

El Sandy Teen Club tendrá un excursión en bicicleta el 26 de junio. Se pasará al lago Rollyn.

Las clases de envasado empezarán de nuevo el lunes próximo el 13 de junio. La maestra