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Chip Mountains Moving

People on the reservation have been wondering about the huge piles of chips and cores at WSFPI (Warm Springs Forest Products Industries) and are curious about what is happening to them.

Spilyay Tymoo went to Persh Andrews of WSFPI to get some of the facts and answers. He first gave a brief background of the situation, then explained what steps are presently being taken.

Andrews said that when Crown Zellerbach Pulp Plant in Wauna, Oregon went on strike, that eliminated WSFPI's outlet for chips. A blow-pipe

was then set up to pile chips on the ground.

The strike has had a crippling effect on the mill as chips are a vital part of the WSFPI business. Without the sale of chips, WSFPI cannot operate economically, according to Andrews. "We do not have the room to pile chips and cannot economically support the operation of the stud mill and pile chips at the same time," he said.

In the last two weeks WSFPI has made arrangements through other chip buyers to dispose of the greater part of the chip production.

While the mill is closed down for vacation, chips are being shipped from the piles.

The chips are going to the Georgia Pacific chip export dump at Linton, Oregon; to Publishers Paper Company in Oregon City; and to Newberg, Oregon. The chips are being sold through Pope and Talbut.

In respect to the cores, WSFPI wants to sell them as fast as possible - before the sun causes weather checking, reducing their value. Due to the strike, there has been an accumulation of cores and small blocks that are too small to peel.

The cores are going to Freisen Lumber Company near St. Helens and are being sold through a brokerage firm.

"When we are able to sell all of our chips again, we'll reactivate the stud mill," said Andrews. He thinks this will be soon after July 12th, after vacation.

Putting it into a nutshell, it appears that WSFPI was forced (due to the strike) to pile chips since chips are a vital part of their business. This, in turn, caused a shut-down of the stud mill since it is economically not feasible to pile chips and operate the stud mill si-

multaneously.

Since the Crown Zellerbach strike dragged on and on, WSFPI had to find another outlet for the chips (even though the market is down) so they could get rid of the pile and reactivate the stud mill.

The cores also had to be disposed of in a hurry because of the danger of weather checking (the sun causing cracks).

If all goes as planned, according to Andrews, it sounds as if the mill will be operating in a normal fashion some time after July 12th.



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Fourth Marks Nation's Birthday

It was not your routine 4th of July celebration; one could sense a special mood adrift. Perhaps it was the realization that this particular Fourth was only going to happen once. That contagious Spirit of the bicentennial imbued Warm Springs' 4th of July activities and people of all inclinations seemed to enjoy the day.

The Fourth of July Committee, which has been meeting since January, planned a full day of festivities keeping people quite busy and entertained. Events included a parade, barbecue, kids' fun games, bingo and fireworks.

The day began, for those who woke up in time, with a colorful parade which started near the school, proceeded through the campus and past the firehouse, and wound up at the Community Center. The parade was led by the National Color Guard, followed by Miss Warm Springs Sarah Greene. Chief Amos Simtustus of the Warm Springs tribe and Owen Panner, attorney for the Confederated Tribes came next on horseback.

Andy Lucas, the Social Director at Kah-Nee-Ta, did a great job of organizing the parade and getting everyone off on the right foot. George Smith, who retired from the BIA four years ago, was the MC for the parade and ceremonies in front of the firehouse.

The climax of the parade came when floats paused for a musical salute to America. The Star Spangled Banner was played and three of our elders - Herb Stwyer, Matilda Mitchell and Sylvia Wallulatun

sang the traditional Indian Flag Song.

Almost every entry was a winner in the parade competition. The Grand Entry award was given to the Ike

family whose blanket and feather bedecked car was dedicated to the memory of their Grandma Ike.

First place in the Government category went to Kah-

Nee-Ta. The theme "Then and Now" featured Charlotte Singleton as the Indian tradition and Linda Rombaugh and Don Martinez as contemporary visitors to the resort. Second

place went to the Indian Health Service which brought laughs with its motto "We Trim Limbs" and truckful of unlikely doctors (one wielding

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