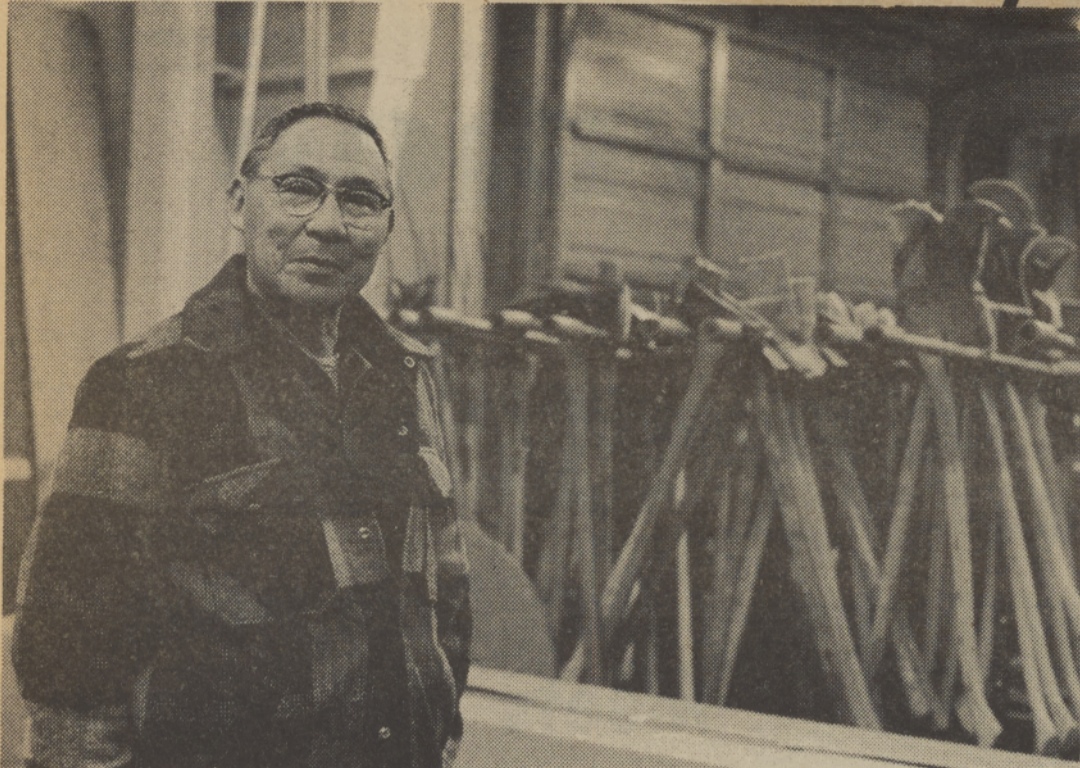


# After 34 Years Courtney Faces Retirement



Displaying a great deal of pride, Terry Courtney shows visitors through the tidy and well-organized Fire Control Center Warehouse. Courtney, who will retire January 31, has worked 34 years with the BIA, and over 21 of those years has been devoted to fire control. Sandy Rangila Photo.

Terry Courtney Sr. has spent half an average life-time working for the BIA in Warm Springs. Courtney has worked 34 years for the BIA, more than 21 of those years in firefighting. According to BIA policy, a person with more than 20 years firefighting service must retire at age 55. But he had only 60 days notice that he was being retired. "It's not much time to make plans, but I would like to work again," he stated.

Terry worked at Redmond, Madras and Klamath Falls air bases with the surveying parties on the bases.

Courtney returned to Warm Springs as a scaler for Warm Springs Lumber Company in April 1944 and one year later, he was hired as a full-time scaler by the Bureau. In 1956, he returned to his fire control duties, which Courtney considers the most interesting because "no two fires are ever alike." Job duties have changed and responsibilities have increased as have the titles. Fire Control Aide, Fire Prevention Technician and Forestry Technician are just a few.

Originating from Alaska, he was raised in the Puget Sound area in Washington and the Willamette Valley here in Oregon. A graduate of Chemawa Indian School in 1933, Courtney came to Warm Springs during the depression years. "If I'd had enough money I would have left because of the dust. But I'd never leave now," he said with a smile. It's too rainy elsewhere, he claims, and besides, Warm Springs is home for him. He married Catherine Smith in 1935 and they have 7 children.

Another change that took place last year was the arrival of "Warehouse," the big, black watchdog at the Fire Control building. "We adopted him last Spring," Terry said proudly of his pal. "When he wandered in, he was skin and bones." With many helping hand-outs, he has been fattened to a stout 75 pounds.

In 1935 and 1936 Courtney worked on the construction of the Warm Springs Indian Health Center, known as "The Hospital." It was June of 1935 when the BIA hired Courtney as a Fire Guard as temporary summer help. He continued the summer employment during 1937 and 1941. Then, during the war,

Courtney feels very lucky in that he has hardly been sick in all his years of employment. He has accumulated over 2,000 hours sick leave which is equal to one year's salary.

Here's wishing you luck in "taking life easy," Terry. Happy retirement.

## Wedding Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Onan Beasley of Madras, Oregon are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Gail Christine Beasley to Fred Relling of Prineville. The Bride-to-be graduated

from Madras High School and has attended Western Business College in Portland.

She currently is a secretary to Management Information Systems for the confederated

tribes here in Warm Springs.

The wedding date is February 18, 1978 at the Madras First Christian Church, at Two o'clock in the afternoon.

A reception will follow the wedding ceremony in the church fireside room.

The couple will make their home in Eugene, Oregon where Fred has accepted a new position.

## Awards Presentation Feb. 3

The second annual Employees banquet, which is open to all Tribal employees, is planned for Friday, February 3 at Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge. A spokesman anticipates presenting 45 awards to persons having worked three to twenty-five years.

There will be a no-host cocktail party beginning at 6:30 in the Paiute Room. Two free drink tokens will be given to each employee and guest at the door when they present their banquet tickets. The free banquet tickets will be issued during the week of January 30.

Dinner will begin at 7:30 in the Confederated Room followed by the awards presentation. The evening will conclude with dancing to live music in the Paiute Room.

## Tax Workshop

If you're having trouble figuring out your taxes and need some help to clear up the muddle, an Income Tax Assistance Workshop is being offered again this year to rescue you.

The Adult Learning Center, in conjunction with COCC, is offering the workshop free to members of the community. February 2 and March 2 will be afternoon and evening sessions and February 3 and March 3 will be morning and afternoon sessions.

Any other questions can be answered by calling the Adult Learning Center at 553-1428.

## Quinn Fills Committee Slot

Elmer Quinn was appointed to the Land Use Planning Committee during the regular Tribal Council meeting Tuesday, January 24.

Quinn replaces former LUPC member Everett (Ab) Patt. Patt has left Warm Springs to accept a new position as BIA Realty Specialist in Everett, Washington.

## Kah-Nee-Ta Guests Sip Redmond Water

News was carried on several radio and television stations and in the Oregonian, Journal and Bulletin recently that Kah-Nee-Ta's water supply is contaminated.

Although Enterprise Manager Ed Manion feels the whole thing has been blown out of proportion, Kah-Nee-Ta has taken steps to be completely on the safe side.

Because the resort serves the public and must meet strict federal drinking water standards, Kah-Nee-Ta officials have instructed guests not to drink tap water.

Although it has not been determined that disease produc-

ing organisms (pathogens) are present in the water, the bacterial count is high enough to warrant precautions.

Since clay particles have made the water unpalatable, water is being purchased from a Redmond dairy and transported to Kah-Nee-Ta for guests and employees. They have also installed two large tanks in the lodge kitchen to provide water for cooking.

The reason for purchasing water from the dairy is because the dairy is equipped to handle and package liquids in a sanitary and sterile manner. Also, Redmond is on a public water system and EPA tests revealed

that Redmond's water is chemically very good.

Harold Scott at the EPA water quality laboratory informed Spilyay, Thursday, that when he visited Kah-Nee-Ta in May, 1977, he bottled samples of the water and tests were good.

Kah-Nee-Ta uses a perforated pipe and gravel-type water filter for the lodge's drinking water. The system consists of buried pipes, covered with sand and gravel. The December flood washed away much of the sand and gravel and Kah-Nee-Ta has been using a temporary system since then.

The new permanent water filtering system is expected to be complete by February 1.



New reporters Priscilla Squiemphen (foreground) and Donna Behrend jumped head-first into the frenzy of the newspaper world. The new Spilyay Tymoos trainee and staffer, who started January 16, are already doing a great job covering local sports, clubs, personnel and other community events and people.

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