

● George Clements

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of home finances and drawing a distinct line between home and business. Gas, tires and a bus ride for everyone

The station's main income is from gas sales. The steady flow of tourists in the summer keeps attendants hopping. "The tourists carry this place in the summer," George says. "But if it weren't for the locals' business I couldn't operate year-round."

Although during the summer gas is delivered four times a week by Gordon Shown Distributors, the pumps went dry several times this season. Since George's is the only gas available in the 65-mile stretch between Madras and Government Camp, people aren't deterred by the high gas prices.

"We have the highest prices in Central Oregon," laughs George. He points out that the prices are set by Standard Oil and that the most he can receive per gallon is 13 cents.

In addition to gas, the station offers minor repair services. Tire repair is the most commonly requested service, and surprisingly it is more often for locals than for travelers. Such repairs cost \$3 per tire, \$6 per split-rim.

Other jobs handled at the station include oil changes and lubes which run around \$15, fan belt and radiator hose replacement, electrical work, and the usual island servicing. Tune-ups are currently done on a limited basis by Ronnie Suppah, who charges only for parts until he undergoes special training.

The station also stocks a healthy inventory of parts and accessories. Customers seem to appreciate the assortment of candy and pop. And George makes sure his rest rooms are kept up because "If there's one thing the customers look for, it's clean rest rooms."

George's station also plays the rather unique role of a bus stop on the Portland-Bend bus route. Although George used to sell tickets, they are now purchased on the bus. George's responsibilities include providing a waiting area inside the station and signaling the bus with a rigid red flag that points out from the island like a giant hitchhiker's thumb. George warns people not to be alarmed when a bus ignores the sign and passes by, because another bus will soon follow . . . and hopefully stop.

George looks forward to getting his wrecker back from the shop and will again offer

24-hour towing services. He also hopes that one day Standard Oil will allow him to add four more pumps and moder-

nize his building.

In the meantime George will continue to run a tight ship, paying cash for his gas and regretting that he can extend credit only on a very limited basis. "I have to have that cash on hand," he says.

He prides himself in the knowledge that he is furnishing a needed service for the community and passers-through. But more importantly George is growing with his business — an ever-improving feature in the Warm Springs landscape.



GEORGE CLEMENTS (right) figures out his gas bill as Ronnie Suppah finishes up a gas sale. George prefers to pay cash for the gas he receives so he always knows where he stands. Photo by Cynthia Stowell

509-J scrutinized by committee

In line with the appointed task of making long-range proposals and recommendations to the 509-J school board, members of a citizens advisory committee and Supt. George G. Bowers paid a visit to the Warm Springs Elementary School Monday, September 20.

The Warm Springs school inspection was the first to be made by committee members who will conduct physical inspections of all the schools in the district. Committee members will not only inspect the schools, but will investigate plant facilities, curriculum, administration, and the teaching staff.

The three-hour tour of the Warm Springs school was not just a surface glimpse at the facility. "The committee looked in every nook and cranny," said Evadna Bartlett (chairman). They even climbed the stairs to the attic in the older building where the gym is. Committee member Verbena Greene pointed out the two holes in the wall explaining that this is where movies were shown years ago.

"The committee has no authority to make final policy decisions," said Bartlett, but will, after intensive study and some real searching, present recommendations and findings to the school board for consideration. "We're looking at where we are, what we have

and what we need, and some suggestions and recommendations on how to achieve those goals."

One of the concerns of the advisory committee is the development of goals and objectives for the improvement of education including those for Indians. The committee has met with the Tribal Education Committee and the Warm Springs Tribal Council in an effort to open lines of

communication and to gain input on the subject.

According to a report discussed at a September 16 meeting, some recommendations have been offered toward the improvement of Indian education but have not as yet been officially approved by the committee.

Among some of the recommendations are: increase the number of Ameri-

can Indians as teachers and classified employees; work with Title IV-Part A Indian counselors in an attempt to make them more effective in their counseling program; make more people aware of the human attitudes and relationships among bi-culturally different people; and work closely with the Tribal Education Committee and Tribal Council.

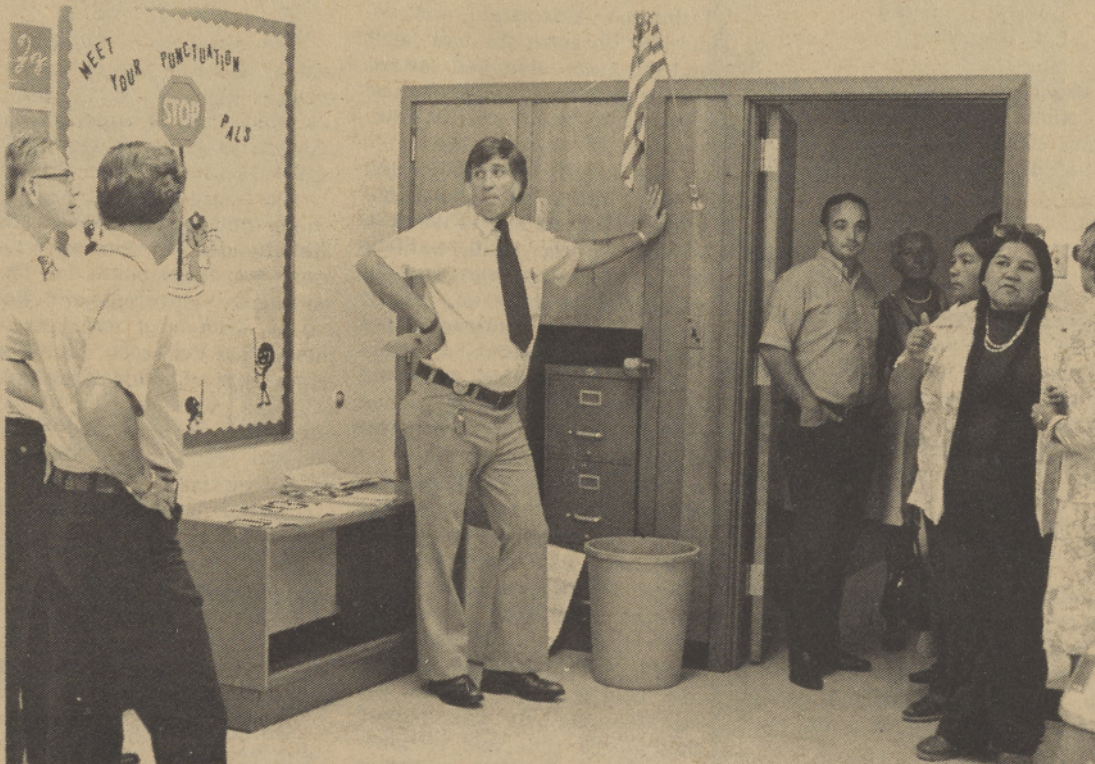
Discussed was the incor-

poration of Indian related topics into social sciences (History and government of the Warm Springs Tribes), science (geography), English and humanities (folklore, myths, and literature of Indians).

The report suggested that the Tribal Education Committee could be of assistance in developing curriculum proposals. (Tribal Education Committee members are appointed by the Tribal Council to oversee all educational activities that deal with tribal members from early childhood development through post secondary education). According to Charles (Jody) Calica, tribal education director, they will be moving more in a position to establish policy.

The citizens advisory committee definitely wants input, advice, and suggestions from people in the community. Comments are being sought from the general public as the committee feels it would be ineffectual without that input.

The following is a list of the 10 advisory committee members and their telephone numbers. Ken Bicart (475-3725); Eldon Chandler (475-6322); Gordon Shown (475-3200); Nina Rowe (no phone); Verbena Greene (553-1179); Marie Whaley (475-6312); Charlotte Stoval (475-2495); Bill Houts (475-2038); Brenda Davis (475-2412); and Evadna Bartlett (475-2162).



THE CITIZENS ADVISORY committee toured the Warm Springs school Monday Sept. 20, the first of all schools in the district to be inspected by the committee. Supt. George Bowers (left)

accompanied the group on the three-hour inspection tour led by principal, Tony Miller (center). Photo by Sandy Rangila