

Editorial

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(The way it is)

Legislative Report

by Senator Ken Jernstedt, district 28

The possibility of an energy crisis looms large on our horizon and this month I attended a meeting addressed by the Director of the Northwest Power Council. This is a group named by the Governors of Oregon, Washington and Idaho to study this area's power needs and production facilities. It is charged with the responsibility of making forecasts to the year 2000 regarding power. The nation is fast reaching the point in time when the usual power sources: fossil fuel, nuclear power and hydroelectric

power, will not suffice, and so this group is also charged with the responsibility of evaluating "exotic" power sources not currently in widespread use.

The following night the Council made a presentation to the Environment and Energy Committee, of which I am a member. Among the bad news are the facts that most energy decisions will not be made on the local level, but will come from places like Washington, D.C. and Arabia; and that we will have to do a lot more than just conserve energy if we are to maintain or improve our present standards of living. Among the good news was the statement that the Pacific Northwest has a good potential of "Exotic" sources: geothermal energy is viable here; scrap wood could furnish 27 percent of the energy required; and wind as a source would work better here than in any other part of the United States. The best news of all, although perhaps for only the immediate future, is that residents of the Pacific Northwest pay one-half the average national rate for electricity and use twice as much as the average American.

The pace in the Senate picks up each week, and we have already begun to have evening meetings of the Environment and Energy Committee, which has an increasingly heavier load of vital energy and environment bills to consider.

To the Editor:

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The facts and figures speak for themselves. I rest my case.

Olney Patt, Jr.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I appreciate getting a copy of the newspaper, Spilyay Ty-moo.

Previous to a month or so ago I had not seen the paper. I commend the fine job of reporting the news at Warm Springs.

I find it a great advantage to read the paper and to know what is happening.

Sincerely,
Dr. Frederick H. Boyle,
President
Central Oregon Community College

Effective January 1, 1977, Tribal employees and their families are entitled to expanded insurance benefits, according to Jeannine (Slagle) Paye, new Assistant Personnel Manager. The Confederated Tribes have added dental and vision care coverage as well as increased maternity, life and medical benefits through Washington National Insurance Company.

With funds leftover from two successful years of operation of the Tribes' self-insured program, the Tribes have invested in additional benefits, which for the insured individual will involve no extra payment. However, the Tribes could not afford to purchase dental coverage for dependents, so employees with families have been asked to pay \$6.50 per month to cover all their dependents.

Dental: The insured will pay 50 percent of his/her dental bills and Washington National will pick up the other 50 percent. Maximum benefits to be paid by Washington National for the first year will be \$250, increasing to \$500 for each following year. Annually the insured will pay a deduct-

able of \$25. The twelve-month period begins at the time of the first dental work.

As an example, if a dental bill comes to \$150, the insured will pay a \$25 deductible (on the first bill only) and Washington National and the insured will each pay half the balance, or \$62.50. Every bill after that would be divided equally between the insured and Washington National until the insurance company had paid its maximum benefits of \$250. Not covered by this dental insurance are orthodontia, the replacement of lost or stolen dentures and the use of gold crowns except when other crown materials won't work. All other services, such as regular visits, X-rays, fillings, root canals, bridges and cleaning, are payable.

Employees with dependents are reminded to notify the Payroll Department if they intend to provide their families with dental coverage so that the \$6.50 can be deducted from their paychecks.

Vision care: Washington National will pay 80 percent of covered expenses to a maximum of \$25 and limited to one eye exam per year, plus the

following services at 100 percent but not greater than the amounts shown:

\$7.50 per single lens
\$12.50 per bifocle lens
\$15.00 per trifocle lens
\$25.00 per lenticular lens
\$50.00 per contact lens
\$10.00 per pair of frames
\$15.00 per eye exam with refraction

Other benefits: Due to rising costs, maternity benefits have doubled. Life insurance and major medical benefits have also increased.

There has been a reduction of the co-insurance limit on major medical expenses. This means that Washington National will pay 90 percent of eligible expenses up to \$5,000, after which they will pay 100 percent. Since the limit was formerly set at \$20,000, this lowers dramatically the maximum amount payable by the insured—from \$2,000 to \$500.

Any questions about the increased insurance benefits offered by the Confederated Tribes can be directed to Donna Behrend, the Insurance Claims Clerk, at 553-1161, ext. 75.

Symposium Announced

The Division of Social Science, NEOSU, would like to request your assistance in announcing our forthcoming Symposium on the American Indian. This program, is scheduled for April 14-15, 1977, will consist of a series of lectures and discussions dealing with the topic "The American Indian: Contributions and Concerns."

The 1977 Symposium will be the fifth such program the University has sponsored. Although details of the 1977 program are not yet available, you may be assured that we plan a quality program. Scheduled during NEOSU's Indian Heritage Week, other activities will include displays of Indian art, arts and crafts, and Indian

dancing.

Our program is open to the public without charge except for optional meals and/or housing. The program is made possible by a grant from the Oklahoma Humanities Committee and the National Endow-

ment for the Humanities.

Program and reservation information may be obtained from Billy Joe Davis, Director, Symposium on the American Indian, Division of Social Sciences, Northeastern Oklahoma State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74464.

Everything you wanted to know about government jobs

INTERESTED in a government job and wondering about what has to be done to get hired?

CURIOUS about government benefits?

WONDERING how government civil service is different from Bureau of Indian Affairs employment?

UNSURE about what Federal Register is and how it affects your hiring?

DOUBTFUL as to how to prepare for clerk-typist and other government jobs?

CONFUSED about how to fill out SF 171 Government Employment Application forms?

All these and many other concerns will be addressed at this Government Workshop. Examples of Civil Service in-

formation about becoming a clerk-Typist or Secretary with Register. Two representatives will be covered. This Workshop will give helpful information in areas that will help you get a high score for the Federal Register. Two representatives will be here to conduct this class at the CETA Training Room in the Old Girls Building. Also two representatives from the Warm Springs B.I.A. Office, will be on hand to answer all questions about Government jobs.

ANYONE INTERESTED MAY ATTEND.

DATE: February 25, 1977
TIME: 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: CETA Training Room in the Old Girls Building.

DMV Mobile Office comes to Warm Springs

That trip to Bend or Madras for a driver's license is a thing of the past, now that the Motor Vehicles Division van has schedule a regular run to Warm Springs.

Tuesday is its visiting day and it can be found parked in front of the Police Department from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The van will be in town February 22 and March 1, 15, 22 and 29.

Written tests for Oregon

driver's licenses can be taken in the mobile office and photo licenses can be issued. Other services provided are vehicle registration, license renewal and driving permits.

Anyone interested in taking advantage of this convenience is urged to arrive at the van at least 45 minutes before closing time so that sufficient time is allowed to complete whatever procedures are desired.

Tribal Council Agenda

Feb. 1 - Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

1. Continuation of Policy Manual Review
2. Review General Councils
3. Set District Meeting or General Council Dates

3. Joint meeting - T-C and WSFPI Board

Feb. 8 - Joint Meeting - Tribal Council-WSFPI Board, 9:00 a.m., Kah-Nee-Ta

1. Prepare for General Council

Feb. 2-3 - Tribal Council Meeting, Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge, 10:00 a.m.

1. Follow-up meeting with management team

Feb. 7 - Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

1. Review Apartment House Bids

2. 12:00 Noon - Lunch with WSFPI Board, Juniper Room, Kah-Nee-Ta

GENERAL COUNCIL

7:00 p.m.

AGENCY LONGHOUSE WARM Springs

AGENDA:

Annual Report, WSFPI

Feb. 14 - Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

1. Realty

2. 2:00 p.m. - Enrollments

Feb. 15 - Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

1. Review Joint Meeting - T-C and Management - held Feb. 2-3

2. 2:00 p.m. - Tom Curran, EDA

Feb. 21 - HOLIDAY

Feb. 22 - Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

1. Permanent appointment - Hamilton Greeley

2. Committee appointments: Land Purchase Committee (Tentative) Credit Committee (Karen Wallulatum-Grant Wahene) Museum Board (Nelson Wallulatum-Sam Johnson)

3. Proposed Adoption Ordinance-Law and Order Committee.

4. Governors' Resolution - Request from Columbia River Basin Fisheries Alliance.

5. Request from Kah-Nee-Ta re "A Brief Look at the Warm Springs Indian Reservation"

Feb. 23-25 - TIMBER SYMPOSIUM, Seattle

Feb. 24 - ADOPTION REFERENDUM - Teen Center.

Feb. 28 - Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

1. Monthly Report - Kah-Nee-Ta.

2. 2:00 p.m. - Management Reports

Note: Mr. Panner is still trying to arrange a meeting with Wes Rickard, Angelo Iadarola and Paul Sanders w-Council; the date and time will be announced as soon as it is confirmed.