



With the new administrative center nearing completion, here unidentified carpenters assemble sections to be used in the new Tribal Council chambers.  
Photo by Sandy Rangila

## From: Congressman Al Ullman

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Al Ullman urged passage of legislation Monday that would allow the federal government to take emergency measures against the drought in Western states.

"I believe that preventive assistance today will significantly reduce the amount of disaster relief required tomorrow," Ullman said.

In testimony submitted to the House Interior subcommittee on water and power resources, Ullman supported proposed emergency drought authority which would temporarily:

—Authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct

facilities for conservation or more efficient use of water supplies on federal reclamation projects;

—Authorize interest-free loans to irrigators outside federal reclamation projects to encourage water conservation and utilization programs;

—Authorize purchase of water supplies from willing sellers and redistribution to combat drought where it can have the greatest long-term impact—on perennial crops;

—Authorize payments to federal project landowners without water to carry out soil conservation measures to protect the land for future use and

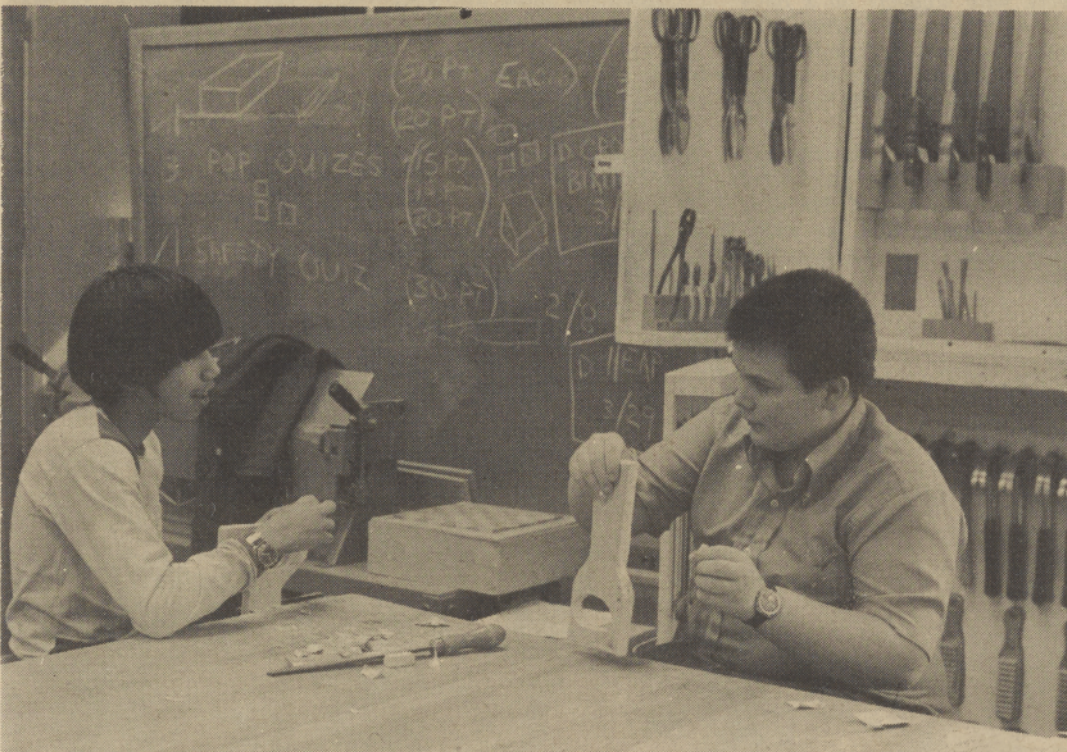
—Authorize the Secretary

of the Interior to defer without penalty the 1977 and 1978 installment payments due on federal reclamation projects.

Of the last provision, Ullman said, "I believe that this provision alone will allow many additional farmers to retain their holdings as they suffer through this year's extreme drought conditions.

"These actions are preventive in nature and must be authorized now while prevention remains a viable alternative," Ullman said.

A similar measure already has won unanimous approval in the Senate. The House subcommittee will hear more testimony on the measure Wednesday.



Rodney Guerin and Brian Philibert fashion wooden key holders in a Madras Junior High class on using household tools. Warm Springs Forest Products Industries donated two large sheets of plywood and pieces of pine board to the class. Teacher Stan Pine expects to use the donated wood for a sandal-making lesson, too.  
Photo by Stowell

## Tribal Council Agenda

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## Root feast rodeo set

THE WARM SPRINGS RODEO ASSOCIATION has picked April 9, 10, 1977, for the annual Root Feast Rodeo.

There will be the seven major events with added attraction.

The books will close Thursday, April 7, 1977, at mid-night.

Please mail entries with fees to: Evaline Patt, P.O. Box 27, Warm Springs, Oregon 97761. Wire entries through Western Union to Madras, Or.

Admission: adults \$2.00,

kids 12 and under \$1.00. All spectators will expect to pay admission.

## Film fest to feature 50's rodeo

Look for familiar faces in the film of a Warm Springs rodeo of the 1950's to be shown Thursday evening April 14 at the Adult Learning Center. This film, unearthed by the Extension Department, will be featured along with several other movies about local Indians at the Learning Center's second Film Festival.

Net making and fishing at Celilo will be the subject of

Return to the River, another film lined up for that evening. The People Are Dancing Again, about the Siletz Indians, and Little White Salmon Indian Settlement should also be of interest to many.

Feast your eyes on these films and more. And feast on the popcorn and other snacks that will be provided at the festival, scheduled for 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

## Driver still needed

Indian students who are eligible to attend the Opportunity School in Redmond are in need of transportation to and from the bus that leaves from Madras daily. Jefferson County School District 509-J will pay an adult driver \$9.00 per day for each student.

The driver must have a valid Oregon driver's license with a good driving record. He or she must provide a car and be covered by insurance.

If you are interested, call Alice Pelroy at 475-3893. A driver is needed as soon as possible.

## Root feasts

Some say the roots are in such bad shape that they might as well be dug now for an early Root Feast. Others say the roots are simply not ready yet.

But the Root Feasts have been set and people all over the reservation are making preparations.

The Agency Longhouse will have their feast April 3 and Simnasho will be celebrating April 10.

Prunie Williams and other Agency ladies have been out digging what there is and reportedly the roots are "terrible." Verbena Greene explained, "It's the moisture that makes them nice and big and juicy. They started coming out in January and they looked

real good, but now they're dried up and shriveled."

"We had to four-wheel out to the roots today," said Prunie on Thursday. They went to the Metolius Bench, an old digging site that hasn't been touched for years. "That's the only place we could find them," she said.

The Agency Feast is a bit earlier than usual but that may be an advantage. It doesn't fall on the same weekend as the rodeo and therefore might be a smaller more intimate affair, according to Prunie.

Simnasho ladies will go out to the flats next week to try their luck while the cold dry weather makes the fate of the roots uncertain.



The Piaksi and looksh may not look as good this spring as they did last year, but the Root Feasts are on and it's time to give thanks for the earth's growing things.