

Eggs Found At Kah-Nee-Ta

An informed source reported that a late night visitation of a rather large flock of unidentified birds resulted in the deposit of numerous eggs, some of which had a startling gold appearance, on the Kah-Nee-Ta grounds. Since it was Easter Sunday, the Kah-Nee-Ta management decided to take

advantage of the rare occurrence and stage an egg hunt.

There were six Golden Egg winners: Larry Miller, 8 years old, Aloha, Oregon; Douglas Larker, 9, Eugene; Christopher Vitron, 8, The Dalles; Kimberly Vitron, 11, The Dalles; Kara Goode, 10, Lake Oswego. The sixth winner left before his/her

name could be recorded.

But several witnesses said they saw a "funny-looking kid" with a beak-like nose and feathered clothing who snatched up a particularly shiny egg, exclaimed "Junior!" and flew off down the Warm Springs River.

Kah-Nee-Ta management was unavailable for comment.

Tribal Council Now Complete

The Tribal Council is composed of eleven members selected from the three districts which include Simnasho District, having three elected members and the recognized

Chief from that district. The Agency District, three elected members, one of whom shall represent the Sidwalter Flat area along with the recognized Chief: The Seeksee-

qua District, two elected members and the recognized Chief.

Each member elected to the Tribal Council shall serve a term of three years except for the three Chiefs who are in council for life.

Elections for Council are set by the present Tribal Councilmen at a period of 30 days in advance of the expiration of their term of office.

The Tribal Council shall select from its membership, a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and also other officers and Committees.

From the election held on March 31, 1977, there was a complete turn over from the Simnasho District. The new electees are Larry Calica, Jacob Frank and Delbert Frank. From the Agency District two out of three were re-elected, they were Zane Jackson, Rita Squiemphen and the new member was Eugene Greene. In the Seekseequa District, Elmer Quinn was re-elected. For the other position there was a tie between Karen Wallulatum and Orin Johnson. April 18th was set for that District to vote for one of the two, with the results Karen Wallulatum was the winner.

The New Council will take office on May 1st. The duties will be challenging and strenuous but with the people's confidence and encouragement things should work out.

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agement.

Much of Smith's testimony was based on recent reports by the General Accounting Office on management of Indian resources, the BIA on its forestry staffing, and the American Indian Policy Review Commission on reservation development. All have pointed to critical needs that have arisen in Indian forest management.

On this reservation - the third most heavily timbered Indian reservation - there exist backlogs in thinning and reforestation that, according to Smith, would require millions of dollars for catching-up. Cornett points out that the 10 percent administrative fee on all timber sold is deposited in the U.S. Treasury, but has been available to the Tribes since 1973 on a reimbursement basis for money the Tribes have spent on forest management activities. However the reduced forestry staff is finding it difficult to accomplish the lay-out work for these projects, says Cornett.

On February 28 the Portland Area Office received a new ceiling on personnel that froze the positions as they numbered that day, despite 50 vacancies, and allowed the filling of only 3 of every 4 future vacancies. Cornett is attempting to fill some critical positions on a furlough, or temporary, basis, although he admits that this is not conducive to getting and keeping good staff.

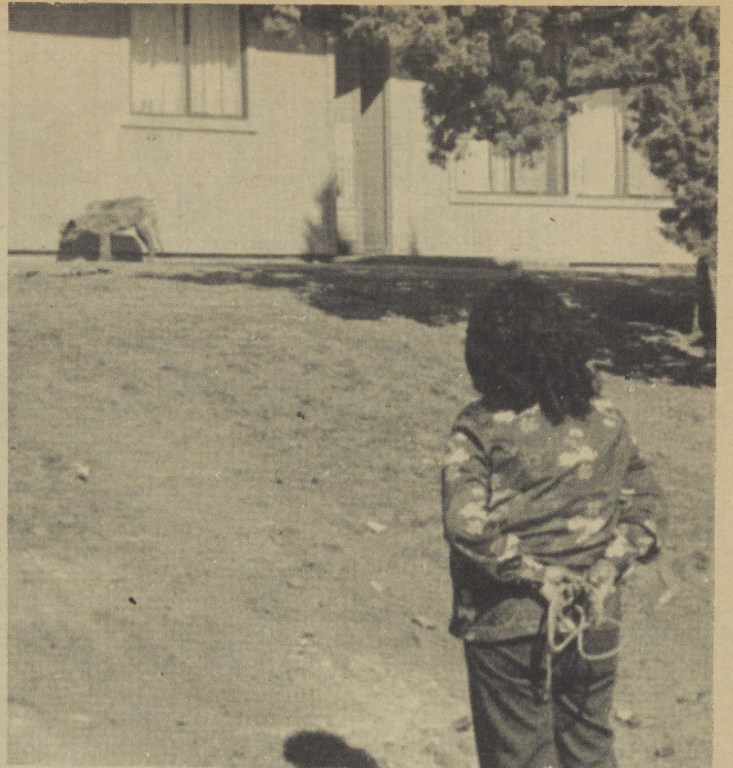
Another staffing problem recognized by both Smith and Cornett has been created by

the well-intended Indian preference policy. High turnover, low morale and a less experienced staff have resulted from the reduced opportunities and benefits to non-Indians. This may be a dilemma until enough Indians have received the training necessary to carry the forestry program.

With such staffing difficulties, which result in a program that must operate with far fewer positions than U.S. Forest Service and BLM programs in equivalent forest stands, it is getting harder and harder to meet the reservation's annual allowable cut of 81 million board feet, as well as other management activities, says Cornett. Smith suggested that Warm Springs may not have even met its annual cut over the last five years.

Doug McClelland has indicated that damages already incurred may compel the Tribes to seek restorative action. "We are pursuing the feasibility of bringing suit against the U.S. Government for mismanagement of our timber resource," McClelland said this week. A recommendation to the Tribal Council will be forthcoming, he added.

The BIA claims to have been seeking money and staff for years to no avail. The Tribes are now rallying in support of these requests, while also raising some serious questions about violation of the government's trust responsibility for Indian forests.



Tenant Manager Neda Greene stalks the famed "hairless dog" in an effort to rid West Hills of a neighborhood nuisance. Sandy Rangila Photo

Calica Appointed To Advocates Board

The Tribes' Education Director Charles "Jody" Calica was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the Advocates for Indian Education. The Advocates are the educational arm of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians.

Jody's name was submitted to the existing board by the local Tribal Council and he was selected to serve a three year term.

Reorganization will be a primary task of the board of directors, according to Jody. The new member expects to help in "analyzing past activi-

ties and setting new directions" for the Advocates.

The Advocates for Indian Education work in the four northwest states to assist Native Americans in their educational needs. Based in Spokane, they provide written and audiovisual materials on request, hold training and curriculum development workshops, and offer consulting and research services to a variety of educational groups and committees. Recently the Advocates helped coordinate the American Indian Policy Review Commission's nationwide hearings.

Warm Springs Waiting To Take A Look At Itself

Cameras were busy on the reservation during 1976 and it will be well into 1977 before residents have the opportunity to look at themselves through another's eyes.

National Geographic is planning on an October publication of its article about the Warm Springs Reservation. Writer and photographer Dave Boyer worked up galley proofs of the article with Ken Smith and Doug McClelland while they were in D.C. recently, and promised to the Tribes several one foot by six feet blow-ups of photographs he took while here last spring and summer.

Fantasy Films reports that the feature film "The Warriors", shot in part on the reservation last summer, is presently having its soundtrack mixed in Berkeley, California. They are hoping for an autumn release of the film, according to Fantasy spokesman Lenny Lipton.

The picture editing for the film has been completed, but some of the musical score is yet to be written. A group of

school children were given a preview screening of the film in its early stages of editing, and according to Lipton "they responded very well and got very involved in it" even without the sound.

It is not certain yet what viewing arrangements will be made with Warm Springs when the film is finally released.

The "Simnasho Saga" has been concluded with the removal of the film set, junked cars and all. Fantasy Films agreed to pay for the clean-up which was carried out by the Tribes. Simnasho residents will have to find other entertainment now that tourists are no longer stopping at the "General Store" for gas!

Water Board Meeting


The Water Board held their regular meeting on the night of April 26th, to discuss various issues now pending before the Committee.

The water situation here on the reservation is at an all time low mark and measures must be made to maintain a minimum flow of all our streams.

It was reported that a 10,000 gallon storage water tank has been installed on the South end of the reservation. The completion date of this

project has been just recently.

The tank will furnish water for the livestock in that area, and also for emergency use for fire protection as the tank is set up where it can handle water tank trucks. Other uses for the water tank are still under study. Other water matters here on the reservation were discussed such as irrigation and the condition the water is in, in other parts of the reservation. Another meeting is scheduled for the evening of May 2, 1977, which should be very important.



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