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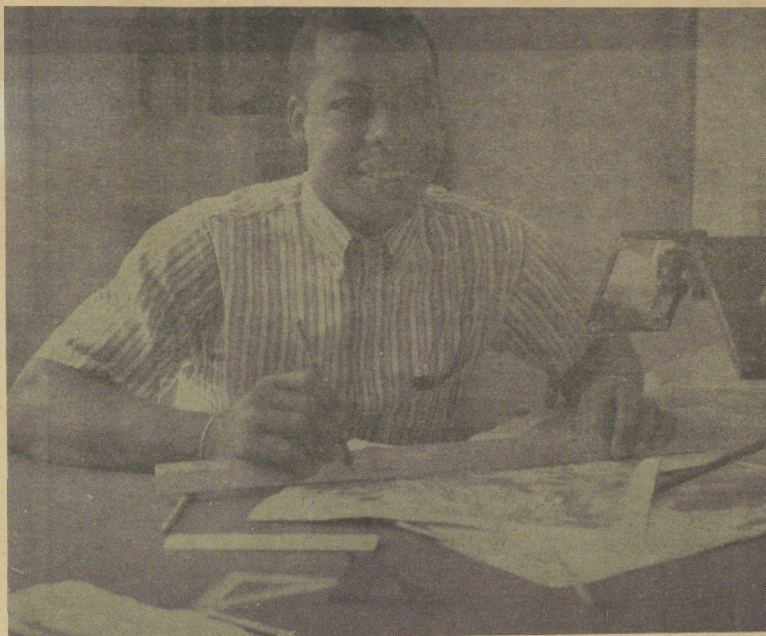
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# John Smith, new VML job counselor



From an article by Rick Simon

This week John Smith will leave his position in Soil Conservation to become a job counsellor with the

Valley Migrant League in Dayton. He will help migrant workers who want to settle.

Smith comes from a poor family. His father is a tenant farmer in Louisiana. The family — 10 boys and one girl — are scattered all over the country. John is the only one to finish college.

"My old scoutmaster gave me the boost I needed to start college," Smith recalls. He graduated from college with honors and is well on his way toward a Master's Degree.

At McMinnville, Smith worked under Edgar Laird.

Smith took a strong interest in migrant workers right after he arrived from Louisiana. Immediately he set about organizing a Boy Scout troop in Eola Village.

"We are confident that John will be very successful with the Valley Migrant League," said Laird. "He has proved that it is possible to overcome hardship through hard work and spunk, and become a success. He is an excellent example for all disadvantaged people."

## Canneries need workers

This week marks the beginning of the bean and corn harvest. As a result there is a need for workers in the local processing plants.

Several canneries are now looking for people to work in the processing lines. This work will last until November, and some may last until as late as January. At the present time there are openings for all three shifts; day, swing, and graveyard.

The pay for cannery work ranges from \$1.68 per hour to over \$2.00. For people who work over 8 hours in a day they pay time and a half, and Sunday work also is at time and a half.

If you are not presently busy in the harvest, and would prefer work in a cannery, contact the Job Counsellor at your local opportunity center. — Rick Simon, Job Counsellor.

De un artículo por Rick Simon

Esta semana John Smith dejará su empleo en Soil Conservation para unirse al personal de Valley Migrant League como Job Counsellor en el área de Dayton. El ayudará a conseguir empleo a los trabajadores migratorios que deseen quedarse en aquella área.

Smith es descendiente de familia humilde. Su padre fue un agricultor mediero en el estado de Louisiana. La familia Smith procreó 10 niños y una niña. Todos viven en diferentes partes de los E.E.U.U. John es el único que fue a la universidad y terminó sus estudios.

"Mi viejo maestro explorador me dio la idea de inscribirme en la universidad," Smith recuerda. Que él se graduó con honores y estaba en camino a tener su grado de maestro.

En McMinnville, Smith trabajó bajo la dirección de Edgar Laird. De su trabajo dice el Sr. Laird, "El fue algo grande."

Smith tomó gran interés por los trabajadores migratorios, tan pronto llegó de Louisiana. Inmediatamente principió a organizar una tropa de niños exploradores en Eola Village.

"Tenemos la impresión de que John desempeñará satisfactoriamente sus labores en VML," el Sr. Laird dice. "El ha probado que sí es posible dominar todos los tiempos malos de la vida y llegar a la cúspide del suceso, con un poco de fe y voluntad. El es un ejemplo excelente."

## Child dies at migrant camp

Mary Mathis, 9 months old, died last Sunday from strangulation. Her parents live at the Bill Wallace camp near West Stayton. The **Opportunity News** and the staff of the Valley Migrant League wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Mathis family.

Mary Mathis de 9 meses de edad falleció el domingo pasado. La familia Mathis vive en el campo de Bill Wallace cerca de West Stayton. El personal de Valley Migrant League da el más sentido pésame a la familia Mathis.

Paul Ratliff, owner of the Daytona Theater, Dayton, sends us this announcement: The feature for this Saturday, August 20, at 7:30 and Sunday, August 21, at 2:30 will be **VOY DE GALLO** with Maria Antonieta Pons and Dagoberto Rodriguez; and **MIS ABUELITAS NOMAS** with Clavillazo and Sara Garcia.

Paul Ratliff, propietario del Cine Daytona de Dayton, nos ha mandado el siguiente noticiario: El programa doble este sábado, el 13 de agosto, a las 7:30, y el domingo el 21, 2:30, será **VOY DE GALLO** con Maria Antonieta Pons y Dagoberto Rodriguez; y **MIS ABUELITAS NOMAS** con Clavillazo y Sara Garcia.

## PICKERS WANTED

A family is wanted to pick cucumbers at the Bob May farm in Canby. Good wages. Work until October. Free housing---2 bedrooms. Call 651-2564

## NEWS BRIEFS

### NOTICIAS EN BREVE

Judy McKay, a new Job Counsellor, was assigned to the Independence area last week. Judy, age 24, last lived in San Francisco, California, where she worked as a Personnel Assistant at California Packing Company. She has a degree in sociology which she received from Nazareth College.

The staff at the Independence center had a small get-together this week to celebrate the completion of Alan Fujii's year with VISTA.

Last week the Mexican-American Citizens Club at Salem met for the first time with their newly appointed Board of Directors. The club is very much concerned with a job placement program.

A VISTA, John Toyofuku, and a program aide, Efrain Diaz, both from the Salem Opportunity Center, recently moved to Flavorland camp. They wish to become more familiar with the people in their area.

From the Sandy Opportunity Center comes news of two new Program Aides: Herman Clemmer, and Glen Grazier. The Valley Migrant League welcomes both young men to our staff.

A farewell party, in honor of Debby Albright, VISTA Volunteer, was given last week by the West Stayton Opportunity staff. Debby has worked in West Stayton for the past 10 months and is now leaving to continue her education at a college of education in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Coe are the proud parents of a son, Gary Dean Coe, born July 19 at Multnomah County Hospital in Portland. The Coe's live at the Leonard Schermacher camp near West Stayton.

Judy McKay, un nuevo "job counsellor" fue asignado al área de Independence. La semana pasada Judy, quien tiene 24 años de edad, vivió en San Francisco, California, donde trabajó como asistente de personal de la California Packing Company. Se graduó en sociología en el Nazaret College.

El personal del Centro de Oportunidad de Independence se reunió esta semana para felicitar a Alan Fujii, por el año de servicio que presto en VISTA.

La organización de ciudadano Mexico-Americano de Salem se reunió esta semana, en el Centro de Oportunidad de Salem. Con su flamante mesa directiva, esta organización está interesada en empleos permanentes.

John Toyofuku, Voluntaria de VISTA, y el asistente de programa Efrain Diaz se han movido recientemente al Flavorland labor camp, para familiarizarse más con los trabajadores migratorios, y conocer mejor sus problemas.

Desde el Centro de Oportunidad de Sandy nos ha llegado la noticia de que dos asistentes al programa han ingresado, en aquella área. Ellos son Herman Clemmer y Glen Grazier. VML da la bienvenida a estos dos jóvenes.

Hogar de plácemes. El Sr. y Sra. Bill Coe se siente la pareja más feliz en estos momentos, por haber sido visitados por la cigüeña con un hermoso bebé, el mes pasado el día 19 de julio. Se nombró al niño Gary Dean Coe. Nació en Multnomah County Hospital de Portland. La familia Coe vive en el Campo de Leonard Schermacher cerca de West Stayton.