

TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

AGENCY DISTRICT	SIMNASHO DISTRICT
ZANE JACKSON	LARRY CALICA
EUGENE GREENE	JACOB FRANK
RITA SQUIEMPHEN	DELBERT FRANK
SEEKSEEQUA DISTRICT	
ELMER QUINN	

A tie (ORIN JOHNSON
KAREN WALLULATUM)

A special election will be held on April 18.

★ From Front Page-Journalists

Robert Johnson promoted the idea of group advertising as a way of attracting potential national advertisers to previously unacknowledged Indian media. Beefing up advertising sales programs would enable Indian newspapers to be independent of tribal or government subsidies, said Johnson.

A directory of Indian newspapers of the northwest, showing rates and other technical data, is beginning to be assembled as a result of this meeting, and when completed it will be sent to potential advertisers. Johnson saw this as an opportunity to generate significant cash flow for production purposes as well as to present the Indian media as viable and

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creative in its field.

The steering committee will spend the next 60-90 days drawing up by-laws for the proposed Northwest Indian Press Association, after which time another meeting will be held, possible at Kah-Nee-Ta.

Members of the committee are as follows:

Coordinator: Sid Miller (Spilyay Tymoo)

News Network: Richard LaCourse (Yakima Nation Review); Charlene Gottfriedson (Tribal Tribune — Colville); Andy de Los Angeles (Northwest Indian News); Deanna Hansell (Confederated Umatilla Journal); Si Whiteman (From Where the Sun Now Stands — Nez Perce).

Advertising: Patricia Greene (Makah Viewer); Bob Johnson (The Indian Voice); Edythe Wildshoe (Northwest Indian News); La Lori Jackson (Confederated Umatilla Journal).

By-Laws: Sherry Smith (Squaxin Island).

Heath heads CETA program

Benson Heath is back in town and not only has he become active politically but he has taken over the administering of the CETA program. As the new Assistant CETA Director, Benson replaces Ron Hudson who resigned as of March 31.

When Spilyay spoke with Benson during his first week he commented, "I've been familiarizing myself with Federal rules and regulations and meeting people that I'll be affiliated with during my employment."

CETA is a federal employment training program that matches people with jobs

throughout the community. Although managing finances is a familiar business to him, Benson is finding the slim CETA budget a challenge to work with.

Benson graduated from Oregon State University at La Grande in 1976 with a B.S. in General Studies. For the last couple of summers he has administered the summer youth programs on the Umatilla Reservation.

Benson is living with his mother Lillie Heath near Kah-Nee-Ta and is overseeing a small cattle business on the side.

Double checking is important

THERE WAS THIS DELEGATION en route to a very important meeting, all the arrangements were made and everything was set. They made their flight on time and they were on their way into the wild blue yonder. Everything seemed to be in order until they landed at the end of their destination.

It appeared as though there was a jinx spell placed over them since they landed there. First they couldn't find the baggage claim counter and after they did find their baggage, they proceed to the courtesy phone and call the hotel only to find out that there was no reservations for them at the hotel. In a state of shock and bewilderment they started to wonder if they had the right schedule and after a time started wondering if they were in the right city and all sorts

of other thoughts ran through their minds. They called other hotels to see if there were reservations there, to no avail.

Their next thought was to try and find rooms for the night. So they started from the top of the list and called one hotel to the other only to find that there was no vacancy at any one of them. Finally, they found a motel with shuttle bus service which must have been a mile or so from the meeting area. Well, it looked as though all the problems were solved as things did go well all day in their conference, but as flight departure time approached, they gathered their baggage and went to the airport to have their tickets validated only to find that the flight they were scheduled on was in no existence anymore. Their next

move was to check with another airline in which the best they could do at the time was to be placed on the stand-by list. Well, while waiting for the next flight thoughts ran through their minds such as, what's going to happen next? Will we make the flight? Fortunately, their names were called to board the plane as seats were being assigned.

Once off the ground things seemed to back to normal once again. When they landed in Portland there was a sigh of relief and a "Whew".

What problems some people have; it pays to check and double check all the details before taking a trip. It was learned that this was a challenging experience and will be remembered; like a trip to the twilight zone...

The Editor

Sahaptin language growing

Recent efforts of a "grass roots" group of Columbia River Indians indicate a growing interest in the preservation of the Sahaptin language. After a year of planning, the Sahaptin River Tribes Consortium is establishing itself as a non-profit corporation dedicated to restoring and maintaining their common language and culture. The Consortium is also optimistically looking into several funding alternatives.

At a two-day meeting on the Warm Springs Reservation

March 24-25, the Consortium drew up articles of incorporation and began preparing a grant proposal to be submitted to the National Endowment for the Humanities. Grant applications are currently being considered by the Campaign for Human Development and Ethnic Heritage Studies.

Sahaptin is the traditional language of five major tribes: Warm Springs, Yakima, Umatilla, Colville, and Nez Perce.

As the old people have died they have taken their language with them and isolated attempts have been made by the various tribes to save their dialects.

The Sahaptin River Tribes Consortium grew out of the realization that the common language and culture of the five tribes would best be served through the combined efforts of all.

Development of a common alphabet and the creation of teaching materials that can be shared and adapted to local dialects are prime objectives of the group.

According to Lilly Sahme and Nathan Jim, both active participants in the Consortium, training more teachers is a high priority. Warm Springs is offering two classes of Sahaptin this spring through C.O.C.C. to be taught by Millie Colwash, who has been teaching Sahaptin at the grade school for five years. One class is for beginners and the other is for those who can already speak the language. Millie is one of a very few qualified teachers of Sahaptin on the reservation and it is hoped that her advanced class will create several more teachers.

Recognizing that language and culture are interwoven, the Sahaptin River Tribes Consortium is looking ahead to projects beyond pure language development. A long range goal is the founding of a Sahaptin Orientation Institute to serve as a resource center for anyone seeking materials or information relating to the River Tribes culture.

In the meantime, the Consortium is planning a 3-4 day encampment this summer for Sahaptin peoples. Language lessons and the sharing of crafts, storytelling, history and recreation will encourage members of the tribes to become aware of their common culture. Watch Spilyay for further details.

Tacoma youth group to service community

It might look a bit like a beaver colony around the Presbyterian Church during Easter week. A group of 65 teenagers and their ten adult chaperones from the Little Church on the Prairie in Tacoma, Washington will be busying themselves as volunteer laborers, entertainers and youth leaders for the benefit of the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church and the whole community.

The youth group's major work project will be to install a sprinkler system for the church. They will also reseal leaking basement walls and do odd jobs such as painting and repair work.

As if this wasn't ambitious enough, the youth will be providing an after school children's program each day, April 4-7. Designed for the first through sixth grades, the program will include recreation, refreshments, classes and other activities.


A truly talented group of young people, the Tacoma delegation features a thirty member Agape Choir which performs musical drama. While in

Warm Springs they will perform a contemporary religious musical entitled "Life" on three separate occasions. On Monday at 1:30 "Life" will be presented to the Grade School and at 8:00 on Tuesday evening it will be performed for the general public at the Community Center. A performance is also scheduled for the Mt. View Nursing Home on Wednesday afternoon.

The choir will also assist in the Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday services at the Presbyterian Church.

The efficient and energetic youth club bring their own food, prepare meals for themselves and supply any equipment needed for their work projects. They spend all year raising money through such events as bake sales, car washes, and dance marathons.

This is the fifth Mission Trip the Club has made. Last year they painted a church in Mill City, Oregon and the year before provided services in Lapwai, Idaho. They selected Warm Springs as this year's site after much careful consideration.



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