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Aurolyn Stwyer (Miss W.S.) graced the ceremonies dedicating the new Tribal Center June 28. She performed the Lords Prayer in sign language as Andy Lucas sang the words.

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Tradition Marks Dedication Ceremony

The temperature climbed into the 90's as tribal religious leaders opened the dedication ceremonies at the new tribal administration building Tuesday, June 28.

The formal blessing of the Center included a symbolic circling of the building by tribal elders who sang and prayed that all work done inside the building would be of benefit to the people.

Though a brisk westerly wind played havoc with hair-do's, speakers' notes, and flag stands, most agreed that without it the heat would have made the outdoor ceremony almost unbearable.

And most of the approximately 400 who attended the dedication said they were glad the ceremonies were performed with tradition in mind rather than in the usual modern manner.

Ken Smith, General Manager of the Confederated Tribes, extended a welcome to everyone and introduced some of the special guests who were present for the dedication.

He explained that construction of the \$1.3 million, 28,000-square-foot building began in

May 1976 and was completed a year later. "Because the tribal organization has grown so rapidly," said Smith, "the new building will help centralize offices and departments which were previously spread throughout the Agency area."

Keynote speaker Doyce "Spec" Waldrip, Bureau of Indian Affairs assistant Portland area director, and former Warm Springs superintendent, spoke of "bench marks" in the history and progress of the Confederated Tribes at Warm Springs.

The honor of cutting the ribbon went to Edith Danzuka who has been with the Tribes for 38 years, longer than any other employee. She invited those in attendance to wander through and take a look around "our modern wig wam."

After the dedication ceremonies, a buffet luncheon catered by Kah-Nee-Ta was served, then visitors and tribal members toured the new facilities.

The building is a one-story split-level wooden structure designed by Zimmer, Gunsul, Frasca Partnership of Portland, and was financed through a low interest loan from Farmer's Home Administration.

Council Calls Referendum

Simnasho-Schoolie Water

The Tribal Council has called for a referendum vote, tentatively set for August 9, to determine if the Tribes want to spend \$360,000 for a Simnasho-Schoolie Flat domestic water system.

EDA (Economic Development Administration) will make available matching funds but wants to make sure the Confederated Tribes are willing to put up their 50 percent before obligating any money for the project.

The EDA money which will be made available is only for drought-affected water systems. EDA okayed the money on the basis of the existing need for domestic water at Simnasho-Schoolie at this time.

The project would include installing two 150,000 gallon reservoirs and piping water up from Beaver Creek. Both Simnasho and Schoolie Flat would be tied into the system and be

served by the same source.

The new system, if approved by the voters, will be able to supply enough water to serve well over a hundred homes. The total cost of the

project is estimated to run \$720,000.

Further announcements regarding the referendum will appear in the next issue of Spilyay Tymoo.

Salmon Bake Open to All

by Roger Stwyer

A traditional salmon bake is scheduled for Sunday, July 10, at the Indian Reserve Park in Cascade Locks, Oregon. For those who don't know the way down, it is right on Freeway 80N, 20 miles west of Hood River.

The day will start off with early morning Washat services conducted by Matilda Mitchell and Amos Simtustus. The entire day will be set aside for prayer and thanksgiving for the traditionally prepared salmon.

There is no charge for the dinner which is sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Last year, an estimated 1,100 people were in attendance. It isn't certain how many will be present this year, but according to a spokesman for the salmon bake, they are well prepared for any amount of people.

The salmon will be provided by and prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Greene and crew.