

Lodge hit with power outage

The power was out for about 30 hours at Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge after a transformer blew up last Wednesday, January 12th. Only the lodge area itself was affected and not the two wings where the guest rooms are located. The incident oc-

cured at 1 p.m. Wednesday, and power was restored by 8 p.m. on Thursday.

"It's just one of those things that could've happened to anyone," said Art Thompson of Wasco Electric. He could not pinpoint any reason for the

blow up, and Bill Bennett of Kah-Nee-Ta maintenance said that G.E. in Portland is looking the transformer over to determine if it is faulty.

Quite a drama unfolded after the transformer blew up. Following a number of hectic

phone calls, a suitable transformer was located in Umatilla, though the truck to transport it had to come from Hermiston.

Due to the extremely icy and hazardous road conditions, the truck carrying the trans-

former had to pull over at Biggs Junction at 4 a.m. Thursday and wait for sanding crews before proceeding. The truck driver finally made it to Kah-Nee-Ta shortly after noon that day.

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REMEMBER THAT COLD, icy weather? Isaac Williams took advantage of freezing temperatures and spent an afternoon risking life and limb on an icy patch outside the newspaper office.

(Photo by Cynthia Stowell)



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Indian Hand Crafts

We are going to start buying locally made beadwork for resale at the tribal information center and gift shop, said Dave Jordan. "We will need necklaces, billfolds, pins, small coin purses, hair ties,

key chains, etc.

Items are to be brought to the Warm Springs utility office building on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. See Dave Jordan.

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Title IV-A Parent Committee Elected

The new Parent Committee, required under Part A of the Indian Education Act and elected at a public hearing on January 18, will face a cut budget for the coming school year. Ten parents, five teachers and one student will be planning and approving programs using Title IV-A monies which have been reduced from \$87,000 to \$60,000.

The budget has yet to be approved, as discussion and voting was postponed until the

results of a recent Title IV-A evaluation are available. A public meeting of the new committee will be held Wednesday January 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Part A of the federal Indian Education Act passed in 1972 provides for special educational programs for Indian students in public school districts. Currently Title IV-A funds are paying for three counselors, one community liaison, and 3300 hours of tutoring for remedial and advanced students, as well as evaluation and consultation.

An example of the use of Title IV-A funds is the team tutor program at Warm Springs grade school. With the help of Title IV tutor, a group of fifth graders is producing a bi-weekly newspaper and sixth graders are putting together illustrated legends in filmstrip or slide form for the use of the school.

It remains to be seen how the reduced funds will be spent, but it has been recommended that the salaries of two of the counselors be picked up by the 509-J budget.

Along with budget requests and the mid-year financial report, the new Parent Committee's first task will be needs assessment, a district-wide picture of the educational needs of Indian students that is presently being assembled for an early February budget package.

Other responsibilities of the

Parent Committee as outlined under Part A, include the prioritizing of needs, the preparation of project goals, plans and evaluation, the application to the Office of Indian Education for project funds, and the actual evaluation of on-going projects.

Evaluation is done both by an outside Title IV-A evaluator and at the local level. A parent opinion survey recently sent out by the district is soliciting input from parents of Indian students regarding the counseling, liaison and tutoring programs under Title IV-A.

The new committee, nominated and elected by people from the community and district, is composed of 16 members. The parents, who by law had to comprise at least half of the committee, are: Geneva Smith, Pat Sanders, Ellen Heath, Verbena Greene, Viola Kalama, Lizzie Rhoan, Jim Foltz, Nola Adams, Gwen Leonard and Bernice Mitchell.

Teachers on the Committee are Tom Dyer (Simnasho), Dawn Squiemphen and Harry Phillips (Warm Springs), Small-Fire Hawk (Madras) and Rev. Cal Chinn. One Secondary student was elected and that was Rick Graybael.

A couple of issues raised by past-Chairperson Kathleen Foltz which may be addressed by the new committee are possible trends toward programs geared for socio-emotional as well as academic development, and the introduction of a com-

munity-based social worker position.

Other issues emerging from recent meetings to be faced by the Parent Committee are the acute problems of seniors who are lacking credits to graduate, determination of the ideal and actual role of counselors and liaisons providing input into the formulation of the Tribal Education Ordinance, effective cooperation and communication with the community and 509-J, the possible merging of all Federal Indian education programs into one entitlement, and the need

for more tutor hours.

A parent committee cannot effectively fulfill its role of recommending and monitoring Title IV-A projects without community input. Cultural, language, self-identification and guidance needs of Indian students cannot be determined without help from parents and teachers of these children.

The public is encouraged to attend the next committee meeting January 26 where the budget will be discussed and officers elected for the 1977-78 Parent Committee.

PUBLIC HEARING

Re: Shopping Center Location

The Tribal Council has called a public meeting regarding site selection for the proposed Warm Springs shopping center. The public meeting slated for Monday, January 24, was set up during the Council's December 13th meeting.

The meeting is set for 7 p.m. at the Agency Longhouse with supper at 6 p.m.

Both the Tribal Council and the Land Use Planning Committee wish to gain the input of tribal members on this important matter, as the location of the shopping center will greatly affect it's success, according to a market and feasibility study conducted for the tribes.

School Calendar

JANUARY

- 21 End of second nine weeks
Teacher workday - no school
- 22 High School Indian students visit eastern Oregon State College
- 26 Report cards issued

FEBRUARY

- 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16 Warm Springs sixth graders visit junior high
- 3-5 Junior High Indian students visit Portland high school, Urban Indian Center Programs and Bassitt Institute.
Sign up at counselor's office.
- 7 No school (Presidents Day)
- 8 Red Earth performing arts company presents "The Sly Old Bag" (High School)

- 18 Teacher Inservice, students dismissed 2-½ hours early

MARCH

- 14 Spring vacation begins
- 21 School resumes