

National Archves Pacific Region-San Francisco						
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1	"Praise God for Vittory/Victory"	8	77,79	**	April 4 July 11+18	7 11
2	A few instances of similar dialect renditions, example--"purty" (mostCollins dialect transcription attempts were exaggerated compared to Steinbeck)	8	84		July 19	8
3	Growers send circulars and publish ads in OK and TX to draw an oversupply of labor and drive down wages	15	189-190		January 11	5
4	Pa is not the boss of the family any more, Ma/wife takes over especially in times of unemployment, stress	15	169		February 29	6
		26	352, 393, 400		June 13	5
		28	423			
5	"Never been dirty like this"--Okie trauma, demoralized from conditions at squatter camps, lack of jobs, etc.	18	217		July 25 + August 1	12-13
6	Okie Migrants don't like receiving charity or relief, want to work	20	244	** ****	August 24 (1935) various reports	2
7	Armed vigilantes vs migrants	20	279		August 22	4-5

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					February 22	3
8	Solitary Ditchbank drunk	20	269, 275		June 27	5
		23	327			
9	"We're the (American) People"	20	280		December 26	5
10	Growers send handbills to attract farm laborers	20	245		January 11	5-6
11	New arrivals at Weedpatch camp can work in order to pay rent at camp	20	254	***	"Instructions"	3
		22	287		8/22+29	6
12	Weedpatch Federal camp migrants really appreciate hot water, shower, laundry facilities	22	286,307, 311	**	October 12 (1935)	16
					May 30	5
13	Dances at the Weedpatch camp: peaceful, campers invite/sponsor outsiders to dances, popular throughout the county, "policed" by Camp committees, etc.	22	288		April 18	7
		24	335		August 22	9
		24	340	****	various reports	
				*****	File code 100, Camp Committee Minutes	May 3 1936

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14	Weedpatch campers help newcomers (Tom Joad) get work with their employers, are willing to share when work is scarce	22	291		February 1 July 25	3 3,4,18
15	Roving evangelists are not allowed to take up collections at camp except as volunteered by campers	22	287		Sept 7 1935	5
16	Weedpatch camp well-baby program, instruction and help for mothers, etc.	22	307	****	July 25 various reports	5
17	Migrants are "treated like humans" at Federal camps	22	296	***** ****	"Human Side" various reports	4
18	Elective camp committee government, voting	22	287	*** *****	February 29 "Instructions" File Code 100	25 2
19	No cops in FSA camp without warrant	22	287	***	"Instructions"	5
20	Men leave Weedpatch camp early AM in car, roaming country for work	22	306		February 22	3-4
21	Camp Committees and how they function, are elected	22	287	****	February 29 various reports	20-26

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			*****	File Code 100 Committee Minutes + descriptions	
22	Small farmers are pressured to offer lower wages to migrants by wage-fixing large growers, would pay more if less pressured, don't like being pressured (in the reports, the Grange resists the pressures)	22	294	May 2	4
				May 23	6
				September 5	4
23	Ladies Committee (Good Neighbors Committee in Collins reports)	22	287,304	February 29	24
			****	various reports	
24	Ruthie and Winfield get a scare from toilet after an accidental flushing	22	300	**	Oct 12 1935
25	FSA Camp is governed primarily by campers	22	304		August 18 (nurse)
				various reports	7
26	Okie migrants quickly spot inauthenticity, "snooting around," etc.	22	306	**	August 18 (1935)
27	Committee mentions toilet paper shortages	22	314	*****	File code 100. Camp Committee Minutes
					March 16 1936
28	Woman who has never seen modern toilet washes clothes in one, is then educated by resident "good neighbors" (Ladies Committee in Steinbeck)	22	314		August 8+15
					14-15
29	Croquet game, Ruthie/tough girl snatches mallet, cries (at party in reports)	22	317-318		July 25+Aug 11
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				May 16+23	11
30	Growers claim Communists/"Reds" are at FSA camps	24	333	February 8	15, 19
31	\$.20 per hour offered by growers when men are already working at \$.25/hr	24	338-339	May 2	5-6
32	A camper who is part Cherokee, quiet man (named "Noah" in reports)	24	339	July 11+18	10
33	Growers publish newspaper ads to attract farm laborers and deliberately engineer an oversupply to drive down wages (reports mention this happening within CA)	24	338	August 22	3
34	"Garbage fights" among some feuding migrant women at camp	24	334	4/25 p8-9	8-9
35	Descriptions of squatter, private fee and grower camps with poor conditions, disease and lack of facilities for migrant laborers	24	333	February	various pages
			****	Various reports	
36	Committee suggestion-- put bells on toilet paper roller	24	335	May 2	15
37	Camp Committee Chairman has distinctive piercing eyes	24	334	September 5	12
38	Grower "company store"	26	373	January 11	5
				October 24	11

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39	26	356		May 9	12-13
40	26	395		January 25	8
41	26	396		June 20	6
42	27	406, 408, 428		February 29	3
				July 15	4
				September 5	4
43	27	407		October 24	12
*	Grapes of Wrath page numbers are based on 1992 Penguin Books paperback edition				
**	Unless otherwise noted, year date for report citations is 1936 (NA-SF). The 1935 citations come from the 1935 "Report Excerpts" at Bancroft Library (see endnote)				
***	"Instructions to Camp Managers" (see endnotes)				
****	"Various Reports" means the subject is mentioned in a number of reports in addition to the report cited.				
*****	Arvin-Weedpatch 1936 "Camp Committee Minutes" are included in NA-SF RG 96 FSA Regional Office Coded Admin Files box 18, file code 100,				

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File also includes descriptions of Committees and a 1936 RA inspection report with camp building photos.							
****:	[1936-1939]	"The Human Side of Operating a Migrant Labor Camp" (see endnotes)					