



JOHN COPELAND NOW ATTENDING OREGON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

John ("Johnny") Copeland, former local resident now residing in Silverton (near Salem), recently completed his junior year in education under the Klamath Education Program. John is attending Oregon College of Education in Monmouth (30 miles from Silverton) and is scheduled to receive his bachelor of arts degree next June.

Johnny entered OCE in September, 1955, as a sophomore, avoiding classification as a freshman due to two years of college work done at Oregon State College in the thirties. He began his studies at OCE in primary education but last year switched over to secondary education, feeling that he would prefer to teach at the high school level. His courses have been mainly in the social science and humanities fields, including such subjects as geography, history, literature, and composition. He has received above average grades, reaching a high point last winter term by getting on the honor roll with a B plus average.

Johnny is another student whose work doesn't stop when school lets out as he has a wife and five children at home (he commutes from Silverton to Monmouth daily), including Gordon Lee, 19, Charles, 17, Catherine, 15, Shannon, 13, and Sharon, 12. However, he claims they aren't as much trouble as one would think as they pick beans, etc., during summers and find part-time employment during the school year and contribute quite a bit to their own support.

After graduation, Johnny wants to get into a somewhat specialized field of education, teaching in state reformatories and training schools. He feels that this field needs teachers badly and that there is a lot of good raw material going to waste for a lack of qualified educators. Also, the field provides a civil service classification not obtained in an ordinary school system. John has already had some experience in this type of work as he has served as a counsellor at State training school summer camps.

Regarding termination of federal supervision over the Klamath reservation, John stated: "I'd like to see it settled as quickly as possible and get my per capita share so I can invest it in some other business away from the reservation. I think if they wait much longer there's not going to be anything left to divide."

Johnny hasn't heard much about the proposal for federal purchase of the reservation, but expresses doubt as to whether the government can be induced to buy it.

"I think the government will be reluctant to buy it. I think if they can find some bigger companies to buy it, it would be a lot better."

As for the Klamath Education Program, John says:

"I think it's the only thing. If you could just get the kids to understand the advantages of it—I'm trying to sell it to everyone I see. The only advantage I can see to extending termination is if they extend this program."



MORRIS JIMENEZ TO BEGIN WORK TOWARDS SECONDARY CERTIFICATE

Continuing his work this fall towards a secondary teaching certificate is Morris Jimenez, former Klamath Falls resident and son of Mrs. Ima Jimenez, president of the recently-formed Reservation Discussion Group. Morris is residing in Medford, where he and his wife Lois are buying their own home and where he has already put in two school years as an athletic coach and fifth and sixth grade teacher at Lincoln Grade School.

Morris graduated from Klamath Union High School in Klamath Falls in 1951, after playing football all four of his high school years and getting on the Medford Mail Tribune all-Southern Oregon Conference team his senior year.

In the fall of 1951, he matriculated to Southern Oregon College of Education at Ashland where he likewise saw a lot of football action. He lettered four years at SOCE and was named to all-conference teams three of the four years. He graduated in elementary education in 1955.

While Morris has found his grade school work at Medford agreeable, his main ambition is to be a high school teacher and particularly a high school football coach. With this goal in view and the Klamath Education Program available he is returning to SOCE and expects to obtain his second-

ary credentials by the end of the 1957-58 school year. He has already done some work in that direction as he attended SOCE during the summer session just completed and picked up several necessary credits.

Besides hitting the books during the coming school year, Morris will act as an assistant football coach at SOCE and will also get a chance to teach a couple of physical education activity courses.

As for his own views on termination, Morris indicates that he is for withdrawing from the tribe and taking his interest in cash. He feels that he does not want to be among a group taking over the land.

"I don't own anything over there. I'd feel like I was taking it away from someone else."

On federal purchase: "I'm for that 100%."

He believes that federal purchase would result in a larger price being paid to the tribe, feeling that private concerns could not meet what the government might offer.

He further believes that there should be federal purchase not only of the timber but also of the marshland.

"I think the government should buy it and make it into a wild-life sanctuary. That's beautiful country up there."