



### JACKIE BARNEY TAKING AUTO MECH. AT O.T.I., TO GRADUATE IN JUNE

Getting his diploma in auto mechanics at OTI this June, after two years of study, will be Jackie Barney. Jackie, a 1954 graduate of Chiloquin High School, resides in Chiloquin with his wife, Lila, and one small child and commutes to school daily. He rates the course as a good one and feels that he and the other graduates will be well-qualified to go right on the job as auto mechanics. He adds that there will probably be plenty of jobs waiting as various firms are already beginning toicker for this year's graduates.

However, Jackie is interested in getting in another year of advanced work, particularly in automatic transmissions, before looking around for employment. This additional work will enable him to get an associate degree in applied science. Once finished, he plans to either line up an auto mechanics job or possibly set up a shop of his own after liquidation "if we ever get anything". As a third alternative he figures he can always go back to the family ranch, where there is plenty of use for an auto mechanic, what with equipment breakdowns, etc.

As far as termination is concerned, Jackie regards federal purchase as the best solution. He doesn't think private sale would be advantageous and is of the opinion that the State doesn't have enough funds to enter into the picture.

In regard to the recently-completed election Jackie states that he chose to withdraw. Pointing

out the virtues of withdrawing vs. remaining he comments that an efficient management plan for remaining members will have to be set up or: "they'll use all the timber up. There's not much virgin timber left on the reservation--it'll be all second cut."

Jackie is a great outdoor enthusiast and agrees that retention of hunting and fishing rights was quite an inducement to stay in the Tribe. He feels that these rights should also have been preserved for withdrawing members. However, he finds consolation in his observation that hunting is good only during certain times of the year anyway and that a lack of streams in the management area may make the fishing right somewhat meaningless.

Besides hunting or fishing most every weekend when the weather is right, Jackie finds time to play considerable basketball during the winter for recreation.

A woman walked up with great concern to a little boy who was smoking.

"Does your mother know you smoke?" she demanded.

"Lady," he retorted, "does your husband know you stop strange men on the street and talk to them?"

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A youngster's definition of "nervous": "I feel in a hurry all over but I can't get started."

### BOB DOAK USES TRAINING ON RANCH

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courses as fertilizers, machinery, seeds, and grasses. While enrolled in welding last term he got shop and class work in arc and acetylene welding as well as allied work in math, physics, and algebra, which he rates as being plenty tough.

Discussing his ranching operation, where all this training comes in handy, Bob states that he has about 440 acres of diversified farming, all of which lies within the Modoc Irrigation District. 280 acres are actually irrigated and the rest will soon be under irrigation. As the holder of such property he has a natural interest in the transition which the district will undergo in the near future from Bureau of Indian Affairs to local administration. Bob recounted, with something less than complete satisfaction, the history of BIA management of the district, bringing matters up to date with a discussion of the effect which the termination law will have on the district. As he pointed out, there is considerable trust allotted land in the district, all of which will be lifted from trust status by August 13 of this year in accordance with the law. With all the land in the district thus being on the county tax rolls by that date, the way will be paved for a local water users' association to take over administration of the irrigation district from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. However, under state law such an association cannot receive official recognition until the land has been on the tax rolls at least six months so cannot take over until that time has expired. Nevertheless, in anticipation of the change, area farmers are already meeting regularly on the last Friday of each month at the Williamson River Church, the meetings getting under way at 8:00 PM (Bob announces that the May meeting, to be held on the 30th, will be a potluck affair and all who are interested are invited to attend) and have gained considerable recognition in official circles.

To Bob, the sad part of the whole story comes in where the land is placed under county tax jurisdiction. As he states, there is a total charge of over \$600,000 against all the land in the district, both Indian and non-Indian, for back irrigation project construction by the BIA. This, he calculates, amounts to an assessment of about \$110-per acre of land in the district, and this regardless of whether the land is being irrigated. With the land coming under county tax jurisdiction it is

expected that the assessment will start being collected, albeit over a 40 year period. This \$600,000 total assessment against the land, Bob considers, will make the land less salable but the most lamentable part of the story, as he sees it, is that they don't have a \$600,000 project.

"We should have all concrete lined ditches for \$600,000."

Commenting on termination as it applies to farming, Bob expects that it will result in a lot of, new landowners in his area. He points out that at present some of the land is just sitting idle.

On termination as a whole:

"I think we're going to take a beating on it myself. There's too much politics involved in it. There's not near enough information, direct or otherwise."

On the election:

"I didn't like the way the election was handled. It's tough enough making a decision for yourself let alone a minor when there are no figures given."

On trusts:

"Trust funds are almost all similar. The federal government sets up standards. There won't be much difference between banks.

"There are still people who think these trusts or guardianships just pertain to Indians. In most states it doesn't make any difference what nationality a kid is. If he has an estate somebody is going to watch it."

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### Seniors Invited To Contact Ed. Program

All enrolled members of the Klamath Tribe who are now in their senior year of high school and who are interested in continuing their education after graduation are invited to contact the Klamath Education Program. This program has been set up under terms of Public Law 587 to provide training opportunities to tribal members and this year's High school graduates, among others, are eligible to participate in it. Training under the program can be taken in any accredited vocational school or college in the State of Oregon. Those who are interested in beginning college next fall term should make the necessary arrangements at as early a date as possible.

High school seniors who are interested in the program should contact the Klamath Education Office, Phone 661, Chiloquin, Oregon.

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One advantage of being a man is that you don't run the risk of catching a cold in evening clothes.