

To Those Who Helped, To Those Who Couldn't Help, To Those Who Want To Help

by Eagle Wing

"For those of us interested and involved in education it is critical that we understand human development and maturation. Every human constantly carries and presents a complex network of physical, social, emotional, and intellectual developmental patterns. Learning occurs in relation to all of these and there is no logical way to single out any one area to the exclusion of others. It is one of the marvels of human functioning that all of these factors are interrelated and interact in any learning situation. Therefore, whatever our role in the education of young learners, it is crucial that we reach out to every discipline and every source of knowledge possible."

With the above quotation, I want to express my heartfelt emotions regarding young teenagers of our community who have been so tragically involved in the taking of a life and the youngsters who lived and died in a hurry without learning about the good things of the world.

The deaths of these young people have been personal to me. I have searched for reasons why kids go wrong or right; for explanations of such tragedies and the disappointments we sometimes encounter in our work with young people. I have been asking many questions since then and getting some answers.

Who is really responsible for those misspent lives and young George and Jareen's untimely deaths? Yes, the bullets took the lives of George and Jareen, but who really killed them?

I wonder if others are not really responsible. Is it partly our society which seems to condone so much recklessness and lawlessness among our young people? Are not our courts in part to blame because of their laxity in issuing verdicts and sentencing? What about the churches? Aren't they partly responsible because of their indecision and lack of compassion, their failure to meet human need or reluctance to rescue young people?

I tell myself that despite the

fact that I had of necessity arrived at certain conclusions about parents, I do not really understand where we have gone wrong and where society, the school, and the church had gone wrong. I decided to go on a one-man mission to find out, not from theorists, not from specialists, but from parents themselves.

I am fed up with blame put on our teen-agers. "What's wrong with our teenagers?" Isn't it time to ask, rather, "What's wrong with the parents who are producing our problem children?" Perhaps it is parental delinquency we should be concerned about more than juvenile delinquency.

It is for this reason that the following is written: I am a parent myself and although I make my share of mistakes I like to think that all parents are not bad ones or at least I like to tell myself that I am not a bad parent. I do not wish to approach this subject as an expert on family relations, but I do feel that as a parent who has dealt with many teenagers in trouble including our own, as an interested individual and as an angry person who is concerned, I have grounds for focusing on parents in my efforts to find answers that might help other youngsters in our community today-Now!

I have listened to their complaints against society in general and their parents in particular. My soul had been ignited a thousand times over by the ugly revelations of adult neglect, hostility and apathy toward youngsters.

It seemed to me that more than half of all the teenagers I had talked to were angry, uncertain, confused and rebellious to some degree, and I noticed especially that they had lost confidence in an adult society that, through blindness, ignorance, and lack of concern, had helped to bring about the most critical youth problem in the history of this community. One has only to look at the facts and figures on juvenile delinquency to feel concern for this community.

Why do apparently "good"

parents have problem children? Why do children grow up to steal and kill? What goes wrong to put a teenager behind bars? Why do even ministers, judges and psychiatrists send juvenile delinquents into the world? Who is to blame for the critical and tragic delinquency problem that now exists in this community and the nation?

Although there is nothing new about blaming parents for juvenile delinquency, it is impossible for those who deal with these youngsters to ignore the fact that parents, in one way or another, must share at least part of the responsibility for the moral landslide among our youth.

Admittedly there are parents who have difficulties. There are divorced women with children. Emotional illness accounts for a percentage of parents who have children under court jurisdiction. Some disturbed parents abuse, abandon or neglect innocent children and many parents, it is safe to state, are just simply passive when it comes to the development of their children and somehow cannot manage to love them in a way that is vital if they are to be motivated properly.

During my years as community worker when the parents have finally been forced by the cold facts to acknowledge that their own sons and daughters were thieves or narcotic addicts or in some other trouble, I have found their reaction often is "what did I do to deserve this? Whereas they might ask, what did I do wrong? Where did I fail? Parents come up with ready answers, but seem to indicate they are out of touch, and unable to cope with the burdens of patience and discipline.

What I am writing did not come from books or classroom lectures, but from the actual experiences of troubled teenagers. They related their problems, how they got started, how they feel their parents influenced their lives, and what they hate. Sometimes I have been shocked by their comments. Sometimes I have been hurt, too, because I am a parent myself.

Happy Birthday

To Lewis Henry Sr., whose birthday was on March 4, here is a belated Happy Birthday wish.
From your daughter

Nelson Wallulatum	42
Nick Kalama	78
Elmer Quinn	79
Karen Wallulatum	74½
Amos Simtustus, Sr.	63
Jacob Frank	56

As a special note in this summary, it must be remembered that your Council members were also delegates to various meetings, many of which were held at the same time as a Council meeting. Such as Delbert Frank and Nelson Wallulatum of fish and wildlife matters along with Eugene Greene in his position as Director of Natural Resources; Amos Simtustus with the Celilo-Wy'am Board and National Cattlemen's Association activities and Jacob Frank, also on the Celilo Board.

Your Council took office last year on May 1st with many freshmen members. Many projects and activities were successfully supported and concluded by the end of December: all of which have been faithfully reported in the Spilyay Tymoo or weekly newsletter published by administration, so they won't be repeated here. However, following is a recap of the total number of meetings and the number each member attended:

TOTAL COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD (May 1-December 31): 92	
Coun. Member	No. of Meet. Att.
Eugene Greene	61½
Larry Calica	90½
Delbert Frank, Sr.	63½
Zane Jackson	62½
Rita Squiemphen	68

Culpus In Seattle

Spilyay Tymoo was informed that Harold Culpus went into the Seattle Public Health Service hospital Wednesday for tests to determine if a by-pass in his heart will be necessary. When questioned about the

tests, Culpus laughingly stated he was just going in to "get his fuel pump checked." Hope you're on the mend, Harold. We're looking forward to seeing your flashing smile around here again.

Tribal Council Agenda

TRIBAL COUNCIL
AGENDA
March 1978

- Mar 6 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. Mill Manager
 2. Resolutions: Funeral Grants-Death Benefits - Nonmembers Tenneson Engineering
 3. 1:30 p.m. - Kah-Nee-Ta Report w-Ken Smith, Ed Manion, Dan Myles
- Mar 7 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. Data Processing
 2. 10:00 a.m. - Harold Culpus Lease-Clint Jacks
 3. 2:00 p.m. - Amendment-Law & Order Code - Bob Nash
- Mar 8 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. Approval of Minutes-February
 2. 10:00 a.m. - Exchange Student Program-Delson Suppah
 3. 2:00 p.m. - Realty
- March 13 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. T-A's and Unfinished Business
 2. 10:00 a.m. - Robbins Law & Order Study
 3. General Manager Report
 4. Sanders-Rickard Budget Adjustment
 5. Williston Mill Study - Progress Report
- Mar 14 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. Committee Reports
 2. 2:00 p.m. Conditional Use Areas: Beaver Creek, Lower Metolius
- March 15-17 AFFILIATED TRIBES
Billings, Montana
- Mar 20 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. T-A's and Unfinished Business
 2. 10:00 a.m. - Enrollments
 3. Report on Sherars Bridge Property
 4. General Manager Report
- Mar 21 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge, Council Room
 1. TREATY WORKSHOP - 2nd Session

ALL COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND
- Mar 22 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. Unfinished Business
 2. 10:00 a.m. - 509-J Report
 3. Education Committee
 - 2:00 p.m. - Tribal Court: 5-Year Plan Justification for Assistant Judge
- Mar 23 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. JOINT MEETING re WATER RESOURCES
- Mar 27 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. Unfinished Business
 2. 10:00 a.m. - Hildress Vanegas, NAIWA
 3. 11:30 a.m. - Mormon Church
 4. 1:30 p.m. - General Manager Report
 5. 3:00 p.m. - Bear Springs Agreement Celilo-Wy'am Board
- Mar 28 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. Master Health Plan

Orientation on new rules and regulations
Portland Area Health Bd
H&W Committee-Planners
- Mar 29 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. Management Reports

Tribal Council Report

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