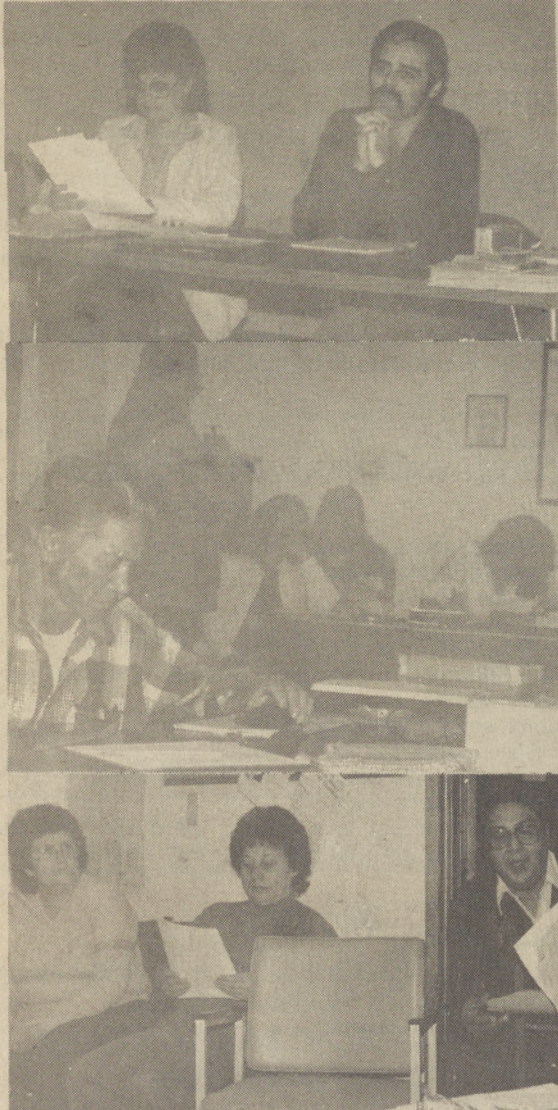


"NESIKA-ALKI" Our Future

The Tribal planning committee held hearings on the Siletz Comprehensive plan in December. Hearings were held in Portland, Salem, Springfield and Siletz. A good turnout was apparent at each meeting. The testimony from all interested Tribal members was recorded, to be put into the hearing records.



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Candidates Fair Happenings

By Kristi Martin

January 8th, Highland Community School, Salem, Oregon, a candidates fair was hosted by Jane John and Dee Pigsley. The candidates that attended were, Alfred (Bud) Lane III, Vernon Brown, Kristi Martin, Judy John, Mary Alice Muncey. Letters from JoAnn Miller and Robert Kentta were read aloud to the group. Approximately 21 people attended the meeting.

Candidates' political views were discussed, Bud Lane - equality for all Tribal members) Vernon Brown - concerned for Tribal members living outside of the eight county area) Kristi Martin - Tribal development, contribute to the economic growth of the Tribe) Judy John - future)

Mary Alice Muncey - Economic growth).

There was an overall agreement to have a job description for Council members and letting the General Manager run the day to day Tribal operations.

January 14th, Candidates fair, Siletz Area Office hosted by Shirley Strickler and Nancy Simmons. Candidates that attended, Alfred (Bud) Lane III, Judy John, Kristi Martin, Sharon Butler, Vernon Brown, Ed Case Sr. (Baz).

The Siletz fair had a good turnout, approximately 24 people attended this meeting. The overall view at the Siletz meeting, timber revenue, cutting the timber and putting the revenue into the bank to draw interest, and economic development.

In this century the focus of Siletz Agency buildings has always been on Government Hill. However in the very early years, Government Hill housed only the lone U.S. Army blockhouse that stood guard over the Indian Agency buildings below.

The original Indian Boarding School was located near the bank on Egbert St. right near its intersection with Palmer St. The Indian Agent's home was situated where the Catholic Church is now. The Catholic Church was located on Government Hill at the South entrance to the Paul Washington Cemetery.



EARLY AGENCY BUILDINGS

By Leonard Whitlow Jr.

The events that changed the entire makeup of the Agency were set in motion on November 1, 1882 when Dr. F.M. Carter recorded the following in his patient ledger.

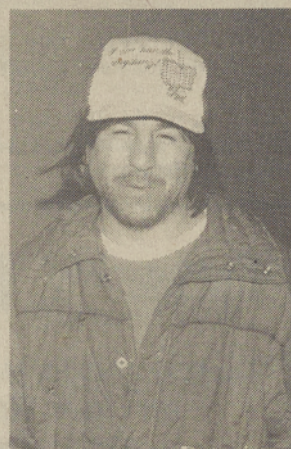
"Boarding Hall caught fire at 5 o'clock p.m. and despite all efforts to put the fire out the whole building was consumed together with the school house and commissary building. Most of the effects were saved. Mrs. Taft and Miss Doty were the greatest personal help so no accidents occurred. Loss (valued at) six or eight thousand dollars. Fire commenced in the third storie or garret. (The fire was) caused by a defective flue or set on fire by school girl, Lulu Wislow."

The report to the superintendent indicates that an old mill (perhaps on Tangermine Creek) was converted into a boarding hall, and classes were taught in a room in the Agent's home.

The new school and boarding hall was built immediately on Government Hill. The Agent's report of 1884 infers that it is all completed except some painting.

Since the school was now on the Hill in the ensuing years other buildings were added, the Commissary, the Hospital, shops and other minor buildings. To get the Agent's house there, it was pulled by mules to the base of Government Hill. Wide terrace-like steps were dug up the hill and the house was jacked up and gently slid to the next highest step where the process was completed until the home was moved into its proper place. The Catholic Church was similarly moved off the Hill to the lot where the New Catholic Church now stands. It was destroyed by gale force winds in 1955/56.

All agency buildings were now upon the Hill, except for a small office that sat on the corner of Palmer and Buford street, and the jail, which now is a residence at the corner of Palmer and Metcalf Sts. (Jack Tronson's home). The jail which was built of 2x4s laid on their sides, and contained two cells, is probably at this time (1983) the most historic building at Siletz since the Agency Hospital building burned some years ago.



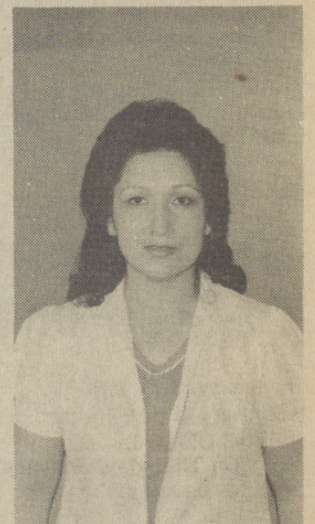
Gary Butler

Gary Butler has completed his 3rd term in Forestry Technology at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. Forestry Technology is a 6-term college credit. Forestry Technology is a basic knowledge and technical skills required for employment as a Forest Technician. Upon completion, Gary will receive an Associate in Science degree. Gary has worked with the forestry department during the summer months as work experience plan.

Gary's future plan would like to be able to work for the Tribal forestry department. But if that isn't possible, he will seek employment elsewhere. Gary's closing statement: "I'm planning to stick this out and graduate with a degree."

Cheryl Bigelow graduated from Springfield Beauty School in Springfield, Oregon the first of January. Cheryl and her husband, Glenn, live in Springfield with their two children, Brook, 11 years old, and Fawn, 3 years old.

The course was 16 months long, Monday through Saturday. The course had placed some strain on the family, but Cheryl has a word of encouragement for anyone who is considering the beauticians field. The long hours and hard work is all worth it. The course consists of more than setting hair, there is a lot of home studying. Cheryl's parents are Charles and Gladys Staggs of Springfield.



Cheryl Bigelow

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE — TRAINING

February 4th
Tribal Community Center
10:00 A.M.

LeRoy Wilder, Tribal Attorney, will be conducting the training. Anyone interested in being on the Committee should plan to attend. **Pre-register with — Tina Jones, 444-2532 or Nancy Simmons, 444-2536.**