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MARLON WILSON SOON TO COMPLETE FIRST YEAR OF FARM TECHNOLOGY



About to complete his first year of farm technology at OTI is Marlon Wilson. Marlon, who is taking his training under the Klamath Education Program, got his pre-OTI education at Sprague River Grade School and Bonanza High School (graduated 1952). He began his farm tech. course last September after a hitch in the service plus considerable on-the-job farm training with the Yamsay Land and Cattle Co.

Marlon thinks that he is learning a lot at OTI and that the instructors "give you the know-how right off," without wasting any time. During the present term he and his class are studying such subjects as crop production (which includes legumes and grass forage crops), farm law and leases, and farm electricity. Last fall and winter terms

Klamath Education Staff Reduced

Mrs. Aileen Smith, Home Economist, and Wayne Blair, Legal Coordinator, are ending their service with the Klamath Information and Education Program, effective June 1, 1957. Mrs. Smith will devote her full time to maintaining a home for her children, Patty, 13, Susan, 6, and Zane, 3, and for her husband, H. C. Smith, Chiloquin Chief of Police. Mr. Blair is opening a law office in Chiloquin, Oregon.

the class learned about farm equipment, soils (in which phosphorus, organic, and fertilizer tests are conducted), income tax, livestock production, and plant growth, where different parts of plants, pruning, and carbon nitrogen balance are taken up. Next year the class will do more advanced work in these and other fields.

The farm tech. classes at OTI also take a number of field trips each year, mostly during spring term. During April they visited West's Ranch in Poe Valley and O'Connor's Ranch near Merrill to assist in the vaccination and castration of sheep. Early this month they took off for Western Oregon where they toured a meat packing plant in Portland, some of the Tillamook cheese factories, and numerous dairy farms. Mar-

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APPRAISAL NEARS COMPLETION

Appraisers hired by the Management Specialists to place a value on the property of the Klamath Tribe have completed all but a few details of the job. Their report is being reviewed by the Portland office of the BIA and will soon be sent to the Secretary of the Interior for final approval.

When the appraisal, which covers many hundreds of pages, has been finally approved the results will be made known through the office of the Secretary of the Interior. The Management Specialists cannot discuss the appraisal until the Secretary has approved it.

Along with the appraisal the Specialists will send to the Secretary their plan for those Klamath members who may decide to leave their share of tribal property in a tribal group organization. This management plan will not be released until after it has been approved by the Secretary of the Interior, which will be about the same time the appraisal is OK'ed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, B.I.A. OFFICIALS MEET; TRIBAL RIGHTS, CLOSING OF ESTATES, TIMBER SALES DISCUSSED

Members of the Klamath Executive Committee met in Portland April 17 with officials of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to discuss various matters of concern to the Tribe. Among the topics were enforcement of tribal hunting rights, subsurface rights on tribal property, and the possibility of closing estates of deceased Klamath tribal members before the interest in tribal property comes into the hands of the administrator of the estate.

This last item was unsolved by the meeting. BIA attorneys are of the opinion that some of the estates can be closed now and reopened if necessary when the interest in tribal property becomes known. The tribal attorney and certain other Klamath County lawyers handling Indian estates do not believe it is possible to determine inheritance taxes and

fees of the administrator and attorney until the interest in the tribal property has come under the control of the administrator. BIA attorneys will review their opinion in an effort to find a solution to the problem.

BIA personnel also discussed plans to sell about 35,000,000 board feet of tribal timber in the event Congress extends PL 587. These sales would be made to raise money to pay termination expenses and per capita during the extension of time. Wade Crawford, member of the Executive Committee, stated that he would oppose any sales of tribal timber except by the Management Specialists under Section 5 of PL 587, and that he would take the matter to court if necessary to prevent the planned timber sales.

STATUS OF P.L. 587 INDEFINITE; FEDERAL PURCHASE PROPOSED

No one seems to be able to say for sure at this time what is happening or will happen to the Klamath Termination Act of 1954 (Public Law 587). Congress has been considering amendments to the law since the first day of this current session, which began in January, but will not make any final determination until after the 20th of May. Neither the appraisal of tribal property nor the management plan for the members who wish to remain in a tribal group is ready for release by the Management Specialists and the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary has yet to complete the final roll of tribal members.

Latest development on the Congressional front was the bill introduced May 9th by Senators Morse and Neuberger of Oregon which would provide for federal purchase of the Klamath Reservation. This plan has been strongly urged by the Management Specialists and by many

other groups and individuals.

Copies of this federal purchase bill will soon be available at the Klamath Education office in Chiloquin or from any member of the education staff.

Amendments Still Pending In Congress

Amendments which would delay sale of tribal property until the end of the 85th Congress, (Continued on Page 4, Col. 2)

TRIBAL MEMBERS ORGANIZE GROUP

Several tribal members, wanting to gain a better understanding of Public Law 587 and related termination problems, met on May 1 at the Williamson River Church and organized a study group.

Mrs. Ima Jimenez was elected temporary chairman. Other temporary officers elected to serve are Mrs. Flava Yates, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Mafie Norris, secretary.

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