

INDIAN RIGHTS COMMISSION VISITS AREA; LOCAL SURVEY SCHEDULED

Three members of the Commission on the Rights, Liberties and Responsibilities of American Indians were on the Klamath Reservation June 26 gathering information about the Klamath Termination Act and how it is being carried out.

Chairman of the Commission O. Meredith Wilson, President of the University of Oregon, and members Arthur Schlesinger, Sr. of Harvard University and W. W. Keeler, Vice President of Phillips Petroleum Co., were present, as was William Brophy, Executive Secretary of the Commission.

The Commission met with the Reservation Discussion Group (see story page 1), and with individual members of the tribe. In the afternoon the commission was conducted over the reservation by tribal delegates and by Bureau of Indian Affairs personnel. The tour included a plane flight over the Reservation and surrounding areas.

After talking to tribal members on the Reservation, and after meeting with the tribal Executive Committee in Eugene earlier in the week, the Commission decided to sponsor a detailed study of the federal termination policy as it is being carried out on the Klamath Reservation under Public Law 587.

Dr. Wilson pointed out that the Commission is independent of the federal government, having been set up by the Fund for the Republic. The Commission will review policies of the federal government as applied to all Indian tribes, and will publish the results of its findings along with its recommendations for improvements. As a part of the broader study, the University of Oregon will conduct the detailed survey on the Klamath Reservation for the Commission.

Four men from the U of O are working on the survey. They are Dr. Theodore Stern, Dr. Vincent Ostrom, and graduate assistants Jack Pierce and Bert Swanson. They began work shortly after the 4th of July, and will continue until September, when they will return to Eugene. During the school year occasional trips to the Reservation will be made to gather further data, and another three months will be spent on the Reservation by the group during the summer of 1958.

Plans call for them to make their report to the Commission near the end of 1958.

Dr. Wilson stressed the point that his Commission was interested in gathering facts only and could not at this time take any stand on issues that may divide the tribe or that concern the people of Klamath County. He did express the hope that his Commission might, through making information available to Congress and to the public, be of help to the Indian people.

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NANCY GENTRY

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taken up by classes and homework, which in her case consists mostly of housework. In her out-of-school hours she has found time to help take care of the family home and five brothers and sisters: Pat, Ila, David, Ab and Don. Nancy says it was a busy year.

Although thus occupied at home and in class, she did find time fall term to serve as a representative of her class in the house of delegates, an O.T.I. student governing body, and spring term to get elected queen of the intercollegiate rodeo held at Klamath Falls May 25 and 26, for which O.T.I. acted as host. Incidentally, this wasn't her first experience at presiding over rodeos as she served as a rodeo princess for the Fourth of July Rodeo in Klamath Falls when in high school.

Nancy's plans for the coming year aren't definite as yet. She has applied for a secretarial position at the Johns-Manville plant, where she hopes to get a chance to use her business training. As an alternative she is thinking of going back to O.T.I. for a second year of training, at the end of which she would get a diploma in secretarial technology.

As for her views on termination, Nancy indicated that she disagreed with the views expressed by Delphine Jackson in the June issue of the Tribune. Delphine stated in that issue, in effect, that she felt that termination was undertaken too soon and that the people weren't quite ready for it.

Nancy, on the other hand, feels this way: "It (termination) should go through as soon as possible if it's going to do us any good." She adds that she thinks the best way of undertaking termination would be through federal purchase of the tribal property.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PER CAPITA TIMES, AMOUNTS TO CEASE

The time and amounts of per capita payments to members of Indian tribes in Washington, Oregon and Idaho will no longer be announced by the Portland Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This new policy was adopted as a result of a resolution passed by the Warm Springs tribe.

The Warm Springs resolution pointed out that public announcements of the payments cause some salesmen to make an extra effort to high pressure tribal members into making purchases, and that the public gets the false impression that tribal members are wealthy.

In announcing the new policy, Don Foster, Portland area director, pointed out that per capita payments are made only from the Indian's own money, which the federal government holds as trustee. No federal appropriations are used to make the payments, contrary to a common misunderstanding of the public at large.

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S.M.C. OFFICE HAS ENGINEERING SERVICES ON PART TIME BASIS

As most of you know, Nelson Sharp and James Keaton are no longer with the Soil and Moisture Conservation office at Klamath Agency. This leaves S. M. C. without an engineer or a conservationist. However, since the June issue of the Klamath Tribune, it has been learned that Mr. Wm. Smith, irrigation engineer from the Warm Springs S.M.C. office, will be at Klamath Agency on a part-time basis to give advice and to perform engineering services for those who wish to install irrigation works. To obtain this assistance you may make your request at the S.M.C. office at Klamath Agency.

If you wish to call on the Soil Conservation Service for engineering and/or farm planning assistance you should call either Langell Valley Soil Conservation District, Phone 2061 Bonanza, or Poe Valley S.C.D., at the Post Office Building, Klamath Falls, Phone TUXedo 4-6477.

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The teacher was a big blustering hulk of a man whose vituperation had his class in a constant state of uneasiness.

"Tell me," he barked one day at his smallest, shyest boy, "tell me how you can prove that the world is round."

"Please, teacher," quivered the boy, "I didn't say it was round."

LOCAL RUTH-LEAGERS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

The Chiloquin Lumberjacks, local entry in the Babe Ruth baseball league, recently clinched the league championship with a 4-0 record with one game yet to play on the schedule. The team, made up of boys from Klamath Agency, Sprague River, and Modoc Point as well as Chiloquin, and managed by Friedman Kirk, finished ahead of two Lakeview teams and one ball club from Merrill. The boys on the club, all between the ages of 13 and 15 inclusive, are:

Mickey Ochoa, Catcher; Orin Kirk, first base; Melvin Ohles, second base; John Ochoa, short-stop and pitcher; Bert LeBeau third base; Ed Case, left field; Wayne Bricco, center field; John Wright, right field; Butch Crume, utility; Jackie Hogarth, outfield; Arlen Souers, second base and right field; Norman Jackson, pitcher; Frankie Heglund, pitcher.

An all star team made up of players from the Chiloquin, Merrill and Lakeview clubs will now meet the champions of the two Babe Ruth leagues in Klamath Falls for the right to represent the area in the State Babe Ruth league play-offs to be held in Portland in August.

Those from the Chiloquin Club playing on the all star team are: Mickey Ochoa, Johnny Ochoa, Orin Kirk, Bert LeBeau, Norman Jackson and Wayne Bricco.

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WATER USERS ASS'N SLATES MEETING

The Modoc Point Water Users Association will hold a regular meeting on July 26, 8:00 P. M. at the Williamson River Church Annex.

On the agenda for discussion will be:

A. The proposed constitution and by-laws of the association.

B. The petition being circulated requesting the Secretary of the Interior to adjust or cancel the construction charges against the Modoc Point Irrigation Project.

All Modoc Point Project land-owners are invited to attend.

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At a party, a tactless guest cornered her host and babbled, "Who is that old lady chattering over there in the corner?"

"That," said the host with rigid dignity, "is my eldest daughter."

"Oh, dear," exclaimed the embarrassed guest, "she's lots older than you are, isn't she?"