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Phase II Begins at Mobile Home Park

Excavation began this week in preparation for 30 additional pads at the mobile home park. The project is expected to be completed by October of this year, bringing the total number of pads to 68.

The new sites will have a more natural setting, according to Dick Souers, engineer-technician. The new lay-outs are designed to keep the original foliage, the juniper trees, sage brush, and natural ground cover. Only the pad areas will be cleared.

Dick Souers and Satish Puri have been working on the pad lay-outs since last winter. Souers designed and drew up the plan while Puri worked on the sewer and water design.

The men, in designing the new 30-pad lay-out, sought the input of occupants of the Phase

I area as to what would make the sites better.

As a result of the input, the new sites will have curbs going into wider driveways, yard hydrants for watering and car washing, and the walk will be set up for better utilization of the patio area.

The main change, according to Souers, is that the natural ground cover will be left. In the original area of the park, the natural foliage was cleared away, and the seeding that was done later has turned to weeds, creating a fire hazard.

The Tribes are acting as the prime contractor and are working through negotiations with the BIA and Public Health under the Buy Indian Act. The project is coordinated by the Bureau of Roads Department.

From The Archives . . .

of the Mid-Oregon Indian Historical Society

Wasco Dalles of Columbia
Nov. 3, 1853

Dear Sir:

We are tormented almost every day by the white people who desire to settle on our land and although we have built houses and opened gardens they wish in spite of us to take possession of the very spots we occupy. We remonstrate and tell them that this is our land, they reply that Government gives them to settle in any part of Oregon Territory and they desire to take land in this very spot.

Now we wish to know whether this is the land of the white mans or the Indians. If it is our land the white must not trouble us. If it is the land of the white man when did he buy it?

Now we as Indians have no power to defend our rights against the whites; will you inform us how we are to do.

Our country here is very broken and much of it rocky, but little suitable for farming; we have many horses and many of us have begun to plow and sow

and more will soon begin; but if the white man comes he must have lands for a large farm; soon all the good land will be taken. Where will we



Behind the Scenes:

At any function such as the dedication of the 55-room addition at Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge, there are individuals that do a considerable amount of work without receiving any recognition.

Ms. Shirley Simmons, Administrative Secretary for the

Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, did a tremendous job setting up the dedication ceremony. Everything went along smoothly. Ms. Simmons made contacts through letter writing, phone calls, etc. That in itself is a real job.

For all her efforts, congratulations should be in order.

go — where will we make our homes? If we lose our country what shall we do? I know that

the whites are strong — they have ammunitions and guns and power; we cannot resist them, but we ask them to

leave us our homes for we are poor and have no power. Be so kind as to answer us and tell us what you think.

William Chinuch

I have seen hard times - have been from The Dalles to the States with Col. Fremont.

P.S. If it is in your power, have the kindness to send two or more plows for the use of the tribe, as we have no means

of working the ground, our only plow being broken. If you have the power to give us the

plows and some hoes, it will help us much, if not 'tis all right, we would like to have wrought iron plows as cast iron is easily broken. Your's with humble respect. W.C.

(Note: This letter was written 123 years ago, in Nov. 1853. The "Dear Sir" was the superintendent of Indian Affairs, Oregon Territory. The letter was written by Billy Chinook, a treaty chief, who wrote this two years before the signing of the treaty creating the reservation.)

Thank You

Jay and Jeri Minthorn wish to express appreciation to all the wonderful people of Warm Springs for helping when it was needed. This will be remembered always.

The Prayer For Peace

Our Father, up in heaven, hear this fervent prayer — May the people of all nations be united in they care, For earth's peace and man's salvation can come only by thy grace.

And not through bombs and missiles and our quest for outer space . . . For until all men recognize that "The Battle Is The Lord's" And peace on earth cannot be won with strategy and swords, We will go on vainly fighting as we have in ages past, Finding only empty victories and a peace that cannot last . . .

But we've grown so rich and mighty and so arrogantly strong we no longer ask in humbleness — "God, show us where we're wrong" . . . We

have come to trust completely in the power of man-made things, Unmindful of God's mighty power and that He is "King of Kings" . . .

We have turned our eyes away from Him to go our selfish way, And money, power and pleasure are the gods we serve today . . . And the good green earth God gave us to peacefully enjoy. Through greed and fear and hatred we are seeking to destroy . . . Oh, Father, up in heaven, stir and wake our sleeping souls, Renew our faith and lift us up and give us higher goals, And grant us heavenly guidance as war threatens us again - For, more than Guided Missiles; all the world needs Guided Men.



REPRESENTING THE THREE TRIBES at the dedication are (from left to right) Paiute Chief Nick Kalama, Warm Springs Chief Amos Simtustus, and Wasco Chief Nelson Wallulatum.

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