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FROM THE EDITOR:

This first edition of "Spilyay Tymoo," (Coyote News), is an effort to keep tribal members informed of reservation activities, as well as national and state news that is pertinent to the tribe; to try to bring the tribal members in closer contact with the Tribal, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and community organizations, as well as individuals who have a direct bearing on Tribal matters. Emphases will be on accuracy and impartiality.

We will publish 4 to 8 pages at two week intervals; and to provide a forum for interested members to express opinions and offer suggestions.

Possible special features will be: Cultural and historical data, recognition for personal achievement, interviews, photographic and written essays, editorials, progress reports on departmental projects, items of interest to ranchers and farmers, and upcoming events.

The choice of Spilyay Ty-

moo as the title for the paper was an arbitrary one by the newspaper staff, as no suggestions were submitted to our office by press time. We feel the Coyote, the mountains, and desert scenery are symbolic of

the reservation landscape; if there are any other suggestions, feel free to drop them by the office, or mail to: Spilyay Tymoo, c-0 The Confederated Tribes, Warm Springs, Oregon, 97761.

Council Appointees Sworn In At Lodge



"Orin Johnson, Wilbur Johnson, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, carry out faithfully and impartially the duties of my office to the best of my ability, and cooperate, promote, and protect the best interests of my Tribe, in accordance with this Constitution and By-Laws."

Orin Johnson of the Seesequa district and Wilbur Johnson of the Agency district were sworn in as members to the tribal council.

The ceremonies conducted by James Cornett, the Warm Springs reservation Superintendent, at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday March 9, at the Kah-Nee-Ta lodge council room.

Orin Johnson has served as a member of the tribal council in the past; so he is no stranger to the vast duties he is facing. He has also served on various committees for the tribal council; with his past experience he should serve his district well.

Wilbur Johnson will serve for the first time as a member of the tribal council and will be representing the Agency district. He also has served on various committees in the past for the council, so he should have a good understanding of his appointment.

The two vacancies came as a result of two members resigning from the tribal council, they were Nick Kalama and Robert Macy. Nick Kalama assumed the duties as the new Piaute Chief by an election earlier this year from the members of the tribe. Chief Kalama will serve a life-long term with the tribal council.

CONSERVATION AND REHABILITATION Columbia River Fishermen Meet

An alliance of Columbia River user groups, expressing strong commitment to improving salmon runs in the Columbia and its tributaries, began working toward that goal during meetings in Yakima, Wash.

The Columbia River Basin Fisheries Alliance is composed of gillnetters, salmon trollers, sports fishermen and representatives of the Warm Springs, Nez Perce, Umatilla and Yakima tribes. The alliance has had four meetings since last September.

Rehabilitation of former spawning areas, improvement of dams to facilitate fish runs and Snake River mitigation — repairing damage to fish runs caused by dams on the river — were identified by the group as

major goals in improving the runs.

The alliance also elected an executive board representing four major user groups. The are: Cliff Allen, a Nez Perce Indian, representing Indian tribes; Forest Meuret, Northwest Steelheaders Council, representing sports fishermen; Russell Bristow, Columbia River Fishermens Protective Union, representing commercial fishermen; and Manfred Isley, Oregon Guides and Pack-

ers, representing guides, packers and charter boat operators.

The alliance, which drew some 80 participants to the Yakima meeting, will hold its next meeting sometime this spring.

CLASS ACTION SUIT FILED

It is anticipated a decision will be handed down in August on a class action law suit filed against the Secretary of the Interior, Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs over distribution of the Warm Springs Judgement Claim (\$1,225,000), Spilyay Tymoo learned this week.

The class action suit, filed by a number of enrolled members and claims that the distribution method discriminated against some Tribal members because they were denied the right to inherit without due process of law, under both the United States Constitution and the Indian Bill of Rights, and that the Warm Springs Constitution was violated when members were excluded and denied their right to participate in economic activities as guaranteed in the Tribal Constitution.

The distribution plan, presented by the BIA and accepted by the Tribal Council, calls for all enrolled Tribal members to participate in distribution of the funds except those members who participated in the Malheur Land Claim, the Alaska Native Settlement Act or any other land claim. John Barret and Pat Boileau, attorneys for the class action suit said in a January meeting at the Longhouse, that the focus of the lawsuit is whether the BIA followed legal procedures to get input from Tribal members on how to distribute the Settlement funds.

Barret said he plans on coming to Warm Springs to keep Tribal members informed of the progress in the suit. All Tribal members will be welcome to attend meetings at which he will discuss the issue.



KAH-NEE-TA GOLF PRO. Jim Wilkinson is shown just before sinking his birdie putt on the final hole of Kah-Nee-Ta Invitational Pro-Am Golf Tournament, held March 13-14. Wilkinson tied with Dave Crowe for first place in the tourney. On right, Doug McClelland displays unique style as he lines up his putt. See story on page 6.



KAH-NEE-TA GOLF COURSE, on the eve of the Pro-Am Tournament. On the right is one of two foot bridges used by players on the course. Golfers must cross the river four times in an eighteen hole game.