

Squiemphen House Destroyed By Fire

Rita and Earl Squiemphen stood knee-deep in snow Wednesday quietly surveying the still smoldering remains of their home at Sidwalter.

Early Monday evening, November 21, while they and most of the family were in Tulsa, Oklahoma for the finals of the NAICA all-Indian rodeo, their house was consumed by fire, reportedly the result of a propane furnace explosion.

According to investigator Mark Werner, their son Lawrence, 17, arrived home from school at 5:10 p.m. Monday and saw flames when he opened the door.

Meanwhile, neighbor kids, Rudy Clements, Delbert Blodgett and Jay Minthorn saw the flames and raced over to Evangeline Trimble's place to CB for help.

Simnasho patrolman, Warren Smith, was headed down Highway 26 when he heard the CB message whereupon he used the police frequency to notify the fire department.

The fire department was notified at 6:05 pm, and by the time they had driven the 20

miles to the house, the home was totally involved in flames.

Special Investigator Mark Werner was unable to get word to the Squiemphens in Tulsa to advise them of what had happened. So, since they were driving back, he issued a bulletin for state police to stop them and tell them the situation.

Unfortunately, when the Squiemphens arrived home at 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, they still hadn't been informed.

But Della Estimo had been watching for the family and stopped them before they saw the house. "She really did a good job preparing us," said Valerie Squiemphen. "She made it sound worse so the shock wouldn't be so great. I think it helped a lot."

The Squiemphens are staying temporarily in Valerie's trailer until they can get a mobile home moved up there to Sidwalter. And members of the Confederated Tribes are holding a fire shower today (Friday) at the Agency Longhouse to help replace some of the family's losses.



Vesta Johnson and Lois Estimo poked around the remains of smoke blackened walls which stood out starkly in the nearly two feet of snow at Sidwalter. Rita and Earl Squiemphen's house burned Monday evening, November 21, as the result of a propane furnace explosion. Sandy Rangila Photo.

Zone Change Questioned

The majority of people attending the public hearing at the Agency Longhouse November 29 objected to the proposed industrial zone change in the area of the Fire Control Center. The industrial zoning, if approved by the Tribal Council, follows the guidelines of the Reservation Comprehensive Plan.

The meeting was attended by fifteen, three of whom were planning and realty staff members and two architects.

Of major concern was the desirability of using water from the existing system in Warm Springs to serve the industrial area. Residents favored the "Lower Dry Creek" industrial reserve area near the landfill, primarily because it would facilitate the development of the Deschutes River water source.

Other concerns related to the possible agricultural or resi-

dential use of the area planned for industrial use.

Tribal Council action is anticipated soon, as construction of the new Assembly Plant and Vehicle Pool had been scheduled to start this month.

Bazaar To Benefit Nursing Home

The third annual Old Fashioned Bazaar featuring homemade items and gifts you won't find on the market will be held at the Mountain View Nursing Home in Madras on Saturday and Sunday, December 10 and 11.

According to Activity Director Nadine Silvey, there will be candies and breads baked at home as well as interesting art items for sale. She said there will also be a raffle for a beautifully made afghan and the tickets will be on sale there. She also said that donations from the

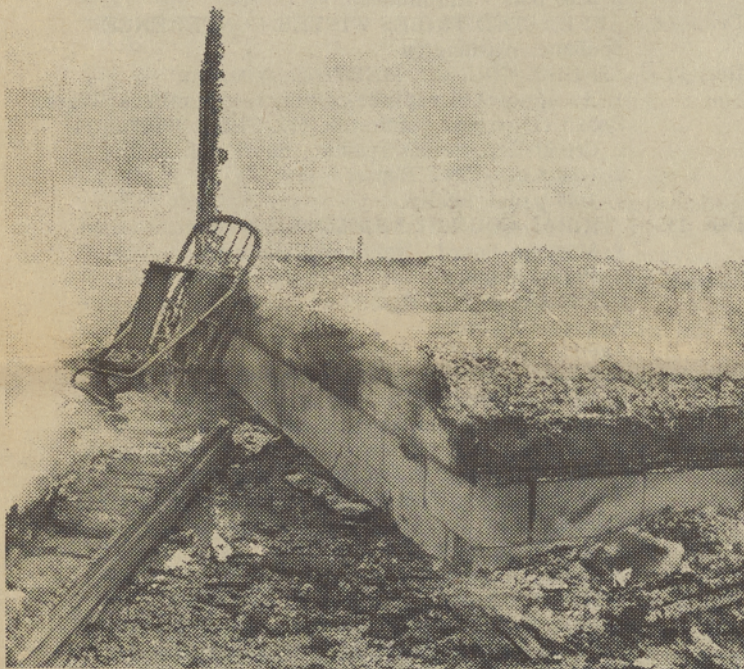
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community are always welcome.

The money will be used to enrich the nursing home's activity fund for trips and outings.

The nursing home which has been in operation for the past three years currently has 32 residents, three from Warm Springs. It is located at 12th and "A" street in Madras next to the hospital.

The hours for the bazaar on Saturday, December 10, are from 2 to 7 p.m. On Sunday the 10th, the hours are from 1 to 4 p.m.



W.S. volunteer firemen had their work done for them when somebody set the Tohet house in Greenville afire Saturday morning November 26. The house was due to be burned as part of the clearance project.

Alaskan Students Didn't Want To Go Home

Parents of the four Athabaskan students from Alaska who visited Warm Springs for several days would not have been happy to hear their kids' parting remarks.

None of them was especially eager to go home. They were having too much fun in Warm Springs.

Warm Springs kids would have liked them to stay, too. Janelle Macy said, matter-of-factly, "Just leave him," when Clyde said he didn't want to go home.

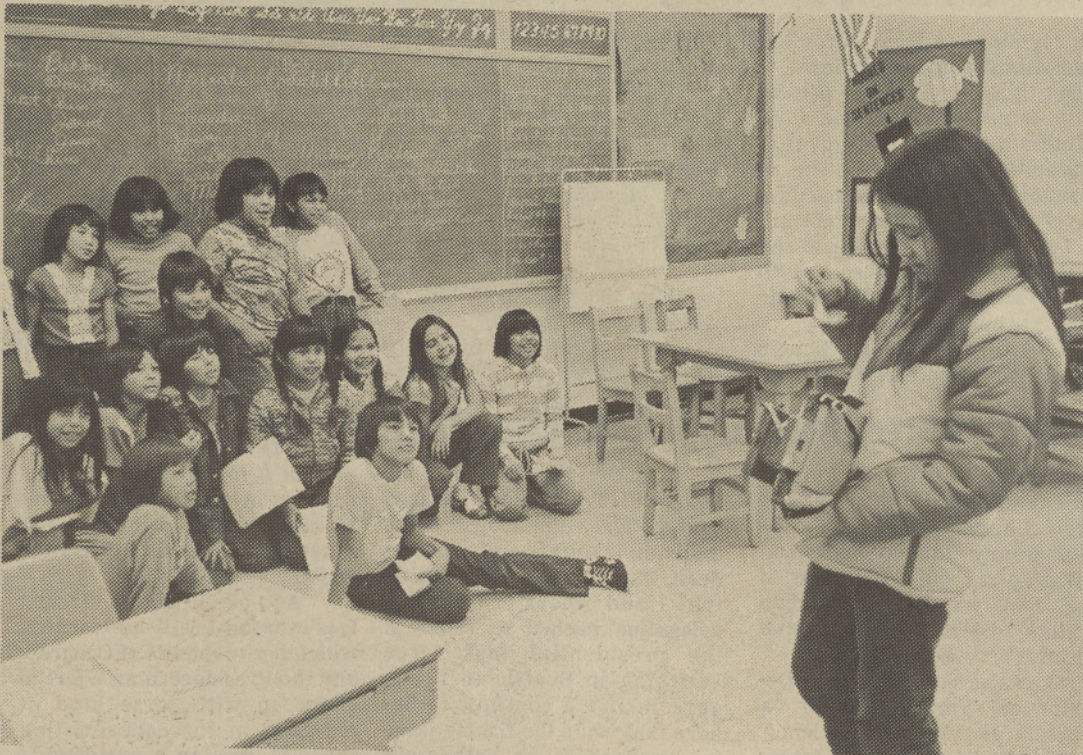
The students visited their southern neighbors for four days November 15-18. They attended classes, stayed with local families and were kept pretty busy with trips on and off the reservation.

Riding horses was the favorite activity of both Raymond Alexie, ninth grade, and Clyde Trufon, sixth grade, who said they didn't have horses back home — just lots of dogs. Raymond stayed with Tracy Graybael's and Lowell Thompson's families and Clyde stayed with Cyril Jim and his family.

About the Warm Springs school, Alexan- Black, fifth

grade, said it was "bigger." Their school in Nondalton, Alas-

ka has only 75 students from Kindergarten to twelfth grade.



After answering questions posed by Mrs. Sample's fourth grade class, Alaskan student Louise Alexie snapped a picture of her new friends. CDS Photo.

Alexan stayed with Sonya Heath's family and celebrated her eleventh birthday while she was here.

Louise Alexie, fifth grade, came equipped with a Polaroid camera and took lots of snapshots back with her, promising to send some pictures of her classmates to her new Warm Springs friends. Louise stayed with Jamie Smith's family.

The visitors had an opportunity to see "Three Warriors" and all sported "How's Your Bones" buttons when they left. They also went swimming at Kah-Nee-Ta and had a tour of the reservation during their visit.

They liked the sunshine, grass and warm air in Warm Springs. They were here when the big storm began to leave a dusting of snow but didn't share local kids' excitement — "I'm tired of seeing snow," said Clyde.

The possibility of several Warm Springs students going up to Nondalton to return the visit is being looked into presently. And Louise was not alone when she said, "I'd like to come back."