

Area Recreation Development Gets Under Way As Park Commission Appointed, Recreation Council Holds Meetings



Interest in recreational problems ran high as the recreation council met at the Education office early in May.

The appointment of a three-member park commission with the authority to add four additional members precipitated a recreation meeting at the Klamath Education Office on Friday, June 13. The three members as appointed by Mayor Bert Albert were Joe Adamo, Bill Barnes, and Vina Kirk. Seeking consultation as to prospective park commission candidates, these three members met with the larger, recreation centered body which had convened on occasion during April and May at the Klamath Education Office.

Written suggestions as to who might fill out the commission were received. The three members then got together at the Klamath Education Office on June 14 and named Ellen Harrington, Bill Lorenz, Noble Sanderville, and Bill Norval to round out the park commission.

It was pointed out at the June 13 meeting that the park commission will be mainly an administrative body. It will administer recreational affairs as the city is involved in them. Much of its business would be taken up in managing the city-owned park. It would allocate funds budgeted by the city for recreational purposes. The commission also expressed a desire to work closely with the larger recreation group in promoting recreational activities in this area.

Also brought out at the June 13 meeting was the fact that the American Friends Service Committee has selected a couple to engage in recreational work in this area during the summer. The couple, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Currier of Portola Valley, Calif., are experienced in educational and recreational work. Mr. Currier is

particularly qualified in conducting swimming programs. It is reported that the couple will arrive early in July and will remain here for a period of six weeks.

It was agreed that another recreation meeting should be called for the purpose of further organizing and coordinating recreational efforts in the community. This meeting was scheduled for Friday, June 20, at the Klamath Education Office.

At this meeting it was agreed that the seven-member park commission and the larger recreational council should coordinate fully in developing recreation in the area. It was pointed out that while the recreation council has no official status in the community it could still handle various recreation jobs which the park commission might choose to delegate to it. Hashed out in this regard was the possibility of the council's being responsible for such things as scheduling of activities in the park, etc. It was further pointed out that the recreational council would be able to fill a real need in coordinating recreational activities in which the city and the park-commission are in no way involved. In the matter of representation on the council, it was felt that the various organizations in the community should each elect an official representative to the council. It was noted that one or two organizations had already named such representatives and it was hoped that the others might do so in the near future. It was also felt that in so designating representatives to the council its membership should not thereby be restricted. It was pointed out that all interested persons should be encouraged to take part and pro-

vision for membership at large was tentatively agreed upon. The necessity for further organizing the recreational council was seen. To this end, Joe Jackson, Noble Sanderville, and Dick Souers were appointed to study various types of organizations that might be set up and to determine which type would best suit this group. Once the determination has been made this committee is to notify all local organizations to send their official representatives to a meeting to complete the details of organization.

Also at this meeting a committee was formed to set up a schedule of recreational activities for the Chiloquin community for the summer. Mary Reyes was named chairman of this committee with Roger Wright and Remo Minato assisting. It was suggested that one of the committee's first items of business might be to work out a schedule of activities at the Chiloquin park for presentation to the park commission.

Further business transpiring included the urging of the park commission, all of whose members with the exception of Joe Adamo were present, to organize and elect its officers, draw up its by-laws, etc., so that it would be in a position to give answers to various questions which the recreational council might direct at it. The park commission met for this purpose on June 21 and named its officers, as follows: chairman-Noble Sanderville, vice-chairman-Bill Lorenz, secretary-treasurer-Bill Norval. The members then took up a number of items of business. Emma Lou Harrington was appointed to work on the by-laws of the commission. Tentative approval of the original plan for the development of the park was given. It was decided that commission members should tour the park the following week and determine whether any changes in the original park development plan would be needed. Approval was also given to the release of materials for the construction of an outside wall for the baseball field. Other items coming up on the agenda were playground equipment, park liability insurance as well as team insurance, and concessions. In regard to the handling of the concessions it was decided that individual team managers would be requested to submit suggestions as to how the concessions should be managed before any decision was made.

TEEN-AGERS GIVE TERMINATION TALKS

Three teen-age members of the Klamath Tribe, Johnny Cole, Norman Jackson, and Mike Ochoa, were honored as guests of the Klamath Falls Rotary on June 6 at the Willard Hotel.

The three boys jointly expressed their views on termination and related matters through Mike Ochoa who acted as spokesman for the group.

They felt that there were both good and bad features to the termination of federal supervision over the Klamaths. Hunting and fishing have been rights enjoyed by the tribal members for many years, and they pointed out that it will be hard to lose these rights. "It is always sad," they said, "to lose something valuable." They felt, however, that "this is something we will have to get used to."

They felt, on the other hand, that "termination is an opportunity," for it will give to the withdrawing members considerable money which many other people do not have. Used in the right way, the boys felt the Indian people could really move ahead.

It was their opinion that Indian-non-Indian relationships in this area have generally been good but indicated that there have been instances of conflicts. They realized that the reputation of the Klamath tribe has not at times been good but expressed their conviction that it was not right that the Indian people should all be judged in the same way.

While expressing the hope that the non-Indians in the area would treat the Indian people with respect, the boys also recognized that the Indian people, too, had a responsibility to work and share together with the non-Indians in the community.

H. Zakoji with the Klamath Education Program accompanied the teen-age youngsters to the luncheon meeting and also presented a brief talk.

OTI HONOR ROLL

Three students at OTI under the Klamath Education Program were on the school honor roll for spring term. Irwin Crume, Donald Morgan, and Phil Tupper all achieved better than the required 3.5 or B-plus average necessary to get named to the select group. Crume had a 4.00 or straight A average. Morgan and Tupper received 3.58 and 3.62 averages respectively.