

400 Attend . . .

Employees Honored At Awards Banquet

In a tribute to all tribal employees, an estimated 400 people attended the second annual employee awards banquet at Kah-Nee-Ta Friday evening, February 3.



Elmer Quinn, who has never missed a Monday, is congratulated by Rudy Clements for his 25 years of continuous service with the Tribes. Randy Rangila Photo

As General Manager Ken Smith noted in his opening remarks, "It's the people that make this operation click." He observed that the Tribes reached a record high gross income and net profit in 1977 and that it takes the dedication of everyone in the organization - from secretary to branch manager - to achieve such success. "Everyone Counts."

Honored employees receiving awards included Elmer Quinn (with nearly 26 years of continuous service), Winona Frank, Louis LeClaire, Jr., Irene Wells and Les Yaw (with 10 to 14 years), a large group of those with five to nine years of continuous service, and eighteen employees in the three to four year group.

Particularly proud of the fact that he's never missed a Monday is Elmer Quinn who began work for the Tribes on

March 10, 1952. He was promised a gold watch from the Confederated Tribes by Municipal Manager Rudy Clements, and he received it this week.

Clements remarked that it was Quinn who urged him to "get on the pickup" - which turned out to be Rudy's first job for the Tribes.

Master of Ceremonies Clifford Yarnell (sounding much like Ed Sullivan) introduced the guest speaker, Roy Craft. Craft kept the audience howling as he renewed his subscription to SPILYAY TYMOO, pulled furs and a bear claw necklace from his bag of precious possessions, and kept Ralph Minnick at his command with a ring of a bell.

Drawings for door prizes (something new this year) were sprinkled between presentations of awards by each of the branch managers.

And a surprised Ken Smith

and his wife were presented with a huge card and house-warming gifts from the tribal employees.

Among the honored guests at the banquet was Edith Danzuka who will have served forty years with the Tribes in 1979. Other guests of honor included Mr. and Mrs. Garet Soules (Public Health Director), Mr. and Mrs. Persh Andres (W.S.F.-P.I. Manager), Mr. and Mrs. James Cornett (BIA Superintendent), and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Myles (Kah-Nee-Ta Manager).

At a special table for retired employees were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Erb, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Calica, and Mr. and Mrs. Avex D. Miller, Sr. Orin Johnson was unable to attend.

Following the awards ceremony and closing remarks from Edith Danzuka, most everyone headed for the dance floor in the Paiute Room where "Freedom" from Astoria was playing.

Sutterlee 'Stuck' On Reservation

It's bad enough to be stuck in the mud, but to be stuck in the mud in the same place twice? Fabian Sutterlee will no doubt be ribbed about his experiences for a long time to come.

Sutterlee and his brother-in-law, Joe Lujan, were taking a tour of the reservation on January 31 only to become high-centered on a stump in the process. They were found walking near the highway, after hiking about 8 miles.

On Wednesday, Bruce Smith and Sutterlee went back into where the pickup was stuck to pull it out. They proceeded to get Sutterlee's pickup out, but Smith's pickup got stuck. Unable to get Smith's pickup out, they came home.

On Thursday, Smith went up in a borrowed rig to get his pickup out only to find the road to bad to use. He turned around and came home. But, Sutterlee had a court case which delayed his meeting Smith. Sutterlee was able to get in to where

Smith's pickup was, but, you guessed it, he got stuck. Rigs, rigs, everywhere, and not a one to drive.

On Friday morning, Sutterlee's wife, June, called Smith's wife, Norma, saying that Fabian hadn't come home the night before. Becoming alarmed, they decided that Natural Resources should be notified.

Along with the Natural Resources crew, Smith helped locate Sutterlee. Sutterlee was in no danger of starving. He had picked up groceries for his wife and had left them in the pickup. Pork chops, oranges and juice made a delicious meal. You're wondering how the chops were prepared? Try the next best thing to a frying pan - a shovel. When the crew located Sutterlee, he was sleeping soundly - not expecting anyone until the next morning.

The story all comes to an end when five men and two pickups equipped with C.B.'s recovered the pickups from the mud.



Gifts to outfit their new home on the Deschutes, a giant sized card and words of appreciation were offered to General Manager Ken Smith and his wife Sheree by tribal employees at the awards banquet February 3.

Kah-Nee-Ta Repairs Near Completion, Guests Not Complaining

With leeching lines replaced and the cistern repaired after damage inflicted by last December's flooding, Kah-Nee-Ta's domestic water filtering system is nearing normalcy again.

Head of maintenance Bill Bennett said that the last phase of repair, expected to be completed this week, is the "rip-rapping" of the banks of the Warm Springs River at the village. Rock is being brought in to build up the severely eroded banks.

However, daily lab tests indicate that the water is still "not permissible to use," according to Bennett. Based on the last reported test (February 6) the Environmental Protection Agency and the Board of Public Health have deemed the water unacceptable for public use.

Bennett explained that the filtering system of leeching cloth, gravel and pipes can not "change the color of the water" and until the mud in the river settles domestic water will be turbid, or impure.

Drinking water is still being imported from Redmond and cooks are using chlorinated Rattlesnake Springs water. Taps are flowing with the river water

and guests and employees are showering and washing apparently without incident.

Since the water problems began, Kah-Nee-Ta has hosted some of its largest groups ever, with not a complaint from the guests. Director of Sales Kristi Svendsen remarked, "The guests are coping with it extremely well, especially at the group level. We haven't had one cancellation."

Svendsen said that the American Fisheries Association, which filled the Lodge and the Vaillage and proved to be the biggest group Kah-Nee-Ta has ever had, stayed for several days at the end of January and once questions were answered, there was not a complaint registered. Visits by the American Indian Lawyer Training Program and the Oregon Legal Secretaries Association went smoothly with no suits in sight, Svendsen said.

Enterprise Manager Ed Manion reported that his branch is looking for ways to avert future inconveniences. Talk is centering on two options: locating another source of water or employing a different method of filtration. Manion hopes that a permanent solution to Kah-Nee-Ta's water supply problem will be found this year.



Rip-rapping, or building up the banks with rock, is almost complete on the Warm Springs River at Kah-Nee-Ta Village. The water filtration system, damaged in December flooding, has been repaired but it will take awhile for the water to clear up. CDS Photo