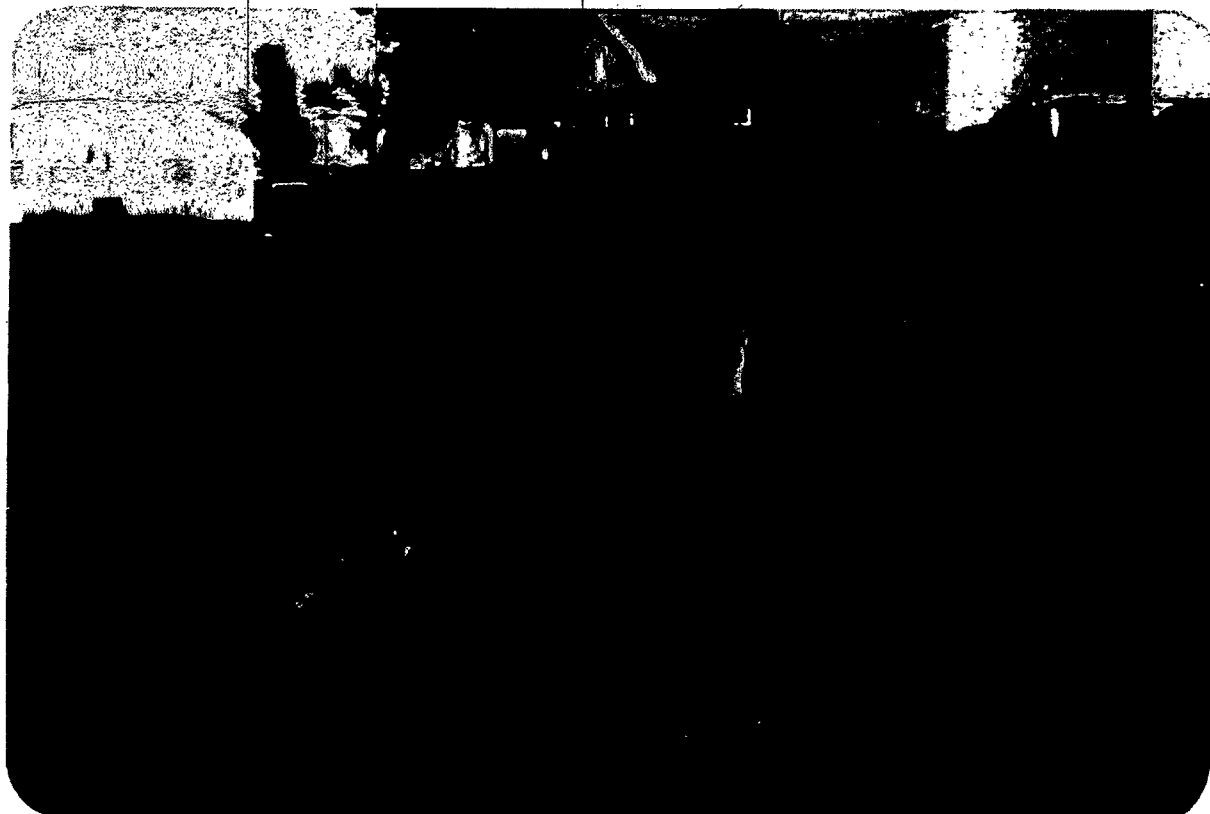


Father Ernesto helps make tortillas before dinner with one of the families he visits.

Father Ernesto Loera, a Franciscan, is a native of Mexico who now lives at Holy Family rectory in Auburn. Working with the diocesan Spanish Apostolate, he cares for the needs of migrant farmers in the Auburn area.

Father Ernesto keeps busy with his people, administering the sacraments, helping them socially, and just plain being there.

A good enough photographer to have earned the sobriquet "Father Camera", he found time to take some of these photos to supplement correspondent Mary Ann Ginnerty's shots.



"Father Camera," as the migrant workers know him, poses one of his models (above) in the bean field where the family works. He welcomes (below left) some of the workers, and (below right) says Mass for a family in the field.

