

## WARM SPRINGS FINANCES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS

One of the more noteworthy projects by an American Indian Tribe in the field of education is the scholarship program operated by the Warm Springs Tribe of Northern Oregon. For approximately four years the Warm Springs have been sending their young people, boys and girls, to vocational schools and colleges both in and outside the State of Oregon, financing their training with tribal funds.

While the Warm Springs tribally-financed education program is not unique—the Klamath Tribe awarded scholarships to students before the advent of the Klamath Education Program and other tribes have also used their own money in sending their young people to school—the Warm Springs effort is laudable for its scope and for the energy put into it.

Your scribe talked at length with five Warm Springs students at OTI (see cut) who are receiving their education through the tribal program. Three of them, Gordon Rhoan, Duane Miller, and Sanders Heath, are first-term carpentry students. Bob Macy is a third term auto mechanics student and Dan Scott is in his first

of their training.

Bob Macy figured it up and estimated that there are seventeen students now enrolled under the program. The group stated that any Warm Springs tribal member can go to college under the program provided that the college will accept him. They added, however, that the program may be put on a competitive basis next year with only those applicants being accepted who stand the best chance of success in college. But so far, they assured us, the program has been wide open with students attending such far-flung schools as Bacone University in Oklahoma, the University of Colorado, the University of Oregon, Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., EOCE in La Grande, OSC, and OTI.

The students related that there is a scholarship committee organized at Warm Springs which administers the program for the trainees. They gave special credit to Sam Scott, Chairman of the Committee, Lloyd Smith, tribal treasurer, and Charlie Jackson, who is also on the scholarship committee, for organizing and running the program.



Four Warm Springs students at OTI are left to right: Bob Macy, Gordon Rhoan, Duane Miller, and Sanders Heath. Not available for the picture were Dan Scott and Stan Smith.

term surveying. Also attending QTI under the Warm Springs Program but not available for an interview was Stanley Smith, Jr., auto mechanics.

The five students interviewed agreed that the program was a good deal for all concerned and felt that they were getting some valuable training as a result of it. They pointed out that the program pays for their room and board, tuition and fees, and books and tools to the extent of a maximum amount expended of \$500 per school year per student. They conceded that this did not cover the full cost of their education but explained that when the program was set up it was felt if the students had to stand some of the expenses themselves they would be likely to get more out

The boys all agreed that OTI was a good school and thought their grades had been O.K. so far this term. Gordon Rhoan plays on the Jayvee basketball team and intends to turn out for baseball next spring. All three of the carpentry students said that carpentry was a good course and that they at least had the opportunity to cut up a lot of wood.

The group stated that there will be two students graduating from college under the program this year: Dan Macy, engineering student at OSC, and Vernon Jackson, business administration student at the U. of O. They predicted that there will be more graduates next year and looked for the program in general to become bigger and better.



## SHIRLEY SORTWELL WINS U. S. BANK CONTEST FOR DESIGNING THUNDERBIRD

Awarded with a \$25.00 savings account in the new Town and Country Branch of the U.S. National Bank in Klamath Falls November 9 was Shirley Sortwell, sixth-grader at the Chiloquin Elementary School and daughter of Enid Sortwell of Chiloquin. Shirley entered a county-wide contest for designing the ceramic thunderbird which now highlights

the entrance to the new bank and, thanks to the effort which she put into her drawing, came out first.

Shirley says she hadn't done much drawing before. She put in a total of about two days on her prize-winning project, however, getting some of her ideas for the Thunderbird from her encyclopedia.

Lester C. Offield, mgr. of the downtown branch of the U. S. Nat'l Bank in Klamath Falls, awarded the prize to Shirley as a part of the open house ceremonies held at the new bank.

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### The Birth Of Christmas

The snow comes drifting silently down

Covering grass and leaves so brown.

Even the flowers on the lawn Are dimly seen and then are gone. All is sleeping in blissful peace And soon the snowflakes will decrease.

On this same night long ago When the sky was all aglow With twinkling hosts and the bright star

Leading the wisemen from afar. And from the fields silently striding

Come the shepherds to where He's abiding.

And in the stable filled with light Was a beautiful, wondrous sight. There in the cold, dismal manger Was a new and different stranger. And many people foretold this sight

For this was the first Christmas night.

Wayne Bricco—Daria Brewer

## EDUCATION STAFF GIVES PTA TALK

Hiroto Zakoji and Bill Norval outlined to a large group of parents and teachers the background and history of the Klamath Education Program at a P.T.A. meeting held on Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Chiloquin grade school gymnasium. Following the oral presentations, slides of students taking training under the program were shown.

An entertainment period followed during which Linda Oates sang to the piano accompaniment of Cookie DiUlio. A series of dances, including the hop, the waltz, the jitterbug, and the charleston, was given by eight grade school girls, grades 2 through 5: Phyllis Bickers, Mary Jane Burgdorf, Connie Esqueda, Mary Kensler, Penny Norris, Connie Wampler, Faith Wright, and Sharon Zamudio. The dancing instruction was provided by Hazel Niehaus and Gleta Wampler. After the entertainment, refreshments were served by some of the high school home economics girls.