

Guide to the Migrant Ministry Scrapbook collection

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Abstract: Scrapbooks documenting local, regional, and national perspectives on migrant field and orchard workers in the Grand Valley of Colorado from 1961 to 1973.

Creator: Colorado Migrant Ministry. Grand Valley Chapter; Power, Dorothy; Van Regenmorter, Evelyn; Marsman, Carol

Dates (inclusive): 1961-1973

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Historical Note: The Colorado Migrant Ministry's Grand Valley Chapter was an ecumenical social service program for seasonal agricultural laborers. The workers provided labor to the farms and orchards across the Grand Valley of Colorado. From approximately 1948 to 1973, Dorothy Power of Palisade, Colorado was active in the Grand Valley area chapter of the Colorado Migrant Ministry.

Scope and Contents: The collection includes sixteen scrapbooks and a few loose documents. The scrapbooks contain newsletter clippings, personal notations, photographs, and mimeographed reports covering the years 1961 through 1973.

Arrangement: The scrapbooks are in original order.

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Subjects: Migrant agricultural laborers; Grand Valley (Colo. and Utah); Children of migrant laborers -- Education

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Collection Description:

The Migrant Ministry scrapbooks serve as an ethnographic record of Grand Valley's seasonal agricultural laborers between 1961 and 1973. They also chronicle the Grand Valley chapter of a statewide ecumenical social service program called the Migrant Ministry.

Dorothy Power's scrapbooks record local migrant culture and history, including socioeconomic issues and civil rights concerns; they also provide the context of regional and national historical trends and news reports. Power used newspaper and newsletter articles, photographs, personal notes, and occasional Migrant Ministry reports to document the local migrant workers.

Also included are Migrant Ministry scrapbooks created by Evelyn Van Regenmorter and Carol Marsman, whose chronicles have a more personal, memoir-like style. The Van Regenmorter/Marsman scrapbooks feature photographs with handwritten reflections and observations.

Housing, education, day care, health status, recreation, discrimination, worker documentation, fair compensation for tasks performed, Native American and Hispanic traditions, and spiritual well-being are concerns featured in the scrapbooks. Also addressed are agricultural business owner concerns such as weather and resultant harvest loss, labor costs, mechanization trends, in addition to migrant worker political and legal issues.

Most of the news articles are from the Grand Junction *Daily Sentinel*, while others are sourced from the *Denver Post*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, the National Peach Council newsletter *Peach-Times*, the *Farmer's Union Magazine*, the *Rocky Mountain Churchman*, and a newsletter for the Colorado Council of Churches entitled *The Church Councillor*.

Box 1: Migrant Ministry Collection – 1961 to 1968

Folder 1: 1968 Migrant Ministry – Grand Junction and Fruita reports. Written by Evelyn Van Regenmorter and Carol Marsman.

It appears that good statistical records were kept regarding "health kits," quilts, trading stamp donations, clothing, donations monetary and otherwise, etc. There was a day care center in Fruita which was also used for both a secular school and Sunday School.

Some quotes from the 1968 reports:

- "Nearly all the children attend the Migrant School in Fruita."

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- “. . . various activities (include) movies, independent play . . . sewing and embroidery for the older girls”
- “we often have the opportunity to give out Navajo and English Bibles . . .”
- “. . . (for) teenagers who work in the fields (we held) a picnic . . . at the Colorado National Monument. (It was) a big success. . .”
- “McBride Minter (of) Grand Junction was hired by the hour to call on the negro workers who were at Palisade for the peach harvest.”

Folder 2: articles – “Overflow Crowd Hears Sociologist” – December 6, 1967 GJ Sentinel; “Community Spirit Spans Eaton Tracks – August 13, 1967 Denver Post section C; “Migrants and Us” – September, 1967 Colorado Councillor with notation of “Carol & Evelyn” on a photograph.

1961 Migrant Ministry Scrapbook – Dorothy Power

The first article is entitled “Migrants Must Develop Own Leaders, Ministry Head Says” – dated January 17, 1961. The final article is from the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel and is entitled “The Beam in the Negro’s Eye” undated. The article contains excerpts from a letter by the Reverend W. T. Hudson, “a Negro minister (writing) to the Montgomery, Alabama Advertiser.”

There is an opening personal notation by Power: “mostly about closing of migrant camp.”

Power includes select national issues and/or columnists in her migrant worker record. In her nationwide editorial column, “Eleanor Roosevelt Writes,” Roosevelt addresses the 1960s labor issue in “Migratory Workers Major Economic Problem in U.S.” Roosevelt reports, “Expressly excluded from the nation’s minimum wage law, many of these farm workers labor for 35 to 50 cents an hour . . .” The Eleanor Roosevelt editorial is coupled with another entitled, “Fairness for Migratory Workers.”

1961 select news articles and their dates:

- April 1961: “Migrant School Lacks Captive Audience; Must Entice Pupils”
- July 26, 1961: “Migratory Labor Problems to Be Discussed Aug. 18”
- August 4, 1961: “57 Shelters Full at Labor Camp but Few Are Employed”
- August 11, 1961: “Peach Board Shies from Medical Plan”
- August 19, 1961: “Migrant Medicare Stirs Up Fuss”
- August 21, 1961: “Labor Camp Closure Threatened;” “Families of 13 in Single Cabin”

1962 Migrant Ministry Scrapbook – Dorothy Power

Dorothy Power is acknowledged as a founder of the Palisade Migrant Ministry effort and appointed as a Western Slope director for the program (April 7, 1962).

Dated February 21, 1962 and written by Mrs. Harry A. Talbott, a Colorado Migrant Ministry report is headlined “4H Members to Improve Migrant Housing.”

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Congressman Wayne Aspinall writes an article for the July 20, 1962 Sentinel's Capitol Comments column entitled, "Congress Seeks Migrant Answers."

The first scrapbook article is entitled "Education the Answer to Migrant Problems" – dated November 17, 1961. One of the final articles is entitled, "Labor Department May Slow Up Importation of Beet Hands" – dated December 9, 1962.

There are 3 pages of photographs at the end of the 1962 Migrant Ministry Scrapbook.

Power's personal notations in the 1962 scrapbook include: 1962 Taylor Elementary, Mt. Lincoln Center, Light Crop (cold year) Hail Oct 1st, Labor camp sold, Health Program – Dr. Bliss, closing camp, Colo. Council Churches, Town Board refused Center, or use (of) Park for movies, Delta T. Shop, \$4000 pd for camp."

1962 select news articles and their dates:

- November 24, 1961: "Peach Board Favors Closing Migrant Camp"
- November 29, 1961: "West Slope on Bottom in Migrant Pay Report"
- December 24, 1961: "Shifts in Welfare Policy to Have Little Effect on County's Setup"
- April 27, 1962: "Board of Control Votes to Close Labor Camp" reports: "The migrant labor camp operated since 1948 by the Mesa County Peach Board of Control will not be opened this year."
- March 17, 1962: "Migrant Labor Talks Surrounded by Secrecy"
- March 31, 1962: "New Rules for Braceros"
- April 1, 1962: "Camp Closing Opposed by Migrant Council;" "Mexican Wage Minimum Named"
- April 21, 1962: "Ministry Plans Recreation for Braceros, Navajo Children"
- April 27, 1962: "Doctor Lauded for Assisting Area Migrants"
- April 27, 1962: "Board of Control Votes to Close Labor Camp"
- August 3, 1962: "4-H Boys Receive Awards of Bonds"
- June 16, 1962: "Migrant Children's School at Palisade May Be Dropped"
- undated: "New Equipment to Speed Tomato Canning Work"
- undated: "Wetback Numbers Jump as Bracero Use Declines"
- undated: "Comforts Few for Army of Laborers Awaiting Jobs"
- undated: "Turnabout in Green Bean Field: Hand Pickers Replace Machinery"
- undated: "Migrant Problems Studied"
- undated: "Bracero Labor Attacked in Washington Hearings"

1963 Migrant Ministry Scrapbook – Dorothy Power

There is a November 17, 1963 article reporting that "Aspinall Cites Need for Braceros."

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The first article is entitled “Cautious Approach Urged for Sugar Beet Expansion” – dated January 1963. One of the final articles is entitled, “Migrant Ministry Helped 5000 Persons During Recent Summer Activities” – dated December 1963.

Dorothy Power personal notations: Jan. 1963 subdegree weather -20°, coldest in history; split pits; Braceros (seasonal laborers); inspect peaches; ¼ peach crop; sugar beets – tomatoes: not grown next yr??

1963 select news articles and their dates:

- January 18, 1963: “Gloomy Outlook Seen for 1963 Peach Crop”
- February 4, 1963: “Study of Migrant Labor Helped Local Situations”
- March 23, 1963: “Classes for Children of Migrants to Be Scheduled If or When Needed;” “Soroptimists to Erect Center for Migrant Workers In City”
- April 20, 1963: “Wind, Frost Rake Orchards of Delta County Growers”
- April 21, 1963: “Peach Growers Still Assessing Damage; Outlook Improves for Some Other Fruits”
- undated: “Water Shortage Shuts Down Transmountain Diversions;” “Irrigation Water Shortage Seen for Delta Croplands”
- undated: “Charitable Chieftain’s Nose Bent By “Ungrateful Indians”
- May, 1963: “New Child Labor Law into Effect”
- May 21, 1963: “Medical Program Proposed for Migrant Area Workers”
- June 1963: “Churchmen Asked to Support Migrant Labor Legislation”
- June 16, 1963: “Drought, Farm Labor Worrying Congressmen”
- June 20, 1963: “Delta Labor Force Studied in Broad Economic Survey”
- July 1, 1963: “Senators Want Bracero Action”
- July 7, 1963: “Bracero Shut-Out Could Backfire”
- July 12, 1963: “Six Fined for Disturbing the Peace”
Power makes a note that the “fight (was) with (a) negro boy”
- August 7, 1963: “Young Democrats Ask Action on Migrant Labor Problems”
- undated: “Labor Called Biggest Problem in Growing, Harvesting Tomatoes”
- September 1963: “Peach Crop Smallest on Record;” “Record Sugar-Beet Harvest Will Start in Mid-Week”
- October 21, 1963: “Bracero Labor Extension Bill Facing Rough Going in Congress”
- undated: “Navajos Protest Seizure” (of tribal records); “Medal of Freedom” awarded Annie D. Waueka, a Navajo spokesperson and health worker
- November 1963: “Racial Discrimination – Western Style”
- undated: Eleanor Roosevelt article entitled, “People on Move Welfare Problem”
- undated: Article by S. W. Coombs entitled “Bracero’s Journey: U.S. Harvest Provides Seasonal Work for Mexican Farmers” denotes that bracero means men with strong arms.

1964 Migrant Ministry Scrapbook – Dorothy Power

A November 8, 1964 Sentinel article is entitled, “Rep. Aspinall Planning Checkup on Peach Crop Estimate Methods.”

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There is a copy of a typed report entitled Migrants that was “sent to (the) state;” it was apparently written by W. Friechler.

There are several local labor camp photographs and human-interest articles at the end of the scrapbook. A June 9, 1964 article is entitled, “Special Primary Language Study Planned,” and a June 10, 1964 article reads “Health Program Nets High Award.”

The final article features the Taylor family reunion held in the Grand Valley upon the passing of the beloved family patriarch, Booker T. Taylor. Being a family of accomplished educators and ministers, the Taylors were noted community leaders and “a pioneer Negro family in Grand Junction.”

Dorothy Power’s personal notations: 1964 – Trading stamps, 2600 books for new car, S & H green stamps, Gold Bond stamps, 2 new cars. Peach inspection not adequate. Gummosis/army worms – dead wood to sell. \$12,996 net loss 1964. Henry Archuleta articles 1963-1964. Shortage help; oriental fruit moth. (June 6) My picture, new white car, (with) David (Royball). Close schools to pick??? 500,000 bu. shipped.

1964 select news articles and their dates:

- January 8, 1964: “Hearing Opens on Peach Market Order”
- January 12, 1964: “Salvaged Peach Orchard Wood Being Sold for City for City Fireplaces”
- January 26, 1964: “Labor Shortage, Use of New Seed Variety Expected to Revolutionize Beet Growing”
- February 27, 1964: “Use of Negroes as Bracers Studied in State”
- February 22, 1964: “Growers and Holly Battle Over 1964 Beet Acreages”
- April 19, 1964: “Weather Modifiers Proposals Turned Down by Peach Board”
- June 28, 1964: “Orchard Men Mapping Campaign Against Oriental Fruit Moths”
- July 19, 1964: “Large Frozen Storage Unit Added by Mesa County Cherry Processor”
- August 2, 1964: “Social Security Posing New Crew Labor Problems”
- August 9, 1964: “Army Worms, Aphids Damaging Beets, Tomatoes and Alfalfa”
- September 13, 1964: “More Mechanization of Peach Harvest Possible Answer to Labor Shortage”
- October 6, 1964: “Mesa Farmers Warned Labor Crisis Coming”
- December 13, 1964: “Labor Import Continuation Now Hoped for By Farmers”
- December 20, 1964: “U.S. Announces New Bracero Restrictions”

1965 Migrant Ministry Scrapbook – Dorothy Power

A February 7, 1965 Sentinel article is entitled, “Slope Beet Growers Given Grim Warning by Aspinall.”

Dorothy Power personal notations: Hail, 1965 Aug. 31st; Sept. snow. Sept. 21 & 18th split trees. Colder, wetter, snowfall early.

1965 select news articles and their dates:

- January 31, 1965: “Use of Pre-Emergence Weed Killer Discussed by Beet Growers Here”

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- February 2, 1965: "Labor Conference Delegate Sees Easing of Bracero Ban"
- undated: "Navajos and Yaquis Replacing Braceros in Arizona Harvest"
- February 28, 1965: "Push for Larger Size Peaches Called for By Board of Control," and "Boron Applications May Help Peach Trees Conquer Cytospora Infections"
- May 2, 1965: "Labor May Force Ag Mechanization"
- May 4, 1965: "West Coast Crops Rotting: Acute Labor Crisis Blamed"
- May 11, 1965: "Much of U.S. Fruit Cop Nipped by Cold Winter, Spring Storms"
- July 21, 1965: "Many Navajos Leave County Beet Fields"
- July 25, 1965: "Pre-Cooling and Cold Storage Facilities Added at Palisade"
- August 1, 1965: "Mechanical Cherry Harvesting Making Advances"
- August 31, 1965: "Schools Okay Peach Harvest Permits"
"The board has approved a "peach harvest permit" to enable older students to miss classes when the permit signed by the school principal and certified by the grower-employer."
- September 1, 1965: "Peach Grading to Recoup Part Of \$500,000 Damage"
- September 21, 1965: "Frost Nips Valley Plants; New Rainy Siege Threatens"
- September 22, 1965: "Colorado Labor Chief Warns Junction Faces Racial Trouble"
- October 1, 1965: "September Colder, Wetter; Snowfall Earliest Recorded"
- October 5, 1965: "Farm Worker Shortage, Frost Danger Threatens State Crops"
- undated: "Official Hires out as Lemon Picker, Gets Farm Labor Picture First Hand"
- undated: "Reservation Indians Face Dilemma of Heritage, American Progress"
- undated: "Last Battle Against Himself, 2 Cultures Tug, Tear at Frustrated American Indian"
- undated: "Resistant Indians Moving into American Mainstream"

1966 Migrant Ministry Scrapbook – Dorothy Power

On the inside cover is an excellent photograph of Dorothy Power, a young Navajo girl, a beet field, and the mountains in the background.

The first article, dated January 13, 1966, is entitled, "Labor Problems Cut Deep into Agriculture Income." One of the final articles in the scrapbook is from the Denver Post and dated May 9, 1966: "Remain Conspicuously Apart, Navajo "One of Most Interesting People" in the World."

A February, 1966 Sentinel article entitled, "Fruita Farmer Honored as Top Beet Producer" notes that Mesa County Beet Growers president, James G. Bernal, officiated the dinner and awards presentations, including the "Sweetest Little Girl in Mesa County" trophy to Tammy Barslund, age 4. A December 18, 1966 Denver Post article reports, "Unskilled Migrants Called Urban Worry."

Dorothy Power's personal notations: James Selmsler – Mar. 1, 1966. Trees froze 1966. 26 yr. low on peaches.

1966 select news articles and their dates:

- February 1, 1966: "350 Seasonal Farm Workers Are Ordered"

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- February 28, 1966: "Strange Weapons for Navajos, Law Firms' War Dance Backdrops"
- March 27, 1966: "Change in Mesa Peach Production, Diversification Result of Freeze"
- April 3, 1966: "Tough Bargaining Sessions Likely Between Holly, Growers and Union"
- May 29, 1966: "Hail Damaged Sugar Beets Replanted in Mesa County"
- June 1, 1966: "S. & H. Stamp Company Provides Cars for Migrant Ministry"
- June 5, 1966: "Farm Workers Being Organized"
- June 1966: "Peach Estimate At 27-Year Low," and "Migrant Workers Get Better Housing"
- July 1966: "Who Are the Migrants?" which includes "What Is the Council's Migrant Ministry"
- August 12, 1966: "Public Health Nurse Hired for Migrants"
- August 28, 1966: "Peach Shipper Switching to Pre-Cooling"
- September 10, 1966: "Aid Given Migrant Workers"
- September 19, 1966: "Youths Aid in Harvest; More Help Still Needed"
- September 21, 1966: "(Job) Corpsmen Picking Tomatoes with Washington Approval"
- November 27, 1966: "Farm Labor Problem Social, Foreign Workers Still Needed"
- December 11, 1966: "Beet Growers Praised for Unity"
- undated: "Now They're Thinning Beets Electronically"

1967 Migrant Ministry Scrapbook – Dorothy Power

Dorothy Power personal notations: 1967 April freeze, short crop, shatters 68 yr. record, 27 at 5:30 a.m. Headstart continue till Oct 31; regular school classes; Title I schools. Tomas Atencio, CO Migr. Council; Day care center – Fruita. Migrant Council chief quit July 26. Oriental fruit moth. Oriental fruit moth – eradicated by stinle moths. Evelyn Van Regenmorter. Cold, wet summer. Oct 15.

1967 select news articles and their dates:

- January 19, 1967: "Peachgrowers Warned of Rough Year"
- January 25, 1967: "Beet Weeding Rates (wage) Rates Too High, Giles Says at USDA Hearing"
- February 1, 1967: "%12,624 Grant to Finance Migrant Health Program"
- March 19, 1967: "Sugar Factory Economic Boon for Entire Area"
- April 20, 1967: "Freezing Temperatures Damage Valley's Fruit"
- April 28, 1967: "Freeze Shatters 68-Year Record"
- April, 1967: "Gilbertson's "Anti-Freeze" Saves Many Fruit Buds" – Farmer's Union
- May, 1967: "State Gets \$219,170 to Provide Summer School for Migrants"
- May 21, 1967: "Fewer Apples, More Labor Headaches, Prospect for Western Slope Growers"
- June 8, 1967: "Migrant Day Care Center Problems Due Correction"
- June 11, 1967: "Number of Beet Workers Being Steadily Reduced"
- June 13, 1967 and June 14, 1967: "Community Responsibility" and "Social Conscience"
- undated: "Navajo Student Bridges Language Gap"
- August 20, 1967: "Peach 'Sport' Found Near Palisade Possible New Variety for County"
- August 27, 1967: "Spread of Oriental Fruit Moth Continues in Peach Growing Areas"
- September 1, 1967: "Mesa Headstart Program Hit in Federal Inspector's Report"
- October 11, 1967: "Labor Hopes Dim as Tomato Growers Enter Grim Harvest Race with Frost"

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- October 23, 1967: "Machine Harvesting of Tomatoes Likely to Start Here Next Year"
- November 16, 1967: "Record Area Beet Harvest to Gross Over \$3 Million"
- August 10, 1967: "The Migrant – 'Tolerated, But Not Much Love' Strangers in the Farm Belt"
- July 6, 1967: "Reclaiming of Personal Jewelry Closes Navajo 'Pawn' Theft Case"
- September 24, 1967: "Gang Boss: Key Man in Migrant Labor – The Well-Paid Mr. Keaton And His Apple Pickers"

1967 Migrant Ministry – Grand Junction (Fruita & Palisade) Scrapbook – Evelyn Van Regenmorter and Carol Marsman

This Van Regenmorter and Marsman scrapbook features include titled hand-written personal accounts of interactions with families or individuals and photographs with captions.

Titles of scrapbook themes plus related narratives:

- Holly Sugar Camp: June 7 – June 19
Photograph captions: "Recreation Hall – Father Mark-Antonio;" and "Playing Ping-pong"
- Work at the Migrant School: June 7 – August 25
Photographs of some of the families
- Work at the Migrant School: June 7 – August 25
Photograph captions: "Mr. Humbach's room;" "Mrs. Tindall's room;" "Playing 'Duck, duck, goose' Mrs. Tindall's class;" "Playing jumping rope – older girls;" "Eating supper;" "Making pot-holders"
- Helen (Sandoval) – "Navajo Student Bridges Language Gap"
- Calling on Pastors
- Calling on Homes including photographs and narratives featuring select families
Also photographs with captions: ". . . using her toothbrush from her health kit we had just given her;" and ". . . in her new dress," ". . . at our house for the weekend;" and "Talking . . . about filling out a job application;" ". . . in the dress we gave her," and ". . . at their home on the Reservation"
- Spanish Families
- Sunday
Photograph captions: "At church the first Sunday we took children;" "Dinner time at our apartment (Sunday)"
- Other Activities
- Our Trip to the Reservation
- Interesting Facts About the Navajo – taken from Know the Navajo by Sandy Hassell.
- Many Navajos still carry their babies in cradle boards

Box 2 – Migrant Ministry Collection – 1968 to 1973

Folder 1: 1969 Reports Child & Migrant Services – Mesa County, Colorado (formerly Mesa County Migrant Council)

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Folder 2: 1970 Reports Child & Migrant Services, Inc. (formerly Mesa County Migrant Council); February 1, 1976 GJ Sentinel article, "Some progress measured in human standards."

1968 Migrant Ministry Scrapbook – Dorothy Power

There is a photograph of Mrs. Power, Carol Marsman, and Evelyn Van Regenmorter in February chronicles. Ms. Marsman is reportedly a teacher in Grand Rapids, Michigan, while Ms. Van Regenmorter is a "student at Northwestern College in Iowa" (located in Orange City).

Dorothy Power personal notations: 1968, May 7. Freeze, 27°. Peaches not hurt. Too many bosses (in) M. M. (probably Migrant Ministry).

1968 select articles and their dates:

- January 28, 1968: "Labor, Marketing Problems Said Likely If Peach Crop Reaches Million Bushels"
- March 16, 1968: "U.S. Expects Ample Supply in Seasonal Farm Labor Pool"
- May 1968: "Complains, Leadership Confusion Aired at Migrant Council Session"
- May 7, 1968: "Record Low Set Here by Today's 27 Degrees"
- May 8, 1968: "Good Peach Crop Still in Prospect: Some Damage Caused to Other Fruit"
- May 22, 1968: "Health Board to Seek Workable Labor Housing Standards"
- May 23, 1968: "Director of Migrant Program to Polish Up Communications"
- June 7, 1968: "Too Many Bosses in Migrant Program Charged at Meet Here"
- June 28, 1968: "CU Student Medical Team to Work with Poor on Slope"
- June 30, 1968: "Child Care Centers May Signal Major Shift in Welfare Plans"
- July 1, 1968: "State Migrant Program Intends to Improve Through Education"
- July 2, 1968: "Mesa Council – Colorado Council Confusion Creates Conflicts"
- July 4, 1968: "Navajos Return to Exile Scene"
- August 21, 1968: "Migrant Children Programs Hit as State Council Halts Support – Migrant Council's Work in Education Is Praised"
- August 29, 1968: "Mesa Migrant Children Programs in Trouble"

1968 Migrant Ministry – Grand Junction (Fruita & Palisade) – Carol Marsman and Evelyn Van Regenmorter

Marsman and Van Regenmorter scrapbooks feature titled hand-written, personal interactive accounts with individuals or families; photographs with captions are included.

Included is the 1968 Migrant Ministry Report and "Summary of our work – as reported at the meeting in Denver, July 24," two news articles entitled, "Nuns Working Full Time With Migrants" and "Migrants Find Friendly Aid" which was annotated "Newspaper Article about our work," plus various maps.

Titles of scrapbook themes plus related narratives:

- The Migrant and His Work
Includes Sentinel photo with caption: "The Man with a Hoe"

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- Visiting with . . . family in the field.
- Day Care Center: Infants + Toddlers
Includes Sentinel photo with caption: "Activities Centers"
Photograph of Carol Marsman, Evelyn Van Regenmorter and Mrs. Dorothy Power
- Day Care Center
Photographs with captions: "Riding the Bus," "Arnold at bath time," "Playtime," and "Toddlers swimming"
- Headstart: Three to Five-Year-Olds
Sentinel photo with caption: "Clay Modelers"
- Teach Aides (and photograph with caption: "Connie Benally (and) Vicki Tsosie")
- Work at the Migrant School – 1968
Photographs with captions: "Boys playing with trucks and cars," "Girls playing with dolls," "Girls doing embroidery work," and "Busy coloring. Stephannie Peaches."
- Visiting Families
Photographs with captions: "Visiting . . . children," "Playing Games after handing out toys," "Handing out clothing," ". . . new home on Reservation – Nicest one we saw," ". . . family on Reservation. Older couple (are their) parents . . ." ". . . family," "Mother with baby in cradleboard."
- Some of the Families (includes photographs of several families)
- Health Kits
- Work with Teen-agers
- Staying Overnight
Photographs with captions: "Washing hair," "Brushing hair"
- Calling on Pastors and Sunday School and Church
Photographs captioned: "Bringing children to Sunday School," "Younger children doing handwork," "Sunday School at Loma Church (with families and) teacher aides"
- Navajo Land
Photographs with captions: "Visiting . . ." ". . . killing a sheep," and ". . . new home"

1969 Migrant Ministry Scrapbook – Dorothy Power

Select news articles and their dates:

- January 21, 1969: "Little Change in Slope's Migrant Program Foreseen"
- March 11, 1969: "Migrant Council to Start New Child Care Program"
- March 16, 1969: "Electronic Thinners Due Trials This Year"
- April 6, 1969: "Steady Rise in Beet Labor Wages Forcing Production Methods Shift"
- April 26, 1969: "Debate Flares Over Migrant Housing"
- May 23, 1969: "Raid Leaves Slope Farmers Short of Hands"
- June 29, 1969: "Colorado Council – Migrants Demand Bigger Voice"
- June 29, 1969: "Holly Camp Ranked Among Best Housing Migrant Workers"
- "Compared with other camps, this is the Waldorf Astoria," reports Frank Pebeahsy, "a Comanche Indian from Cache, Okla."

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- There is an interesting photographic study featuring music – small groups singing as a guitarist accompanies – for recreation and relaxation.
- July 1, 1969: “Fights Involving Migrants Reported Again at Delta”
- July 17, 1969: “Migrant Council Services Adjust with Valley Workload Shifting”
- August 3, 1969: “Illegal Entry Mexicans Taking City Jobs”
- August 24, 1969: “Mesa’s First Low-Cost Housing Unit Is Completed at Fruita”
- August 31, 1969: “Early Season Hail Hurt Record 1969 Pear Harvest” and “Machines Start 1969 Tomato Harvest”
- September 14, 1969: “Excessive Damage to Apple Crop by Early-Season Hail”
- October 12, 1969: “Holly Predicts 1969 Slope Sugar Beet Production “Best in Years”
- October 31, 1969: “Organizer of Grape Boycott Refuses Peach Council Offer”
- December 7, 1969: “Housing Standards Key to Migrant Labor”
- December 19, 1969: “1969 Sugar Beet Campaign May Be Longest on Record”

1969 Migrant Ministry – Grand Junction, Fruita, Palisade Scrapbook – Michele Chiono and Carol Marsman

This documentation includes a mimeographed Migrant Ministry Report by Michele Chiono and Carol Marsman and features photographs and hand-written text arranged in categories.

The categories include:

- Day Care Center
- Migrant School
- Arches National Monument: Moab, Utah
- Colorado National Monument
- Grand Mesa
- Getting New Children
- Visiting with Families
- Meeting in Denver
- Reservation
- Recreation Center – Palisade

1970 Migrant Ministry – Dorothy Power

There is a Daily Sentinel editorial dated March 20 entitled “Cesar Chavez.” A September 5, 1970 article entitled, “Migrants Get Aid At ‘Rec Center’ features short biographies of chairman of the Migrant Ministry – Mrs. Hubert (Dorothy) Power, teacher Jan Parsons, Sister Anne O-Brien, and nurse Judy Lindauer.

The second paragraph reports:

“In the same room you may find a young black man from Arkansas, a man who has worked in the forests of Washington, a hippie from New Mexico who has been an electronics technician, and Indian families with names like Never-Misses-A-Shot.”

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There is a Summer 1970 Mesa County Migrant Ministry report written by Jan Parsons and 17 September 1970 report on the Recreation Center in Palisade written by Anne O'Brien. There is a photograph of Migrant Ministry staff members Jim King and Jan Parsons (Ulibarri?).

Select news articles and their dates:

- January 1970: "No Wage Increase for Beet Laborer"
- February 25, 1970: "Unions in Agriculture Debated at Peach Meeting"
- undated: "Farmers Hard to Convince on Advantages of Unification for Profitable Marketing"
- March 15, 1970: "Labor Cited As 'Most Important' Factor in Marketing U.S. Agricultural Products"
- March 30, 1970: "State Chicanos Quit Demos to Join New La Raza Party"
- April 6, 1970: "Sugar Beet Growers-Holly Contract Talks Deadlocked"
- April 15, 1970: "Rama Experiment – Navajos Organize a School to Retrieve Their Children"
- April 27, 1970: "Migrant Labor Services Reviewed by Agencies Here"
- April 29, 1970: "Many Mexican-Americans Feel 'Law' Prejudiced Against Them"
- May 3, 1970: "Trend of Mechanization in Colorado Farm Practices Calls for Less Seasonal Labor"
- May 26, 1970: "Migrants' Housing Major Meet Topic"
- May 31, 1970: "Improved Health Services to Be Offered to Migrants"
- June 21, 1970: "Wetback Decisions Left to Area Councils"
- July 19, 1970: "Fate of Migrants 'Sub-Human'"
- July 1970: "Bill to Help Migrant Workers Introduced by Hart, Mondale"
- August 11, 1970: "Slope Farmers Face Wetback Labor Suit"
- September 20, 1970: "Organized System Supplies Mesa, Delta Fields with Wetback Laborers"
- September 24, 1970: "Securing Legal Mexican Labor in Complex, Costly Procedure"
- November 28, 1971: "Friendship Crosses Borders"

1970 (Summer) Migrant Ministry Scrapbook – Jan Parsons, Jim King, and Anne O'Brien

On the inside cover is a "Citation in recognition and appreciation of outstanding service" to the (Mesa County) Migrant Ministry dated November 30, 1971 and signed by Margaret Talbott, "President, Child and Migrant Services."

The scrapbook has handwritten sentiments and narratives with titled groupings of events/observations and captioned photographs:

"A kaleidoscopic experience – a pattern ever-changing as activities, experiences, events, people (and) emotions take their transitory place to create an experience of unimaginable beauty . . ."

- People
- Emotions – Feelings
- Caring and Concern . . .
- Experiences
- Activities

The limited scrapbook quotes are usually biblical, but there are other literary quotes in this volume:

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- The Prophet: “And in the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures.”
- The Little Prince: “It is only with the heart that one can see rightly – what is essential is invisible to the eye.”

The latter half of this scrapbook:

1971 Migrant Ministry – Brenda Hoke and Mary Beebe:

“A Story in Pictures” containing photographs arranged in titled groupings:

- Day Care – At Work and Play
- Day Care – Lunch, Clean-up
- Day Care – Going Home in Migrant Ministry Car
- Public Relations – Radio & Television
- Colorado Migrant Council Office
- Committee Meeting
- Holly Sugar Camp – Delta
- Getting the Boss . . . Jim Selmsner Arrives
- Inspecting the Old Catholic Church
- Preparing for The Center
- Setting Up the Thrift Shoppe
- Opening Night – August 1, 1971
- Recreation Center
- Entertainment
- The Staff

1971 Migrant Ministry Scrapbook – Dorothy Powers

The inside cover and first page hold letters of appreciation to Dorothy and Hubert Power for 23 years of service to the Migrant Ministry and best wishes in retirement. On 15 September 1971, a letter was sent by Jim Selmsner of the Colorado Council of Churches, in addition to a February 1, 1971 letter sent on behalf of the Fellowship of Cooperating Christians.

There is also a Child and Migrant Services Citation to Hubert Power, dated November 30, 1971 and signed by Margaret Talbott, “President, Child and Migrant Services.” The last page displays a card with a “Navajo symbol used for request of rain, sunshine and good crops.” Included are a few photographs.

Dorothy Power – personal notations: 1971 H & D. G’s Jct. churches picnic at Whitman for Migrant workers. Safeway selling N.W. peaches. Colo. Mig. Council workers – Arthur Moya, Antonio Martinez, Dora Romero, Chris Garcia. Hubert & I honored for our work.

Select news articles and their dates:

- January 29, 1971: “Child labor laws are still broken in USA”
- March 9, 1971: “Five Migrant Labor Measures Introduced in Colorado House”
- March 24, 1971: “Retiring Accountant’s Work with Navajos Prized As ‘Most Interesting’”

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“He (Brown) particularly admired the only woman member, Annie Wauneka, for her work in behalf of her people. Her chief interest was the family, the children, and health. . . When Brown left, Mrs. Wauneka told him, “We’re going to miss you very much,” a tribute he prizes.”

- June 17, 1971: “Navajos Claim Wetbacks Taking Beet Jobs”
- June 19, 1971: “Beet Growers Deny Payments Are Subsidy from Government”
- June 25, 1971: “Navajo Officials Urge Meetings to Talk About Labor Situation”
- June 27, 1971: “Wetback Controversy”
- July 15, 1971: “Delta Migrant Ouster Claimed”
- July 16, 1971: “Navajos Striving to Keep Ancient Traditions Alive”
- August 30, 1971: “Farm Labor Troubles Studied”
- undated: “Rocky Ford Migrant Dorm Called Likely Future Slum”
- undated: “‘Housing’ Wrong Word for This”
- June 20, 1971: “Hearings Set in Denver – ‘Slave Trade’ Flourishes Throughout Southwest”
- undated: “Here’s How Wetbacks Smuggled”

1972 – 1973 Migrant Ministry Scrapbook – Dorothy Power

On September 3, 1972 page, there is a photograph of Dorothy Power with a tapestry behind her stating: “Faith in Action. Dorothy Power. Migrant Ministry 1948 – 1972.”

Select news articles and their dates:

- March 30, 1972: “No Relief Seen from Cold Spell”
- April 5, 1972: “Labor, Legal, Housing, Weather Problems Bugging Beet Growers”
- May 7, 1972: “Colorado Fruit Growers May Follow Utah in Seeking Loans”
- May 1, 1972: “New Cold, Drouth (sic) Records Set”
- June 17, 1972: “Six men Face Slavery Charges for Holding Migrant Workers”
- April 26, 1973: “Seventeen Illegal Aliens Nabbed in Mesa County Wednesday, Today”
- July 1, 1973: “Farmers Fight Pests, Shortages”
- August 26, 1973: “San Luis Valley farm labor camps ordered closed”
- August 25, 1973: In support of farm workers – Chicanos picket Safeway store”
- Sept-Oct 1973: “Migrant Ministry Out of Money Now” and “Farm Workers and the Unions”