

## Headstart Kids Dig Roots . . .

Another generation is learning the traditional ways, respect for the earth and the

bountiful food it produces. The children in the Headstart and Day Care classes went out root



LOOK! I dug a root.

## Committee Named

An advisory committee, to be appointed by members of the School District 509-J school board, hasn't been formed yet but the 10 members, unnamed at this time, have some important homework waiting for them.

Topping the agenda for the group will be facility problems at Warm Springs and deciding what to do about the failure of the proposed 1976-77 school budget.

The decision to appoint the advisory board was made Monday night by the school board after Superintendent Dr. George Bowers said there is a need for a third leg in the planning process. The administration is working on the district's needs on a long-range basis, he explained, and an advisory committee of teachers is studying the long-term educational program.

"I have been giving some thought to a citizens advisory committee to study and make recommendations to the board," Dr. Bowers added, "but after the failure of the budget, maybe we should have them pay increased attention to the short-range goals."

The advisory committee would be involved primarily with the educational program, he said, from which the district can figure needs for space and other facilities.

Director Lloyd G. Smith, Sr., told the board that Warm Springs faces an immediate, crucial building need. Smith

said the old building used by the Warm Springs Elementary School has outlived its usefulness and must be replaced.

"Some people have suggested busing students to Madras and others have asked me why we don't bus students both ways," Smith said.

Members of the Warm Springs community are unhappy with the situation, Smith indicated, saying, in answer to a question, "There is some talk about forming our own school district at Warm Springs and it's getting stronger."

Each member of the 509-J board will recruit two members to serve on the advisory committee.

## Thrifty Tips

You won't have to pay a lot for a little work you can easily do yourself if you buy whole chickens instead of chicken parts, which are frequently more expensive per pound.

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You won't have to pay for aprons if you make them yourself from the backs and tails of men's worn-out shirts.

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You won't have to pay extra for tires, brakes, and gasoline, if you avoid rushing up to red lights and stop signs when driving.

digging last week in preparation for their own Root Feast at the community center Friday, April 23.

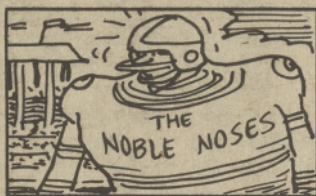
Three generations were involved in the digging of the bitter root (peaxhay) and looksch, the peeling of the roots, dancing, and the feast itself where an estimated 200 people were fed.

The children appeared to enjoy their outing at Webster Flat. "The thing I like best about digging roots is that it's fun," exclaimed Gary Smith, a four year old in Mrs. Mitchell's Headstart class. Some of the youngsters found the cupun a little difficult to handle, but also discovered that mother nature had provided them with a perfect digging tool - their hands.

The children, each with a wapus tied securely around the waist, soon began filling the containers after some initial instruction from the adults. "Look! I dug a root," Tom Begay Jr. said with enthusiasm. As lunch time approached, the groups of diggers worked their way back to the vans where a picnic lunch was set up.

The kids were really pleased and proud of the large sack of roots they had gathered for their own special feast. They had learned a lot from dedicated and concerned members of the older generation on the outing.

Friday morning, before the feast at the community center, the children danced the chicken dance, the rabbit dance, and the round dance in their wing dresses and outfits they had made for the occasion. Many people were pleased to



If you have a large, well-shaped nose, some believe, it is a sign that you are noble, generous and friendly!

## Trade Fair Set

The Mid-Oregon Indian Historical Society held a meeting on the night of April 21, 1976, at the Community Center Conference room.

There were 14 present as Mr. Harry Paget and Felix Wallulatum chaired the meeting. The main topic was the Warm Springs Indian Trade Fair. This would establish an annual event sponsored by the Mid-Oregon Indian Historical Society; and to encourage the display of arts & crafts by Indians from their personal collection; re-create culturally rewarding events for the general public; establish a research and planning tool for MOIHS that will enable the committee to identify and inventory artifacts; and archival material and talent possessed by Indians in the ancestral trade area of the Confederated Tribes.

It was discussed and agreed that this year's Indian Trade Fair will be held at the Kah-Nee-Ta day use area on Labor Day. It was suggested that there be six tee-pees surrounding a long-house tee-pee.

## . . . Celebrate Root Feast

see Blanche Tohet enjoying the festivities.

At noon, everyone was beckoned to the social hall by the aroma of ham, bitter root and salmon, and other savory dishes being served by the hard working kitchen helpers.

After the prayers and blessings for all the new foods offered up by the earth at this time of year, over 200 people

were served the special feast.

Many parents, relatives, and friends of the Headstart and Day Care kids were present to share the learning experience with their children.

The tradition of ceremonies and blessing of the precious foods gathered in the Spring apparently will not end thanks to a dedicated older generation.



AFTER THE BLESSINGS, the kids dug into the feast, enjoying the fruits of their root digging expedition at Webster Flat. This youngster wanted a really big bite.

Photo by Sandy Rangila



IN WING DRESSES and costumes they made themselves, the children of the Headstart and Day Care classes danced the chicken, rabbit and round dances. They celebrated their own Root Feast last Friday.

Photo by Sandy Rangila

This will give the Indians a chance to display their heirlooms, regalia, jewelry, and useful items made by ancestors, as well as historic photos.

During the day time all activities will be focused on the exchange of goods and ideas - the night will be for

Indian dancing, story telling and Indian gambling.

A steering committee was selected which includes Maxine Switzler, Brenda Scott, Edna Miller, Kathleen Moses, Viola Kalama, Ada Sooksoit, and selected as Chairman was Felix Wallulatum.



14 MEMBERS of the Mid-Oregon Indian Historical Society set the date for the Indian Trade Fair at their meeting April 21.

## Church Services

WARM SPRINGS  
FULL GOSPEL CHURCH  
ORIN JOHNSON, PASTOR

Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service -  
7:30 p.m.

Bible Study, Wednesday -  
7:30 p.m.

Young People's Service -  
Friday, 7:30 p.m.

WARM SPRINGS  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
Allen Elston, Pastor

Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Training Union - 7 p.m.  
Evening Worship - 8 p.m.

Prayer Service - Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

ST. WILLIAMS  
Warm Springs  
Sunday Mass - 9:00 a.m.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN  
Warm Springs  
Calvin Y. Chinn, Minister

Sunday:  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Youth Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Baby sitting service during  
Worship Service

Wednesday:  
Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.

Womens Group - 7:30 p.m.

2nd Thursday.