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DAY CARE USED BLACK MAGIC

By Christie Corbett

(NOTE: Readers of the **Oppor-
tunity News** have enjoyed excerpts
from the Christie Corbett reports on
last summer's Day Care-Summer
School program. The following,
from her observations at Sandy,
focuses upon a "problem" boy.)

There was a warm, friendly in-
terest in the children, and the
children responded to it. Their in-
terest and curiosity and desire to
learn were stimulated by their par-
ticipation in the variety of activities
provided for them.

When they came, as is often
true, in children of Anglo-African
migrant workers, they were some-
ber looking children, physically and
socially deprived, exhibiting
troublesome behavior patterns, evi-
dence of their many deprivations.

But, heart-warming changes had
taken place by the end of the sum-

A Ralph Cake, Don Wilcox, Ivan
Wells:

Gracias al personal del **Oppor-
tunity News** por haber enviado una
suscripción del periódico a Arturo
Vasquez quien está entrenándose
en el Cuerpo de Empleos en San
Marcos, Texas. Recibimos una carta
de él hoy agradeciéndonos por el
periódico y diciéndonos que actual-
mente está trabajando en la Radio
y Televisión y que pronto se
graduará del Cuerpo de Empleos.
Está contento y agradece mucho
esta oportunidad que se ha presen-
tado a él.

Leon Gurney, Supervisor
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Independence, Oregon

To Ralph Cake, Don Wilcox, Ivan
Wells:

Thanks to the staff of the **Oppor-
tunity News** for mailing the paper
to Arturo Vasquez in job corps
training at San Marcos, Texas. We
received a letter from him today ex-
pressing thanks for the paper and
telling us that he is now working
in Radio-Television and will soon
graduate from the job corps. He is
most happy and feels grateful for
the opportunity extended him.

Leon Gurney, Supervisor
VML Opportunity Center
Independence, Oregon

mer. The patience and kindness, the
understanding and skill that they
received from the devoted workers
have had a great impact on many
of these children.

One example: A "problem" boy
had fought a running battle with
workers every day at nap time for
almost two summers. He put on
quite a performance each afternoon
as the cots were set out, often re-
ducing the assistant to tears, which
he seemed to find highly satisfac-
tory. One of the Work-Study girls,
a student in child development, de-
cided to use a different approach,
new techniques, black magic if
necessary. Almost unbelievably,
whatever she did worked. When
the phonograph was turned on and
the room was darkened and quiet,
the problem boy, now docile as a
lamb, slept peacefully with all the
other children and this continued
without incident or episode for the
rest of the summer.

Letters to the Editor

Editor. **Opportunity News:**

I was sorry to read your editorial
stating that people who need help
usually can't direct the OEO pro-
grams.

In Washington County I have had
some experience working with
people who need help and I have
learned to trust their judgment more
than my own. In voting on the CAP
board, several of us in the status
community voted with the recipient
members rather than following our
own status-influenced opinions and
I think we have a better program
because of that. Such as selecting
our executive director.

I have also worked with VML
and VIVA in settling families, and
ex-migrant can do a better job
than federal employees.

VML might learn how well mi-
grants can direct an OEO program
if they had more of them on their
board of directors.

Jim Anderson
Tigard, Oregon

VML:

I don't know how I got on this
mailing list. Someone was nice
enough to consider us. We look for-
ward to receiving our paper every
week.

We used to migrate from Eola
Village . . . Gresham . . . Sandy . . .
Oregon berries, beans, whatever we
could work in, and San Jose, Cali-
fornia, picking up prunes, and
Huron, California, here and there,
picking cotton round and round.
Now we are settled here in Port-
land two years now, and at times it
seems discouraging. Buying our
own home, paying taxes for it, al-
most seems too much. But we're
getting by and to read your paper
is encouraging, to read of others
like ourselves. My husband Ernesto
B. Silguero works for Mr. Belcher
who owns Powell Valley Nursery
and is a wonderful boss. It helps a
lot to work for nice people, too. He's
working there two years now. My
children and I harvest berries all
summer too. They earn their school
clothes. Now only I am working,
picking up spuds a little while
longer. We're happy and healthy—
that counts a lot. Only thing we
miss is the Mexican dances we used
to go to when we used to live in
California.

We go to Woodburn once in a
great while to visit the music shop
and buy Mexican record albums.
Mexican music perks us up.

We read your paper every week
and you all seem like friends we
know. Guess that's why I get car-
ried away writing so much.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lolita G. Silguero
12518 S. F. Ellis
Portland, Oregon 97236

Redactor del **Opportunity News:**

Me entristeci al leer su artículo
diciendo que los que necesitan ayu-
da por lo comun no pueden dirigir
los programs de OEO.

En el condado de Washington he
tenido unas experiencias trabajando
con los que necesitan ayuda y he
aprendido a fiar en su juicio más
que en el mio. Al votar en la mesa
directiva de CAP, muchos de noso-
tros en la comunidad votaron con
los miembros recipientes de ayuda
en vez de votar segun nuestras
opiniones y creo que tenemos un
programa mejor por eso. Como por
ejemplo, lo de seleccionar nuestro
director ejecutivo.

También he trabajado con VML y
VIVA al establecer a los familias y
los ex-migrantes pueden hacer
mejor que los empleados federales.

VML puede aprender que bien
pueden dirigir un programa de OEO
los migrantes si tuviera más de ellos
en su mesa directiva.

Jim Anderson
Tigard, Oregon

VML:

No sé como me encontré en su
lista de suscripciones. Alguien era
suficiente simpático para habernos
considerado. Esperamos su publica-
ción cada semana.

Hace tiempo migrabamos de
Eola Village, Gresham, Sandy, las
moras y los frijoles de Oregon a San
José, California para pisar ciruelas
y a Huron, California piscando
algodón. Ahora hace dos años que
vivimos en Portland y a veces me
desespero. Comprándonos una casa,
pagando impuestos a veces resulta
demasiado. Pero seguimos y al leer
su periódico nos anima saber que
hay otros como nosotros. Mi esposo,
Ernesto B. Silguero, trabaja por el Sr.
Belcher, un buen señor, dueño del
Powell Valley Nursery. Cuenta por
mucha trabajar por un buen dueño.
Hace dos años que está empleado
allí. Mis hijos y yo piscamos todo
el verano. Se ganan lo necesario
para la ropa de escuela. Ahora solo
quedo y trabajando al pisar papas
un rato más. Estamos contentos y
bien—eso cuenta por mucho. Lo
único que nos falta son los bailes
mexicanos a los cuales asistimos
cuando estabamos en California.

De vez en cuando vamos a pa-
searnos a Woodburn para comprar
albums de discos en una discoteca.
La música mexicana nos anima.

Leemos su periódico cada sema-
na y parece que somos amigos que
ya hace tiempo nos conocemos. Es
por eso que les estoy escribiendo
así.

Atentamente,
Sra. Lolita G. Silguero