

Pre-schoolers then . . . Juniors and Seniors now

by Sandy Rangila

Twelve years ago, a bright, enthusiastic group of children graduated from the first pre-school on the reservation. The pre-school, a fore-runner of the Headstart program, was then called a Cooperative Kindergarten.

The original class started in the Fall of 1963, and was held in the First Presbyterian Church. Of the original 25 children who graduated in the Spring of 1964, most are high school juniors and seniors today.

The Cooperative Kindergarten was formed by a group of concerned parents here on the reservation. The idea was to help prepare the children so they wouldn't be so frightened or scared of school, and to concentrate on readiness for the first grade.

When Coty Soules, the first teacher, came to Warm Springs, the ground work had already been laid by the parents. The summer of 1963 was spent raising funds for the project and making calls to each home to explain the program. The originators of the program needed to find out how many children might come to the classes, as well.

Bake sales, spaghetti feeds, and numerous fund raising activities paved the way for the financing of the project. The Extension Club sponsored "paper showers" where essential things like toilet paper and facial tissues were offered for the cause.

A tuition of \$15 a month was paid by the parents, as well as the donation of their time. Each parent worked at least one day a month for the

program. They helped with the clean up and janitorial work, with activities, and with the snacks served each day.

"It was a dedicated and enthusiastic group of parents," said Coty Soules. Lorraine Lessert remembers that Mary Schlick was a great help. "She had the knowledge of what had to be done to get the program together."

Mrs. Lessert also said that without the help of the churches, it couldn't have been done. "They were just great," she said. "They provided the place where the classes met for a very, very nominal rent."

Rudy Clements was the first overall director and Lorraine Lessert was chairman. Officers in the program were: Donna Seyler, treasurer; Millie Nicodemus, health chair-

man; and Beverly Bolton, clerical chairman.

Others were: Josepha Smith, in charge of daily supplies; Vi Stepetin, cleaning supplies; and teacher-helper chairmen, Yvonne Nathan and Faye Smith.

In the fall of 1963, Coty Soules was asked to be the teacher. "I found this a delightful, open, and loving age group to work with," said Mrs. Soules. She still has photos and special momentos given to her by her first group of students.

In 1965, two years after the Cooperative Kindergarten was started, Rudy Clements arranged for the funding of the Headstart program at Warm Springs. The pre-school, started by dedicated parents in 1963, helped pave the way for today's successful Headstart program at Warm Springs.

Rodeo Notice

A special meeting of members of the saddle club was requested to notify those that will be participating in the grand entry and other activities so there would be no misunderstandings of their new order.

In order to receive compensation for teepees, one is required to set teepees west of the rock mound. Only teepees that are located in the correct formation will receive pay. No exceptions!!

Grand entry will be limited to one truck depending upon the elderly and disabled. Children will have to walk behind the drummer truck. Participants are required to be in full regalia to receive pay, with the exception of the drummer.

Indian dancing will be held

south of the arena Saturday May 15th between 4 and 6 p.m. There will be a dance for fun only, a program with no competitive dancing. There are allowances for short specials if there are any people interested. Please notify Mrs. Neda Greene. It is always nice to have a memorial dance for anyone who may have participated in past rodeos or dance programs at Tygh Valley. If anyone has a loved one they may want to honor, they may donate a blanket or shawl for the best dressed man or woman, or whatever they may choose to do. Please notify Mrs. Eliza Hicks.

The Tywama Saddle Club wishes to maintain good relations with all their neighbors and hopes for the best for all.

Animals Honored Last Week

The Warm Springs Grade School gym was filled with colorful posters bearing messages to "Be Kind to Animals" as week-long activities in honor of our animal friends were

launched Wednesday May 5. Posters were created by third, fourth and fifth grade students from Madras and Warm Springs and assembled at the gym for judging.

The difficult job of choosing prize winners was given to Nancy Chinn, Jeannette Macy, and Barbara Shaddock. They awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd

prizes for each grade in addition to several "Judges' Awards" (honorable mention). The fourth grade in Warm Springs fared quite well, taking all four awards. A blue ribbon went to Jolene Johnson whose picture of a big black cat won

the judges' hearts. Wyona Leonard received a 2nd prize, Travis Wells took a 3rd, and Bobbi Jo Berry was given a Judges' Award.

All the posters were displayed the next night at the Humane Society's Open House in the courthouse.

A poetry contest was also held in conjunction with Be Kind to Animals Week and Jacob Frank of Warm Springs came away with a 3rd place.

The height of the week's activities came on Saturday when a dress-up pet parade and show were held in Madras. Kids and pets gathered at the high school and paraded to the City Park where pets were judged on grooming and obedience.

The city park will be the site of many similar activities to be held bi-weekly in the coming months.

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.

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

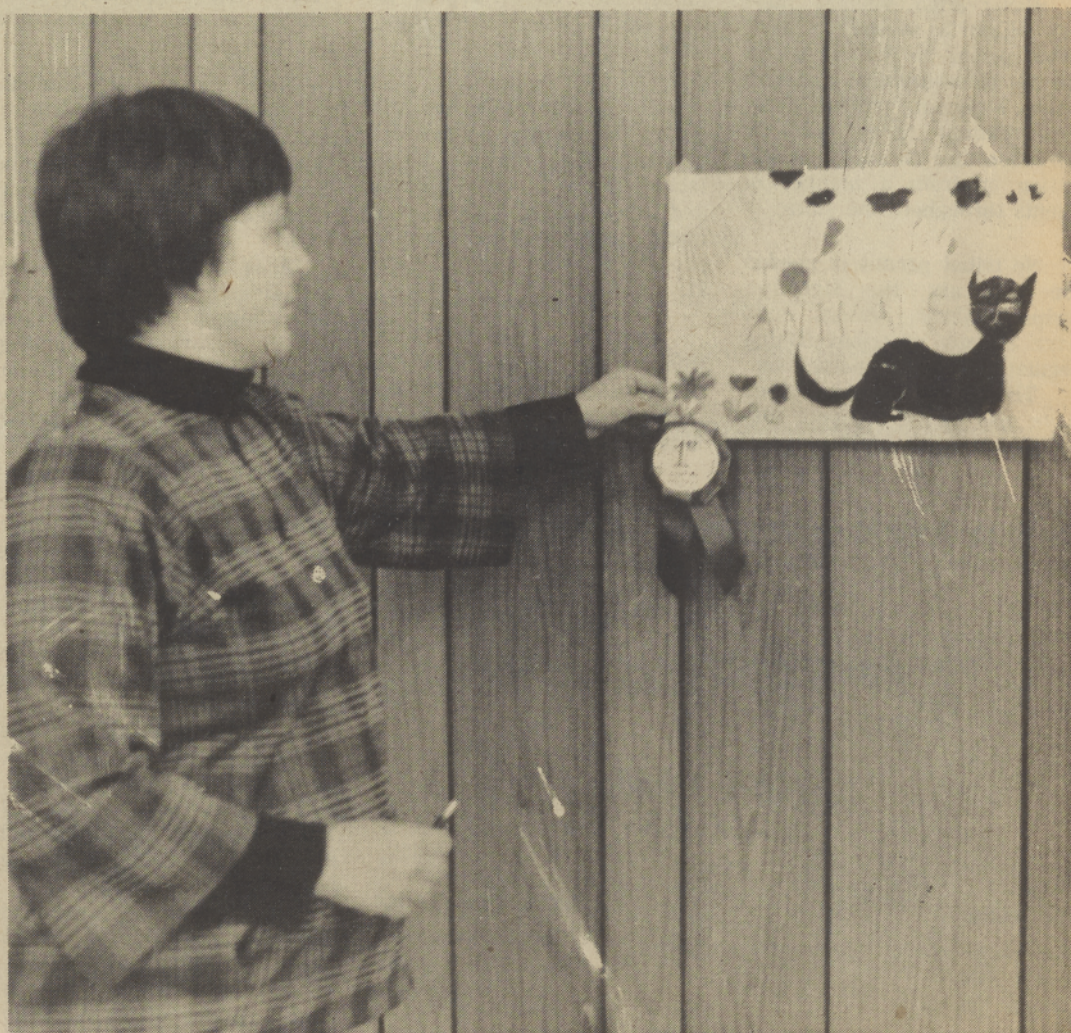
Worship Service

Wednesday:

Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.

Womens Group - 7:30 p.m.

2nd Thursday.



JUDGE NANCY CHINN awards a blue ribbon to Jolene Johnson's poster of a happy black cat during "Be Kind to Animals" week. Jolene is a 4th grader at Warm Springs.

Photo by Cynthia Stowell

Faith Is A Mighty Fortress

We look ahead through each changing year with mixed emotions of hope and fear, Hope for the peace we long have sought, fear that our

hopes will come to naught . . . Unwilling to trust in the Father's will, we count on our logic and shallow skill and, in our arrogance and pride, Man is no longer satisfied to place

his confidence and love with childlike faith in God above. . . But tiny hands and tousled heads that kneel in prayer by little beds are closer to the dear Lord's heart and of his Kingdom more a part.

Than we who search and never find the answers to our questioning mind, for faith in things we cannot see requires a child's simplicity.