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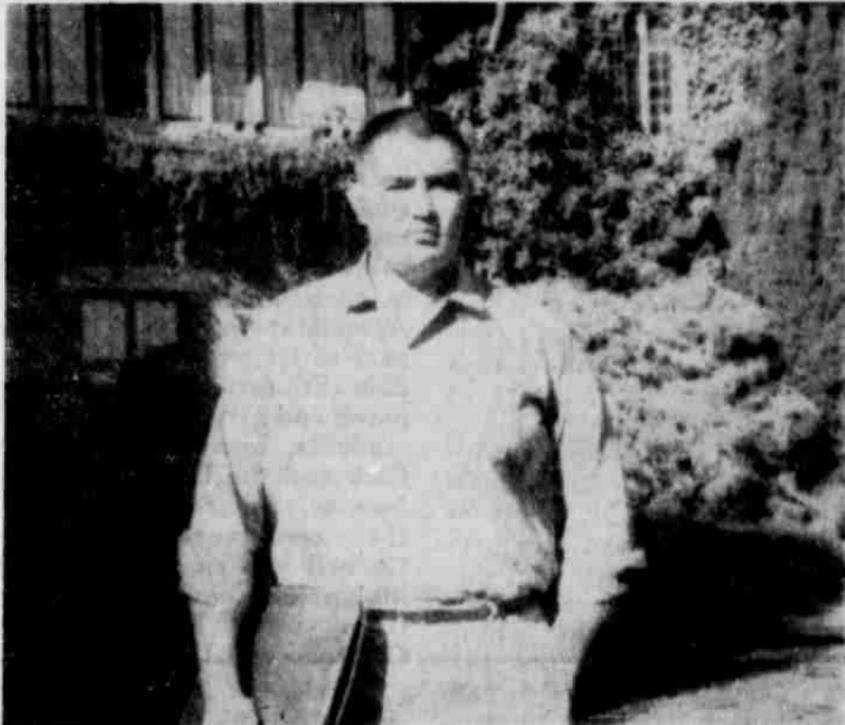
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Ben Lawver Studying Education at Lewis & Clark, Drafted by Green Bay Packers

Making a real name for himself in collegiate athletics is Ben Lawver, a senior at Lewis and Clark College in Portland under the Klamath Education Program.

Ben, who was born at Klamath Agency, attended public schools in Sprague River, Bonanza, and Klamath Falls before heading for Bacone Junior College in Oklahoma where he was a student for one year. He got his start in collegiate sports at Bacone by winning a state junior college championship in track in 1956. This genial, two-hundred pounder transferred to Lewis and Clark College in 1957 to major in health and physical education. He has been at Lewis and Clark ever since, living with his wife and four month old daughter, Denise, just off campus.

Last year, Ben won first place as a heavyweight wrestler in the northwest college conference as well as placing third in the Pacific Northwest AAU tournament. In football, Ben played tackle for Lewis and Clark College so well that he was spotted by a scout for the Green Bay Packers and

is being drafted by that outfit. He will play another year of college ball before beginning his training with the Packers as a professional player. It is reported that this is the first time a football player has been drafted from Lewis and Clark to play professional ball, so Ben has brought real recognition to the school as well as to himself.

Ben will get his degree in health and physical education in January of next year and will be a certified teacher. After putting in a stint with the Packers, Ben says he hopes someday to teach. Since he is also majoring in Science, Ben will be qualified to teach this subject to students as well. Ben is interested in working with youth and last fall, enjoyed working as an advisor for a boys' club at Portland's downtown YMCA.

As a withdrawing member, Ben expressed dissatisfaction with the way termination is working out. He said that he would not have elected to withdraw if he knew the appraisal was going to be so low, and added that many other tribal members probably would

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Washington Hearing Airs Appraisal Review; Boyd Jackson Protests; Sen Neuberger Comments

Appearing before the Senate Interior Sub-committee in Washington on March 23, Boyd Jackson of the Tribal Executive Committee voiced strong objection to the new government appraisal of the Klamath Tribal Property.

Jackson, who testified during the March 23 hearings on the review of the appraisal of Klamath property, told the subcommittee that the value set by the appraisal review was too low. He expressed the opinion that "an attempt is

being made to take away from us what little we have left."

In accordance with amendments passed by congress in August of 1958, three private appraisal firms made an appraisal review of the work done earlier for the Management Specialists by Western Timber Services. As a result of the review, the realization value for the economic units appraised by Western Timber Services was reduced from \$119,758,029.00 to \$90,791,123.00.

Commenting on the hearings, Sen. Richard Neuberger, chairman of the subcommittee in a telegram dated March 24 had this to say: "Full and thorough hearings were held today on review of Western Timber Services appraisal of Klamath Reservation resources.

"Representatives of Department of Interior testified as well as Boyd Jackson and Jesse Kirk of Klamath Tribe.

"It was effectively brought out in hearings and not denied by Jackson or Kirk that they and their associates were principal claimants against Western Timber Services appraisal figure of realized value of approximately \$120 million.

"In my opinion, had it not been for their complaint, this appraisal never would have been reviewed.

"Subcommittee will make report some time during next 30 days. As I see matters now, Congress and the Administration have no choice other than to accept new figure of approximately \$90 million, representing the average reached by the three firms reviewing original appraisal."

According to notices posted by M. M. Zollar superintendent, it was announced by Sen. Neuberger in a telegram received at the Agency on Mar. 16, that "for the convenience of those wishing to submit written statements, the hearing record will remain open until April 6."

Withdrawing Group Studies Bank Loans, Plans Special Council

A new petition calling for a special council meeting on April 11, was drafted and signed by over forty tribal members at a withdrawing members meeting held March 27 at the council hall. Only fifty signatures are necessary.

It was reported that the petition that had previously been circulated asking for a special council meeting to remove tribal officers from the executive committee was not approved. Such a petition requires 150 signatures. Only about seventy names appeared on the petition submitted to the area office.

The need for an attorney to represent the withdrawing members in Washington was expressed by many persons. Darold Windsor, a Portland attorney who has been helping a segment of the withdrawing members, was suggested for this job. Windsor declined, however, explaining that Washington officials would question whether he really represented the withdrawing group. He emphasized that the withdrawing members must "get together and fight together" if they hope to get anything done. He suggested that they elect a tribal executive committee that would better rep-

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