

Mini Pow-Wow Attracts Maxi Crowd



Thanksgiving weekend found the Longhouse in Warm Springs alive with festivities as visitors from several western states and Canada joined in Wide Spot's three-day Mini Pow-wow.

It was a well-attended af-

fair with both dance floor and bleachers filled. Although dancing contests for all ages were the main event, other activities held the crowd's interest.

The Princess and Brave of the Pow-wow were selected Thursday evening. They were

Annette Jim and Aaron Smith both from Warm Springs. Selection was based on raffle

ticket sales which were the key source of funds for the pow-wow.

Annette and her court received beaded hats and embroidered shawls. Aaron and the other boys were given leggings, shirts and a percent-

age of their sales. In addition, Aaron will receive a blanket.

Giveaways were held Thursday and Friday nights for the new joiners, who were: Rowena, Macky and Anson Begay, Conrad Queahpama, Jo-

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Affiliated Tribes Meet In Portland

Education was a prime concern at a meeting of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians in Portland, December 6, 7, and 8 where 26 tribes from Oregon, Washington and Idaho were represented.

Dr. William Demmert, the new Director of Indian Education Programs (BIA) in Washington, D.C. was present to discuss Indian Education program proposals and to field

questions from delegates and participating representatives.

Reorganization of the office of Indian Education Programs was approved by the Department on July 13th of this year so Dr. Demmert attempted to clarify the status of the office and the effect these changes will have on the Indian Education Resources Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The process of implemen-

tation is well along at this time with the official changeover expected to occur sometime in January of 1977. According to Dr. Demmert, the reorganization attempts to address ac-

countability within the department.

He talked about a thrust that would turn authority and responsibility over to local communities to address the problem of accountability. He reasoned that if no one is assigned authority and responsibility, then it's nearly impossible to hold anyone accountable for action or inaction.

Dr. Demmert stressed that he plans to encourage proposals and programs to be developed locally — not on a nation-wide level. He feels that when local communities are not involved that this is where suspicion is bred.

He expressed a desire for meaningful communication with the people. Regarding a "Position Paper" presented to him by the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, he said that anyone in a leadership role needs to have this kind of communication with the people.

Though education seemed the most controversial of the items on the agenda, other

topics over the 3 day period included discussion of possible candidates for key positions in the Carter administration, a report from the American Indian Policy Review Commission, and a STOWW meeting.

Other agenda items were the administrative enforcement and economic effects of Tribal taxes, and Indian health care.

Those present from Warm Springs included: Olney Patt, Sr., Amos Simtustus, Nelson Wallulatum, Nick and Viola Kalama, Rita Squiemphen, Wilbur Johnson, Orin Johnson, Roger Suppah, Charles "Jody"

Calica, Marlin Reimer, Mike Clements, Satch Miller, Delbert Frank, Radine Calica, Juanita Bourland, and the Spilyay Tymoo staff.



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Mill Burglarized

Cigar smoking burglars jimmied the windows in back of the mill offices over the weekend of December 4 and 5 taking two calculators and badly damaging a coke machine located in the office.

According to Ray Scott who investigated the break-in, no suspects are in custody yet as the evidence is still being examined.

Apparently the thieves broke into the back of the mill offices to gain entry and decided to take Ted Saunders's huge chair. His old chair was reportedly unfit to sit in and he had waited about two and a half months for this new one.

After (somehow) getting the enormous chair out of the office, the burglars allegedly smashed up a coke machine

rendering great damage - but didn't take any of the money from it. They did, however, abscond with all the pop change on everybody's desks, according to sources.

At one point during the robbery, the burglars entered Hank Palmer's office where they reportedly stole some cigars from his desk and a calculator. Apparently, they smoked the cigars while they went about their deeds and left the butts sitting on the desks before departing.

Ray Scott said that tennis shoe tracks were discovered outside the windows at the rear of the mill office and they were dutifully measured and photographed. At press time no more details were available and the investigation was still in process.

Bath House Gets Attention

During the last Kah-Nee-Ta monthly report presented to the Tribal Council, the condition of the Kah-Nee-Ta Bathhouse for tribal members was brought up.

The report indicated that this tribal facility should be improved and enlarged. It was reported that unsanitary conditions exist because water does not flow into the baths quickly enough.

According to Ed Manion,

enterprise manager, a study is being made to determine what the needs are. After completion of the study, a proposal of the needed changes and modifications will be presented for Council approval.

The proposal will be presented to the Council within the next month or two, probably toward the end of January or the first part of February. "Then it will be up to the Tribal Council," he said.