INVENTORY OF THE RAYMOND F. ROTH PAPERS

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Abstract: Raymond F. Roth (1915-1991) spent much of his career working for farm labor programs. After a brief stint from 1941 to 1942 working for the Farm Security Administration, Roth joined the U.S. Navy during World War II. After his return to civilian life, Roth worked in different capacities for the California Department of Employment, Farm Labor Service. His work included the administration of migrant labor and housing programs for U.S. citizens as well as Mexican Nationals in the Bracero Program.
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Biography
After graduating, in 1939, from the Nebraska State College at Kearney (now part of the University of Nebraska system), Raymond F. Roth (1915-1991) moved to Oakland, California where he worked from 1939 to 1941 as an Assistant Department Head at Montgomery Ward and Co. In the spring of 1941, Roth began working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the Resettlement Division of the Farm Security Administration. He oversaw maintenance and operations of various Mobile Labor Projects for farm workers until December 1942, when he resigned to join the U.S. Navy.
Roth served as Assistant Supply Officer at Naval Air Station, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for the U.S. Naval Supply Corp until May 1945. From May 1945 to March 1946, he worked as Assistant Supply Officer at Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, Rhode Island. By the end of his active military duty in March 1946, Roth attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He served until 1955 as an officer in the U.S. Naval Reserves at the Naval Reserve Training Center, Stockton, California.
Roth returned to work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1946 as a Farm Labor Project Manager, managing farm labor supply centers throughout California and Arizona for the Production and Marketing Administration. After the Department of Agriculture ended the program in 1947, Roth took the position of General Manager for Westside Producers Cooperative, Inc.
Roth began his career with the California State Department of Employment, Farm Placement Service in July 1948 as a Farm Placement Representative for San Joaquin County. Roth's work involved the migrant labor force, with an emphasis on the Bracero Program for Mexican Nationals. In February 1952, he was assigned to a newly created Operations Review team, which assisted area managers in determining if local offices were conforming to the Department's prescribed standards for operation. In October 1953, he became the Farm Placement Supervisor for the northern half of the San Joaquin Valley. In August 1959, Roth began work as Field Assistant for Farm Placement in the Department's Technical Section at the Central Office in Sacramento. Roth was named Acting Chief, Farm Placement Technical Section, in March 1960. By 1961, he became Chief of the Farm Placement Technical Section and responsible for administering the program throughout California.
In 1964, Farm Placement Service was renamed Farm Labor Service, and Roth's title changed to Chief, Farm Labor Service. In 1969, when the Department of Employment was renamed the Department of Human Resources Development, and Farm Labor Service became Farm Labor Services Division, Roth was named Administrator, Farm Labor Services Branch. The objective of Farm Labor Services was to expedite employment contacts between agricultural workers and employers to their mutual advantage and satisfaction. Farm Labor Services had a joint obligation to serve the employer in need of workers and workers in need of jobs.
The Farm Labor Services Division was renamed the Rural Manpower Services Division in July 1971, and Roth became Administrator, Rural Manpower Services Division. Needs had changed and advances in technology and mechanization in agriculture had caused a decline in job opportunities. There were difficulties in serving rural areas due to remoteness of many residents from offices providing complete services. Rural Manpower Services aimed to provide the agricultural community with equitable access to manpower services, comparable to that available to residents of urban areas. Rural Manpower Services delivered manpower services to both agricultural and nonagricultural workers and employers in rural communities.
In November 1972, the Department of Human Resources Development was renamed the Employment Development Department and responsibilities for rural manpower services and urban employment services were combined in the Operations Branch, which took on responsibility for both placement and insurance payment functions. The Operations Branch of the Employment Development Department was divided into five regions, each headed by a Regional Administrator. Roth retired, circa 1977, as Regional Administrator, Region I, the rural Northern California region.

**Scope and Content of Collection**
The collection includes reference files, publications, and photographic material on the Department of Employment, Farm Labor Service and the Bracero Program. The collection also contains annual reports, speeches, correspondence, memoranda, internal reports and bulletins, financial records, and training manuals. The Military Service series contains both Roth's naval records and his wife Marcella M. Lantz's army records and includes training orders, medical records, transfer and promotion records, certificates, and release documents. Items span the years 1936 to 1977, but the bulk of the collection dates from 1940 to 1966.

**Collection Arrangement**

**Indexing Terms**
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog:
- Roth, Raymond F.--Archives.
- Lantz, Marcella M.
- California. Employment Development Dept.
- California. Rural Manpower Services Division.
- Seasonal Farm Laborers Program.
- United States. Dept. of Agriculture.
- United States. Farm Security Administration.
- Agricultural laborers--California
- Agricultural laborers--Housing--California
- Agricultural laborers--Labor unions--California
- Mexican American migrant agricultural laborers--Social conditions--20th century
- Migrant agricultural laborers--California
- Strikes and lockouts--Agricultural laborers--California

**Access**
Collection is open for research under regular Reading Room rules and copyright restrictions.

**Acquisition Information**
In 1991, Marcella M. Roth donated this collection to the Library.

**Processing Information**
In 2004, Lola Aguilar, Special Collections Intern, processed this collection and created its finding aid, under the direction of University Archivist, John Skarstad and Manuscript Curator, Melissa Tyler. In 2005, Tyler added a detailed list of photographs and encoded Aguilar's finding aid.

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Box 1:1  Series 1. Montgomery Ward c. 1940,
   Physical Description: 1 folder
   Scope and Content Note
   Contains a supervisor's training manual.

Box 1:2-5  Series 2. Military Service 1943-1955,
   Physical Description: 4 folders
   Scope and Content Note
   Includes Roth's naval records and his wife Marcella M. Lantz's army service records.

Box 1:6  Series 3. Westside Producers Cooperative Inc. 1949,
   Physical Description: 1 folder
   Scope and Content Note
   Contains the company's year-end financial statements.

Box 1:7-21, Box 2:1-21  Series 4. United States. Farm Security Administration 1936-1942,
   Physical Description: 36 folders
   Scope and Content Note
   Includes articles, bibliographies, charts, clippings, conference proceedings, correspondence, forms, memoranda, minutes, pamphlets, press releases, reports, and serials. Most were generated by the Farm Security Administration and relate to the work of that agency and its programs for migrant farm laborers.

Box 3:1-16  Subseries 5.1. Speeches 1951-1967,
   Physical Description: 16 folders
   Scope and Content Note
   Arranged chronologically. Includes transcripts of speeches, presentations, and statements, as well as related notes and correspondence. These materials have to do with farm labor, and most are the work of Roth and other Department of Employment officials.

Box 4:1-2  Subseries 5.2. Personnel Records 1957-1974,
   Physical Description: 2 folders
   Scope and Content Note
   Arranged chronologically. Includes travel expense records, job descriptions, a small amount of correspondence, and other items associated with Roth's career with the Dept. of Employment, Farm Labor Service.
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**Subseries 5.3. Subject Files 1942-1973,**

**Scope and Content Note**

Arranged chronologically. Contains Roth's subject files. Includes articles, clippings, correspondence, forms, handbooks, legal documents, lists and charts, notes, pamphlets, programs, reports, and serials. Materials relate to farm labor and especially the Farm Labor Service and Mexican Nationals, including the Bracero Program, unionization and labor disputes, housing, and placement. The California State Dept. of Employment, Farm Labor Service, the U.S. Dept. of Labor, the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, and the University of California, College of Agriculture generated most of these materials.

**Subseries 5.4. Publications 1945-1974,**

**Scope and Content Note**

Arranged chronologically by year and within each year by title. Contains Roth's collected reference materials on agricultural laborers, Mexican farm labor immigration, farm labor problems, and labor disputes. Includes articles, books, clippings, pamphlets, reports, reprints, and serials. See Subject Files for additional publications.

**Subseries 5.5. Photographic Materials 1949-1977,**

**Scope and Content Note**

Arranged chronologically. Contains photographic prints and a small number of negatives. Photographs document the Farm Labor Service's processing of the Braceros. Also included are images of Farm Labor Service staff members and offices as well as farm laborers. The majority of the Farm Labor Service staff photographs are formal group portraits taken at annual meetings, but informal snapshots are also included. Roth appears in most of the staff photographs.

**Box 17:1**

**Cherry pickers, Linden, May 1949,**

Physical Description: 1 print, 1 neg.

**Box 17:2**

**Picking cherries, Linden, May 1949,**

Physical Description: 1 print, 1 neg.

**Box 17:3**

**Picking cherries, Waterloo, May 1949,**

Physical Description: 1 print, 1 neg.

**Box 17:4-5**

**Picking strawberries, Escalon, May 1949,**

Physical Description: 2 prints, 2 neg.

**Box 17:6**

**Pulling and topping onions, Stockton, May 1949,**

Physical Description: 1 print, 1 neg.

**Box 17:7**

**Cutting asparagus, Staten Island, June 1949,**

Physical Description: 1 print, 1 neg.

**Box 17:8-9**

**Hoeing tomatoes, Brentwood, June 1949,**

Physical Description: 2 prints, 2 neg.
| Box 17:10 | **Picking cherries, Waterloo, June 1949,**  
Physical Description: 1 print, 1 neg. |
| Box 17:11-12 | **[Farm Labor Service panel trucks], 1949,**  
Physical Description: 4 prints |
| Box 17:13-14 | **Looking north on Center Street, 1949,**  
Physical Description: 2 prints |
| Box 17:15 | **[Unidentified women and children], circa 1949,**  
Physical Description: 1 neg. |
| Box 17:16 | **Bale Mill, Napa County, Jan. 1950,**  
Physical Description: 1 print |
| Box 17:17 | **San Juan Bautista Mission, Jim Allen and Jack Rocca, Jan. 1950,**  
Physical Description: 1 print |
| Box 17:18 | **Mexican workers are assigned to pick oranges and lemons near Anaheim, Orange County, 1950,**  
Physical Description: 1 print |
| Box 17:19 | **Panel truck on employer visit, 1950,**  
Physical Description: 1 print |
| Box 17:20 | **Ward, Jack; Riverside, 1950,**  
Physical Description: 1 print |
| Box 17:21 | **Dept. of Employment, Farm Placement Service meeting, May 1951,**  
Physical Description: 1 print |
| Box 17:22 | **Mexican Nationals arrive to help harvest celery, Sept. 1951,**  
Physical Description: 1 print |
| Box 17:23 | **Section toilets, March 1952,**  
Physical Description: 1 print |
| Box 17:24 | **Mexican Nationals being assigned to a grower, July 1952,**  
Physical Description: 1 print |
| Box 17:25 | **[Farm Labor Service panel truck in ditch], Aug. 1952,**  
Physical Description: 1 print, 1 letter |
| Box 17:26 | **Immigration inspector checking personal belongings of newly arrived Mexican Nationals, Sept. 1952,**  
Physical Description: 1 print |
| Box 17:27 | **Individual workers being interviewed by employer, Sept. 1952,**  
Physical Description: 1 print |
| Box 17:28 | **Inspector fumigates personal belongings of Mexican Nationals, Sept. 1952,**  
Physical Description: 1 print |
Box 17:29  Mexican National workers being loaded on bus for repatriation, Sept. 1952,
       Physical Description: 1 print

Box 17:30  Mexican Nationals being fumigated, Sept. 1952,
       Physical Description: 1 print

Box 17:31  Mexican Nationals being loaded onto bus, Sept. 1952,
       Physical Description: 1 print

Box 17:32  Mexican Nationals being X-rayed, Sept. 1952,
       Physical Description: 1 print

Box 17:33  Mexican Nationals fingerprinted, Sept. 1952,
       Physical Description: 1 print

Box 17:34  Mexican Nationals processed at Immigration Section of U.S. Dept. of Labor, Sept. 1952,
       Physical Description: 1 print

Box 17:35  U.S. Border Patrol inspector, Sept. 1952,
       Physical Description: 1 print

Box 17:36  U.S. Dept. of Labor reception center, Sept. 1952,
       Physical Description: 1 print

Box 17:37  Acacia Rd. Camp, recreation hall, Oct. 1952,
       Physical Description: 1 print

Box 17:38  Kitchen in labor camp at Fillmore, Oct. 1952,
       Physical Description: 1 print

Box 17:39-40 Lemon grove, Santa Paula, Oct. 1952,
       Physical Description: 2 prints

Box 17:41  Mess hall in Fillmore Camp, Oct. 1952,
       Physical Description: 1 print

Box 17:42  Cristo Ray church, Salinas, Nov. 1952,
       Physical Description: 1 print

Box 17:43  Father Hermosa, Nov. 1952,
       Physical Description: 1 print

Box 17:44  Machine for making tortillas, Dec. 1952,
       Physical Description: 1 print

Box 17:45  [Buses], circa 1952,
       Physical Description: 1 print

Box 17:46  [Mexican Nationals in truck], circa 1952,
       Physical Description: 1 print

Box 17:47  [Mexican Nationals waiting in line], circa 1952,
       Physical Description: 1 print
Box 17:48  [U.S. Border Patrol inspectors and Mexican Nationals], circa 1952,
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 17:49  Mission Santa Inez, Aug. 1953,
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 17:50  Mexican Nationals returning home, Nov. 1953,
Physical Description: 1 print

D-Folio Box 4  Annual Farm Placement meeting, San Jose, April 1955,
Physical Description: 2 prints

Box 17:51  Los Angeles Farm Labor Office, 1955,
Physical Description: 1 print

D-Folio Box 4  Annual preseason Farm Placement training meeting, March 1956,
Physical Description: 2 prints

D-Folio Box 4  State of Calif., Dept. of Employment, Div. of Public Employment Offices and
Benefit Payments, Field Management staff, Sacramento, April 1956,
Physical Description: 1 print

D-Folio Box 4  State of Calif., Dept. of Employment, H.W. Stewart, Director, and staff,
Sacramento, April 1956,
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 17:52-53  California Annual Farm Placement conference, [banquet], March 1957,
Physical Description: 2 prints

Box 17:54-56  [Preseason Farm Placement meeting], March 1957,
Physical Description: 3 prints

Box 17:57  Linden, 1957,
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 17:58  Linnell Farm Labor Center, circa 1957,
Physical Description: 3 prints

Box 17:59  Mess hall, lunch, 1957,
Physical Description: 2 prints

Box 17:60  Patterson Farm Labor Supply Center, circa 1957,
Physical Description: 5 prints

Box 17:61  Typical hauler, 1957,
Physical Description: 5 prints

Box 17:62  [Eldorado Street, Stockton], March 1959,
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 17:63-77  Farm Labor Office, 5:15 to 6:35 a.m., March 1959,
Physical Description: 15 prints
Box 17:78-81  Peach orchard damage, Aug. 1959,
            Physical Description: 8 prints, 1 letter

Box 17:82    Tomato plant damage, Aug. 1959,
            Physical Description: 1 print

Box 17:83    Hendrix, George, Oct. 1959,
            Physical Description: 1 print

D-Folio Box 4 State of Calif., Dept. of Employment, Irving H. Perluss, Director, and staff, April 1960,
            Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:1     Lewis, Jack; Warren Kistner; G. Odenbaugh; and Lester Downing, May 1961,
            Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:2     A gift, June 1961,
            Physical Description: 1 print, 1 clipping

Box 18:3-4  Housing, Fred Herringer Ranch, Butte County, Aug. 1962,
            Physical Description: 2 prints

Box 18:5     Apartments, Ceres Farm Labor Supply Center, Sept. 1962,
            Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:6     Farm Labor housing, Ceres Farm Labor Supply Center, Sept. 1962,
            Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:7     Mount Shasta Farm Labor Information Center, 1962,
            Physical Description: 6 prints

Box 18:8     Annual Farm Placement conference, Kenneth Farrell and Ray Roth, April 1963,
            Physical Description: 2 prints

Box 18:9     Annual Farm Placement conference, Ray Roth, Clarence F. Kelly, and Don Larin, April 1963,
            Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:10    Mexican Nationals picking strawberries, June 1963,
            Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:11    [Rodrigues, Ron; and Marc W. Johnson], 1964,
            Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:12    [Roth, Ray; looking at IBM 1460 Data Processing System], Jan. 1965,
            Physical Description: 3 prints

Box 18:13    Annual Farm Labor Service conference, Glenn E. Brockway, Feb. 1966,
            Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:14    Annual Farm Labor Service conference, Glenn E. Brockway, Robert C. Goodwin, and Tod Potter, Feb. 1966,
            Physical Description: 1 print
Box 18:15  Annual Farm Labor Service conference, Robert C. Goodwin, Feb. 1966,  
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:16  Annual Farm Labor Service conference, Don Larin, Feb. 1966,  
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:17-18  Annual Farm Labor Service conference, Paul W. Little, Feb. 1966,  
Physical Description: 2 prints

Box 18:19  Annual Farm Labor Service conference, Jim McComb, Jack Rocca, and Bob Chapman, Feb. 1966,  
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:20  Annual Farm Labor Service conference, Tod Potter, Feb. 1966,  
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:21  [Annual Farm Labor Service conference, Ray Roth and other speakers], Feb. 1966,  
Physical Description: 2 prints

Box 18:22  [Annual Farm Labor Service conference, unidentified man at podium], Feb. 1966,  
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:23-24  Central Office staff, March 1967,  
Physical Description: 1 print, 1 neg.

Box 18:25  Coastal Area staff, March 1967,  
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:26  Farm Labor Service conference, banquet, March 1967,  
Physical Description: 4 prints

Box 18:27  [Interior Area staff], March 1967,  
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:28  Southern Area staff, March 1967,  
Physical Description: 2 prints

Box 18:29  [Tolbert, Bill; Jack Rocca; and unidentified men at banquet], March 1967,  
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:30  [Coastal Area staff], circa 1967,  
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:31  [California Farm Labor Service, 20 year commemoration certificate], Jan.-July 1968,  
Physical Description: 2 prints, 1 letter

Box 18:32  [Coastal Area staff], March 1968,  
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:33  [Interior Area staff], March 1968,  
Physical Description: 1 print
Box 18:34  [Southern Area staff], March 1968,
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:35  Roth, Ray; San Jose; Mayor's Youth Committee meeting, Sept. 1968,
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:36  [Roth, Ray; unidentified woman; Jack Ward; and Bill Tolbert], Sept. 1968,
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:37  [Tolbert, Bill; Warren Kistner; unidentified woman; and Ray Roth], Sept. 1968,
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:38  [Tolbert, Bill; and Jack Ward], Nov. 1968,
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:39  [Roth, Ray; receiving National Alliance of Businessmen award], circa 1968,
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:40  [Roth, Ray; and others at unidentified events], 1968-1972, undated,
Physical Description: 6 prints, 7 slides, 1 plastic envelope

Box 18:41  Annual California Farm Labor Service conference, Santa Rosa, March 1969,
Physical Description: 1 print

D-Folio Box 4  State of Calif., Dept. of Employment, Peter Weinberger, Director, and staff, March 1969,
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:42  Farm foreman training, June 1969,
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:43  [Roth, Ray], July 1969,
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:44  [Central Office staff], March 1970,
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:45  [Farm Placement meeting, San Diego, Central Office staff], March 1971,
Physical Description: 2 prints, 1 neg.

Box 18:46  [Farm Placement meeting, San Diego, Coastal Area staff], March 1971,
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:47  Farm Placement meeting, San Diego, Interior Area staff, March 1971,
Physical Description: 2 prints

Box 18:48  [Farm Placement meeting, San Diego, Southern Area staff], March 1971,
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:49  Central Office staff, March 1972,
Physical Description: 3 prints, 1 letter, 2 notes

Box 18:50  [Meeting at] Santa Inez Inn, Feb. 1973,
Physical Description: 1 print
Box 18:51  Annual Farm Labor Service conference, undated,  
Physical Description: 3 prints

Box 18:52-53  [Central Office staff], undated,  
Physical Description: 3 prints

Box 18:54-57  [Farm Labor Office], undated,  
Physical Description: 4 prints

Box 18:58  [Laborers gather around man, who is speaking], undated,  
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:59  Machine harvest of cucumbers, undated,  
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:60  [Mess hall], undated,  
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:61  [Onion harvest], undated,  
Physical Description: 5 prints

Box 18:62  [Reception center and camp], undated,  
Physical Description: 10 prints

Box 18:63  [Roth, Ray; Albert B. Tieburg; Irving Perluss; and unidentified men], undated,  
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:64  [Roth, Ray; and unidentified man], undated,  
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:65  [Roth, Ray; and unidentified men; Villa Hotel], undated,  
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:66  [Roth, Ray; at desk], undated,  
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:67  [Roth, Ray; at desk with unidentified men], undated,  
Physical Description: 2 prints

Box 18:68-69  [Roth, Ray; at podium], undated,  
Physical Description: 2 prints

Box 18:70-71  [Roth, Ray; at unidentified meetings], undated,  
Physical Description: 5 prints

Box 18:72  Sheep raising, undated,  
Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:73  Stoop labor, undated,  
Physical Description: 2 prints

Box 18:74  Strawberry pickers wanted, undated,  
Physical Description: 1 print
Box 18:75  [Tieburg, Albert B.; with unidentified man and women], undated,
          Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:76  [Tolbert, Bill; at podium], undated,
          Physical Description: 1 print

Box 18:77  [Ward, Jack], undated,
          Physical Description: 1 print

D-Folio Box 4  [Unidentified group portraits], undated,
              Physical Description: 2 prints

Box 18:78-79  [Unidentified meetings], undated,
              Physical Description: 2 prints

Box 18:80  [Unidentified women and child], undated,
          Physical Description: 1 print