

## Ex-Comm., BIA Discuss Termination Questions

The problems relating to the disposition of the marsh, the distribution of pro rata payments to withdrawing members and the revolving loan program were discussed by Indian Bureau officials in Portland with members of the Klamath Tribal Executive committee.

To discuss these and other matters pertaining to termination were Executive committee members Joe Ball, Dibbon Cook, Boyd Jackson, Jessie Kirk and Delford Lang at the special meeting in Portland on January 25.

Indian Bureau officials reported on the status of the revolving loan program. Only about twelve members, it was revealed, have used their \$10,000.00 limit. These individuals will have to wait until other withdrawing members have received their \$600.00 loans before their applications for additional loans would be considered.

As for the proceeds from the sales of tribal property, it was reported that such proceeds will first have to be applied to pay off the loans which individuals have received from the revolving loan fund. Deductions will also be made for any amounts obligated in the purchase of fringe units and personal property.

There was considerable discussion regarding the disposition of the marsh, a number of tribal members expressing dissatisfaction over the value assigned the property by the appraisers. Several other interested tribal members were in attendance at the meeting and also A. H. Wright and Ivan Luman representing the State Dept. of Education.

## 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 enrolling for the next fall term should make the necessary arrangements at as early a date as possible.

## RDG Slates Meeting

Dissatisfaction with the progress of the termination program is the basis of the meeting being called by the Reservation Discussion Group on Feb. 12, at 7:30 p. m. in Chiloquin, next to the Pine Cone Cafe.

Ima Jimenez, Marie Norris, and Flava Yates, officers of the Discussion Group, have announced that an official from the Portland Area Office of the Indian Bureau will be on hand at the meeting to assist in the discussion.

A petition being circulated by the group will also be introduced for discussion purposes. The petition states in part that the repayment of any amount borrowed from the Revolving Loan Fund by deducting "from the first rather than the last sales of sustained yield units, . . . is wholly unfair." It goes on to state that the signers "insist that proceeds from the first sales of sustained yield units be distributed regardless of the Amount of money borrowed from the revolving loan fund; that deductions to repay these loans be made from the last rather than the first sales of sustained yield units."

In addition to recommending changes in the loan repayment policy, the petitioners "strongly urge that the Federal Government take title to and issue payment for all unsold units immediately upon failure to sell such units to private operators". The timetable presently established for the sale of sustained yield units is felt by the petitioners to be unnecessarily prolonged. The present schedule, according to the petition, "results in an unnecessary delay of as much as a year and one half in the Federal Government's taking title to unsold units and the withdrawing members receiving payment therefor."

According to officers of the Discussion Group, the purpose of the meeting is not only to discuss the problems but to map out a definite course of action.

## Queen Contestants

Young ladies interested in becoming candidates for queen of the 1960 all-Indian basketball tourney are urged to submit their entry blanks as soon as possible and no later than Feb. 20. Unmarried girls between the ages of 15 and 20 (inclusive), offering substantial proof of their Indian ancestry, are eligible to enter the competition. Entry blanks and full details of the queen contest may be obtained from Stephen Kirk or Vernon McNair at Beatty, or from the Klamath Education Office in Chiloquin.

## IRWIN CRUME RECEIVES RESERVATION JAYCEES' OYF AWARD FOR 1959



Dale Williams, right, outstanding young farmer for 1958, presents 1959 OYF award to Irwin Crume.

Selected as the Outstanding Young Farmer of the reservation area for 1959 at the Klamath Reservation Jaycees awards banquet of Jan 23 was Irwin Crume, Klamath tribal member.

The OYF award is made by the Reservation Jaycees each year to a deserving young farmer between the ages of 21 and 35. Determining the selection are three factors: 1. Improvement shown in the farm or ranch from the start of the operation until the present time, 2. Soil conservation, 3. Community activities.

Irwin, age 26, farms in partnership with his father, Sylvan, some 5,000 acres in the Sprague River area. Farm practices qualifying him for the award included a cattle herd increase of 20% since he

started farming in 1952, extensive use of labor-saving devices, and extensive work done during the past year on diking and levelling of his land. Irwin's community service includes serving as a member of the Klamath tribal executive committee, and as president of the Sprague River Fire Association. He is active in PTA and is also a member of his local school board.

Having been named Outstanding Young Farmer for the reservation area, Irwin's name is automatically entered in a statewide contest as a candidate for the OYF award for the State of Oregon. This contest will be decided in February.

Irwin is an auto mechanics graduate of OTI under the Klamath Education Program.

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Portland area, pointing out the great opportunity for employment and also expressing an affinity for the area: "I love it up here although I get lonesome for home once in awhile and have to go down there."

A withdrawing member, Georgianna feels that "members of the tribe aren't going to get a fair deal" out of termination. Beyond that, she declines comment, pleading the complexity of the

subject as well as a lack of familiarity with it: "I haven't given it much thought. I'm up here studying for school."

Regarding the education program she feels that more should take advantage of it in preparing for after termination, venturing that the "money won't last forever" and that some other source of income will be needed. And she expresses her personal appreciation for having had the opportunity to study under the program.