

Editorial E COOSH EEWA: (The way it is)



From The BIA Safety Committee. . .

New Laws Drivers Need To Know

Effective October 4, 1977, the 1977 Oregon Legislature changed several laws explained in the 1976-77 edition of the Oregon Driver's Manual.

Until a new edition of the Manual is published, the following summarizes some of the more important changes. You may note the changes by referring to the page number and the

paragraph heading in the manual.

Page 15 . . . HABITUAL OFFENDERS: Attempting to elude a police officer has been added to the types of major convictions that may cause a driver to be classed as a habitual offender.

Driving while revoked as an habitual offender is now a Class C felony and may result in both

a fine and a penitentiary sentence.

Page 17 . . . REINSTATEMENTS: The fee for reinstatement of a suspended driver's license has been increased from \$8 to \$25.

Page 31 . . . PASSING ON THE RIGHT: The law was amended to prohibit passing on the right if, in doing so, the driver drives or has any part of the vehicle off the paved part of the highway.

Page 33 . . . LEFT TURNS: If a special lane has been signed or marked for drivers waiting to make or making a left turn, do not make this turn from any other lane.

Page 35 . . . NO "U" TURNS: U turns are still prohibited at all locations listed in the Manual except that a U-turn may be made at an intersection controlled by a traffic light if a sign has been posted permitting such a turn.

Page 38 . . . STANDING OR PARKING: The law has been changed to prohibit standing or parking within 50 feet of a traffic control device located at the side of the ONLY if by standing or parking in that location the view of the sign or signal would be obstructed.

Page 41 . . . UNLAWFUL OPERATION: The law was amended to also provide that an owner, lessor or lessee or an employer must not knowingly require or permit operation of a vehicle in violation of the rules of the road, equipment requirements, driver license laws, or laws governing registration or weight of motor vehicles.

Page 47 . . . HITCHHIKERS: Hitchhikers are not permitted to be on the road itself, either standing, sitting or reclining. You may still hitchhike from the highway shoulder as far as possible from the road's edge.

Page 68 . . . INSURANCE COVERAGE: The period for which a financial responsibility filing must be maintained with the Motor Vehicles Division has been reduced from five years to three years.

Page 70 . . . SIZE AND WEIGHT: Several changes were also made in size and weight provisions of the law. The maximum weight allowed is now 80,000 pounds. No single vehicle may exceed 40 feet in length and increase of five feet over the previous law. Drivers or owners of trucks or combinations of vehicles should check with Highway Division offices for further information or details on these changes.

Representatives of BIA and NOAA Added to Task Force on Salmon Fishing Controversy

The Departments of the Interior and Commerce announced on November 4 the addition of representatives of the Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to the federal task force working to attain a settlement of the salmon fishing controversy in Washington state.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs Forrest Gerard and Richard A. Frank, Administrator of NOAA, were added to the task force organized in April 1977 to seek to assure sound development of salmon fishing in the context of Indian treaty rights and the economic problems of non-Indian fishermen.

Attorney General Griffin Bell, Secretary of Commerce Juanita M. Kreps, and Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus head the task force.

In April, the Secretaries designated the following to serve as their representatives in Washington, D.C.: Peter Taft, Assistant Attorney General of the Department of Justice; Leo Krulitz, Solicitor of the Interior Department; Robert L. Herbst, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks; and Anne Wexler, Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce.

Gerard and Frank were added to this group to provide additional direct representation of Indian and fishery management concerns.

Discussions on a settlement of the fishing controversy have been conducted in the Northwest by a regional field team representing the task force.

Resignation submitted

Delford Johnson submitted his resignation from the Water Board Committee to best fulfill his obligation and duties toward his job. Johnson, a full-time diesel mechanic for W.S.F.P.I., feels that he is unable to devote sufficient time and attention toward the duties of the Water Board Committee.

Johnson also has equipment of his own which he must maintain on his own time. The Diesel mechanic job is fulltime and demanding which requires much time. At this time his letter of resignation is pending Council action.

Thank You

We want to thank all the many friends and relatives involved in the search Sunday and Monday. Tom Cat ran out of daylight looking for his brother, Wrong Way Smith, and spent the night in the woods.

A special thanks to Butterfly and Double Shot for keeping their CB ears on all night.

The Smiths
Slo Jo, Bone Rack and Last

THANK YOU
THANK YOU to all who helped my son, Alex LaMere, Jr., with his traveling expenses and gifts.

We are very PROUD of you SON, FELICIA, DEBBIE AND EDITH. We know you will do a great job with Wamus '77 and have a good time.

The Lepha Smith Family

To The Editor

Thanksgiving day, November 24, 1977, has a special effect on people all over the nation.

Little children and young people play a special role during this occasion which makes the atmosphere last days after. Families gather together, renew the friendships and really enjoy each others company. However,

a few individuals don't feel lucky and this is an open door for families to invite them regardless of the overwhelming amount of people. You see someone in need, meet it with caring, share your friendship and give thanks this special day. Don't let the feeling go away, keep it, share it and the people will really appreciate your kind-

Thanksgiving is every day of our lives and children are the best to be thankful for. So spend time with them, for this day can be remembered by you, your families, and friends.

Have a nice Thanksgiving with good spirit and happiness.

P.A.T.H.
Foster Care Staff

Asking the Right Questions

There are several theories adrift about why Tuesday night's General Council never really got off the ground. The Tribal Council, whose goal has been to improve communication with the people, is left to puzzle over the lack of response at the annual budget presentation.

Management has optimistically advanced the theory that with newspaper coverage and budget packets mailed out to all tribal members well in advance of the meeting, people were better informed this year than ever. Therefore, the questions were fewer.

The opposite could just as easily be true. Thick packets full of charts and figures are not easy to digest. Perhaps there were so few questions or challenges because people were not familiar enough with the details of the budget to even formulate the appropriate queries.

A tribal member at the meeting noted that even if she disagreed with the budget, "it wouldn't make any difference would it?" The 30-day period is past for challenging the proposed budget by petition. Besides, the member observed, recent history has shown that petitions can "hurt a lot of people" and she didn't want to be the one to head one up.

She was told that the Tribal Council could still make changes in the budget subject to popular referendum. This may appear to many as a bulky procedure, and as this woman pointed out, the potential for divisiveness is great. It is possible that many people feel discouraged in the face of what is practically a foregone conclusion.

A rather radical opinion offered has been that of the "pacifier principle." Have management and council been dangling a dividend and per capita increase before the people in

exchange for docility? One tribal member jokingly said that she had intended to offer criticism of management and the budget but since the bonus had been brought up she'd changed her mind and had nothing but praise for all concerned.

It would be difficult to measure any soothing effect that this profit-sharing may have on tribal members. How many of the numerous positive comments made at the General Council arose from gratitude for a higher per capita and how many reflected a better job done by management in their preparation of the budget?

The most sobering explanation for Tuesday night's uninspired response is the possibility that no one cares. Fewer people turned out this year than in past years. As a former councilman observed, there was more interest and involvement when there was a lot less money being considered.

The tribal organization is growing rapidly and becoming more and more complex. As it reaches out into new spheres of interest and adopts more sophisticated modes of operation it becomes less understood by the average person. Decision-making must then be done at the higher levels or by specialists.

Given this scaled-down involvement, it is up to individual tribal members to choose between apathy and trust. Apathy is the surrender of responsibility. Trust means having one eye open in watchful support.

Trust must be earned. It is management and Council's job to win that trust and the tribal members' responsibility to decide whether it is deserved.

Members can only do this by arming themselves with facts and asking the right questions — the biggest question being, "Why aren't people asking questions?"

Tribal Council Agenda

- Nov. 21 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. 10:00 a.m. - Enrollments
 2. 1:30 p.m. - Ken Smith, General Manager
 3. 2:00 p.m. - Progress Report - Sanders & Rickard
 4. 4:30 p.m. - Charlene Bruno - Report on Educational Benefits
- Nov. 22 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. Policy Manual
- Nov. 23 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. Personnel - Progress Report on Affirmative Action Request
 2. Celilo - Wy'am Board
 3. Progress Report - Ordinance No. 44
Ordinance No. 32
- Nov. 28 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. 509-J Report
 2. 1:30 p.m. - Ken Smith, General Manager
- Nov. 29 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. Management Reports
- Nov. 30 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge
 1. Joint Meeting - Council-Management