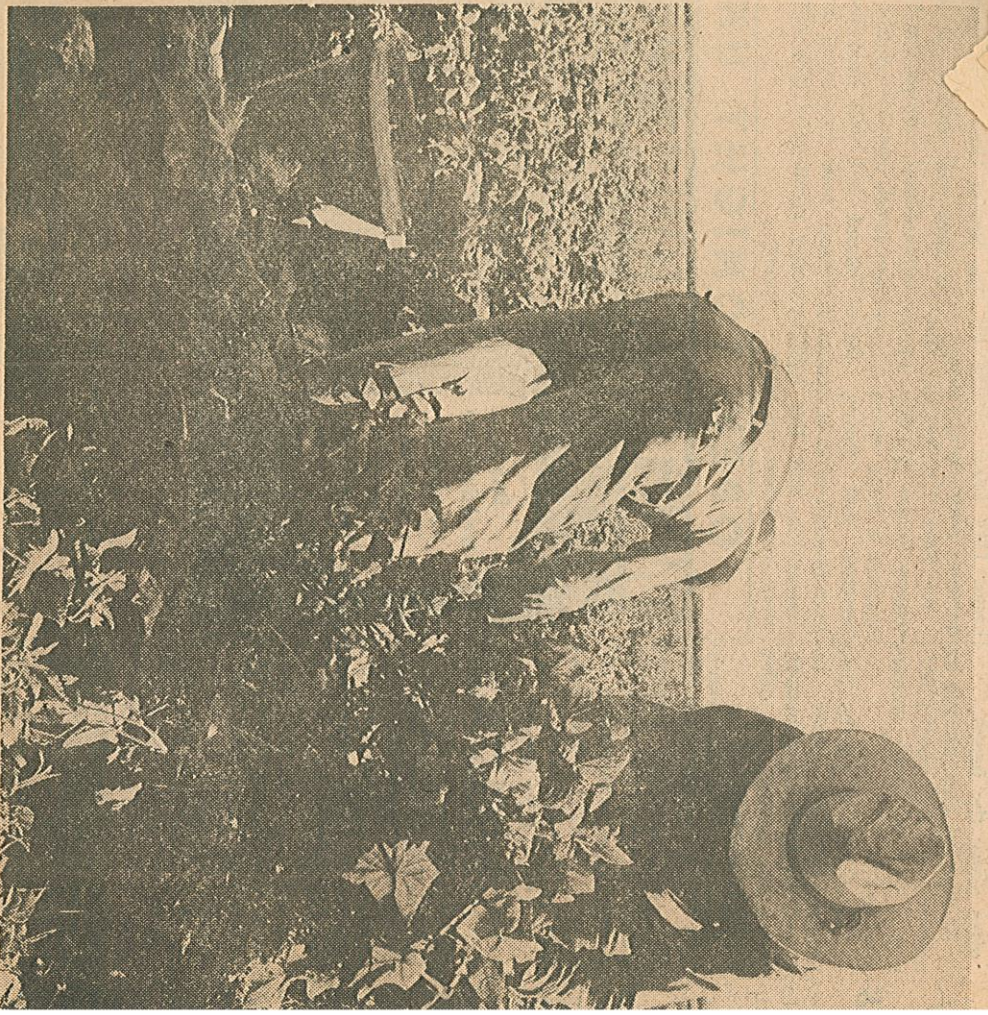
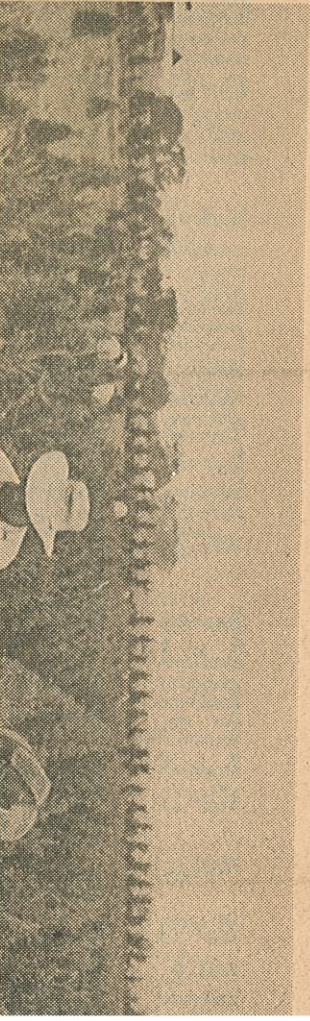


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Up to 1,700 migrant workers come to Iowa each year for periods ranging from several weeks to several months. The largest concentration is in the cucumber (pickle), tomato and potato fields

near Muscatine. Here two vines in a field near Muscati The hardest of all jobs, mi cucumbers.—Register Staff

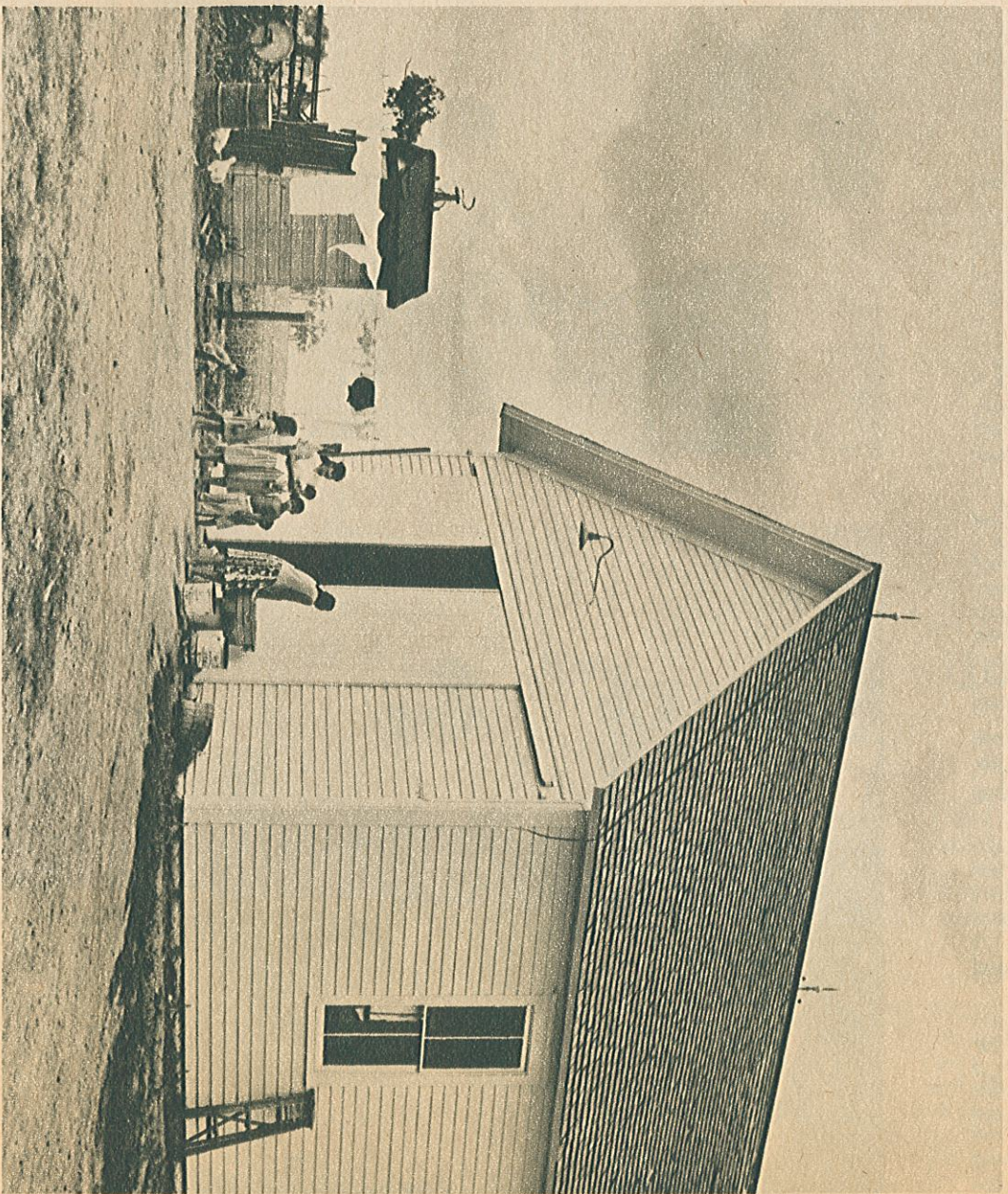


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Muscatine's Good Neighbor Policy



AWAKENED from a nap, this baby of a migrant family in the Muscatine area reacts just as any other tot would.



FOUR FAMILIES live in this building on the Lorenz Lilienthal farm near Wilton Junction. Lilienthal, like more than 100 farmers in eastern Iowa and western Illinois, grows tomatoes for the H. J. Heinz plant which has been a flourishing Muscatine institution since 1893.



Make Life Brighter for Migratory Harvest Hands



NOEL PATTERSON of Davenport, a member of the Harvester Team, gives a mother a New Testament. Patterson, a Grinnell graduate who majored in Spanish, now teaches in Hiawatha School near Cedar Rapids.



PETER CARRILLO and Diane Wilson of the Harvester Team call on a family. Some 20 persons live in this building. A sheet partitions off this family's quarters. There were about 900 migrant workers in the area this year (1,300 including the families), plus 174 Mexicans hired on a contractual agreement between U. S. and Mexico.



Muscatine Good Neighbors

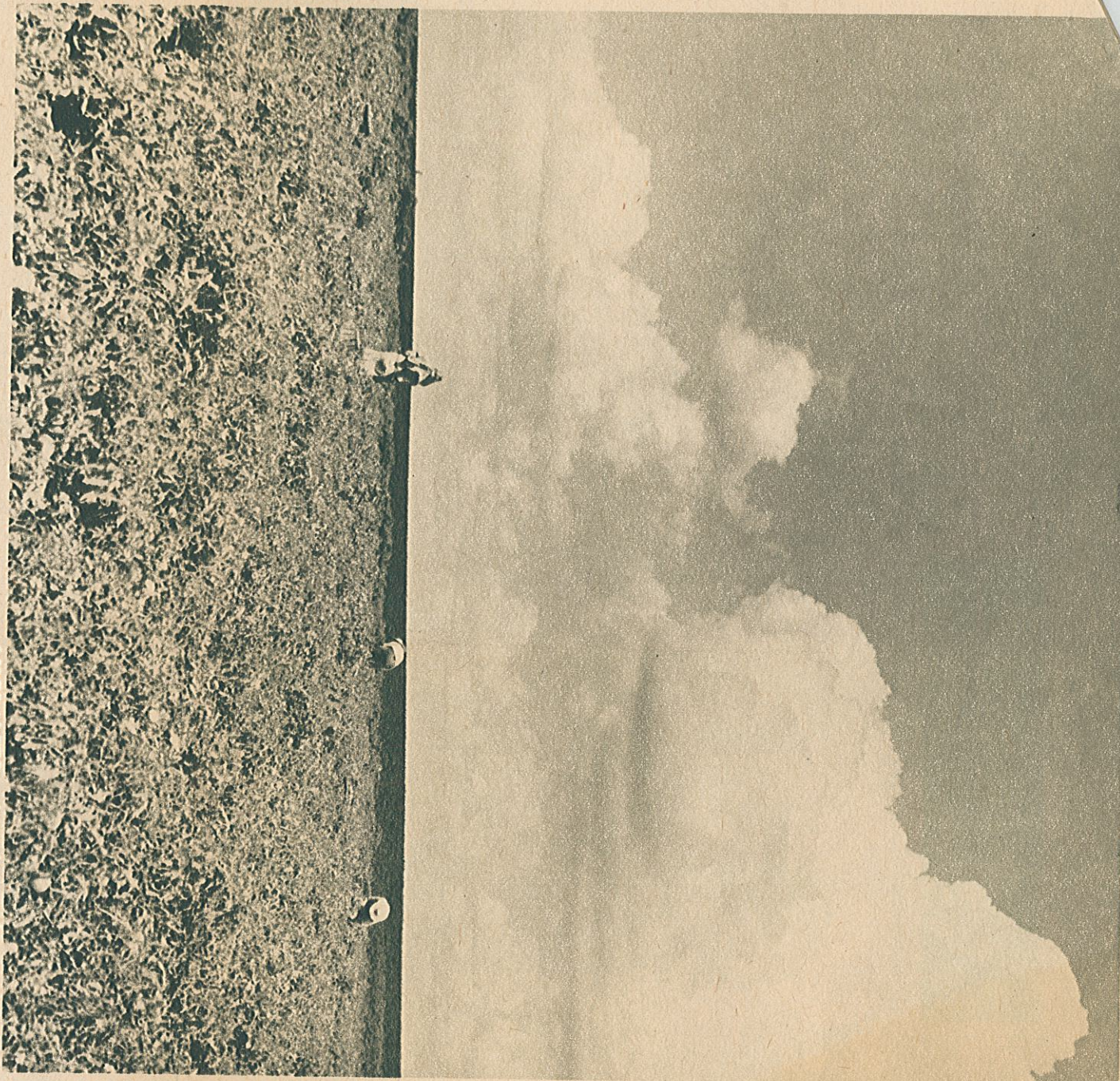
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THE FERTILE area around Muscatine is ideal for growing tomatoes (as well as melons and many other kinds of produce), and each year at harvest time the countryside swarms with migratory workers. For the last several years most of these migrants have been Spanish-American families from the southwest, mostly Texas.

In 1958, in an effort to help these transients, a group of churchmen and laymen organized the Muscatine Migrant Council. This council has operated each year since then to make life brighter for the families and help raise their standard of living. The council operates a Day Care Center and School for the workers' young children, provides medical service, and offers companionship, education and recreation through a special Harvester Team of young volunteers, mostly college students. These volunteers visit the workers' homes, teach the young girls to sew, sponsor news broadcasts in Spanish, play games with the children, show films, distribute nondenominational religious literature and help in many other ways.

The Day Care Center and School was held this year in the Zion Lutheran School in Muscatine. Children were brought to school in two buses, and women of various churches served hot lunches.

(Register photographs from Joan Liffings)



MIGRANTS such as these picking tomatoes on the Lorenz Lilienthal farm near Wilton Junction are paid 12 cents a large basket. They may earn from 96 cents to \$1.20 an hour at the height of the season.

