

ALL-INDIAN TOURNEY SLATED; COMPETING TALENT PROMISES TO BE BEST YET

Highlighting the local sports calendar for March and comprising one of the top athletic events in these parts during the year will be the third annual Klamath Reservation Jaycees' All-Indian Basketball Tournament, coming up on March 19-22 at the Chiloquin High School gym. This year's get-together of Indian ball-playing talent from all over the West promises to be the best ever, as pointed out by Nelson Sharp, publicity director for the whole show.

Nelson and a number of other Reservation Jaycees are working overtime in getting the groundwork laid for the tourney. Serving as overall tournament chairman is Noble Sanderville, with Chester Jack assisting as co-chairman. Bob Doak is handling program advertising and collaborating with Leroy Gienger on trophies, while Remo Minato takes charge of the referees. Glen Kircher concedes that he is in charge of the concessions and John Heilbronner is responsible for the gym rental, Bob Oates for the housing, and Dick Souers for the queen contest. Joe Jackson is procuring the Indian dancers, and promoting ticket sales was Joe Cahoon who, however is moving away, leaving this office temporarily vacant.

In pointing up the fact that this year's tournament should dwarf all previous ones, Nelson gave us a short run-down on what past tournaments have been like. As he stated, the show got on the road in 1954, when four outside and six local teams competed, the Chiloquin Townies winning. In 1955, 12 teams took part, four of which were local. In 1956, the first year the Jaycees sponsored the tourney, six outside and two local teams appeared, with Lapwai, Idaho, winning. In 1957, 12 teams again got in the picture, including 3 local, with Lapwai repeating as champ.

This year there will again be 12 teams competing but the local representation will be narrowed to one team, chosen through the elimination tournament to be held at the Chiloquin Gym March 3, 4, and 5. Included in the other 11 ball-clubs will be the five winners from last year: Lapwai (1st), Browning, Mont. (2nd), Lodge Grass, Mont. (3rd) Fort Washakie, Wyo. (4th), and Warm Springs (5th). Also represented will be Ft. Bidwell, Calif., the San Francisco relocation center, Toppenish, Wash., Neah Bay, Wash., Reno, Nev., and last but not the least distance, Fort Yates, North Dakota, Neah Bay and Fort

Yates, representing the McKaw and Standing Rock Sioux Tribes, will be appearing in the tournament for the first time. Other tribes represented by the field named above include the Nez Perce, Blackfeet, Crows, Arapaho and Shoshone, Warm Springs, Digger, Paiute and Wasco, Sioux, Yakima, and, of course, Klamath.

Again adding variety to the entertainment will be Indian dancers, who have proved very colorful in past tourneys. According to Joe Jackson, arrangements for procuring the dancers are nearing completion and the participants promise to be the most proficient yet. Tentatively lined up at this time are Donald Deernose, with his group of buffalo dancers from Lodge Grass, Fred Saux, featuring totem pole dancers from Tulalip, Wash., and Emmanuel Hudson, who is scheduled to return with his youthful group of dancers from Chemawa, who were well received last year. Also contributing spice and an atmosphere of regal splendor to the conclave will be the queen contest (see article elsewhere in this issue of the Tribune.)

There will again be no shortage of trophies as hardware furnished by local businessmen will be conferred on the first five place winners as well as the outstanding player, the all-star team, and the team displaying the most sportsmanship.

Acting as master of ceremonies for the show will be "Lefty" Wilder.

Election

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office is making preparations to mail the ballots to each elector within the very near future. Accompanying each ballot, the elector will receive by registered mail the following:

1. letter of transmittal stating the most important items the elector will need to remember.

2. summary of the revised management plan.

3. summary information on the appraisal with information regarding the financial effects to tribal members of remaining or withdrawing.

According to Watters, tribal members will be given a period of thirty days in which to make their decision. This thirty day period will begin on midnight, March 22. The deadline for completing and returning the notarized ballots has been set for midnight, April 21, 1958, with the ballots having to be postmarked not later than that date.

Benefit Talent Show Scheduled By Discussion Group To Raise Funds For Ambulance

Ladies of the Klamath Reservation Discussion Group are sponsoring a Benefit Talent Show to be held at the Old Chiloquin Gym on Saturday, March 8, beginning at 7:30 P. M. Officers of the Group, including Ima Jimenez (president), Flava Yates (vice-president), Marie Norris (secretary), and Victoria Nelson (treasurer) explained that the show is being held for the purpose of raising funds towards the pur-

chase of a modern, well-equipped ambulance for the reservation area. Behind the drive to replace the antique, overworked vehicle now in use with an up-to-date model, as they explained, are the Chiloquin Firemen, who have provided the man-power for ambulance service in the past and will continue to do so in the future. The ladies of the group are putting on the Talent Show in support of the Firemen's drive and declare that whatever profits are realized will be placed in a common coffer with funds raised by other civic groups in an effort to boost the drive over its goal of \$3,000.00.

According to the Group, a glittering array of talent has been signed for the show. Providing the entertainment will be piano players, singers, clarinet and saxophone artists, guitar players, etc.

Contestants will be divided into two age groups: 1. Those 13 years of age and over, including adults, and 2. Children 12 years of age and younger.

Prizes for the first group will be:

1st—\$20.00
2nd— 10.00
3rd— 5.00

For the second group:

1st—\$10.00
2nd— 5.00
3rd— 3.00

Everyone who can attend is urged to turn out and help make the show and the ambulance fund drive a big success.

Eight Princesses Named For Queen Contest

Plans for the second annual all-Indian tournament queen contest are well under way, according to Nelson Sharp, publicity director for the tournament. A field of eight princesses has been chosen to compete for selection as queen of the tournament, including: Lucille Barrera, Jessie Case, Beverly David, Sharon Jackson, Barbara Kirk, Michele McNoise, Ramona Shadley, and Cathy Smith. According to available reports all of the girls are members of the Klamath Tribe with the exception of Cathy Smith, who is of Sioux descent. In conformance with the rules of the contest, all the candidates are residing in Klamath County.

The first public appearance for the queen candidates will be on March 15, at the Queen's Ball. The naming of the Queen, however, will not take place until the first night of the tournament, March 19. The lucky young lady named to preside over the festivities will be awarded with a jeweled wrist watch.

Selection of a queen from the field of princesses was originally planned to be made on the basis of ticket sales, each candidate striving to outdo the others in selling the most tickets. This method was considered to be too haphazard, however, so a panel of outside judges has now been selected to choose the queen on the basis of her Indian ancestry, poise, personality, character etc. It is emphasized that these judges will be **outside judges** and unbiased. The ticket sales contest among the candidates is still scheduled to go on, but with the winner receiving a prize from the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. rather than being named as queen.

From what Nelson says, it is apparent that enthusiasm among the girls is running high as all have been busy making their Indian costumes, with which they hope to garner needed points in winning the crown.

Petition Against Bond Payment Circulated

Two hundred and forty petitioners recently registered their opposition to Rep. A. Ullman's bond proposal or any other such plan which would defer payment to Tribal members for tribal lands sold under Sec. 5 of P.L. 587. The petitioners also expressed the conviction that the sale of tribal property and disbursement of funds must be accomplished not later than August 13, 1960.

The petition was drafted by members of the Klamath Reservation Discussion Group and circulated among tribal members in the Reservation area on February 1 and 2. Copies of the petition were sent to Glen Wilkinson, tribal attorney in Washington, and to several members of Congress. It is reported that Wade Crawford, executive committee member attending the Washington hearings, introduced the petition for the official record.