

4-H Workers Share Program Concerns

A lively group of 4-H workers from eight states and two provinces gathered at Kah-Nee-Ta March 21-23 to explore methods of better serving Indian youth. Sharing the strengths and weaknesses of their 4-H programs, the often isolated workers had a rare chance to swap concerns and ideas.

They came from as far as northern Manitoba and the southwestern United States and were offered glimpses into Warm Springs life with an opening prayer by Matilda Mitchell and Sylvia Wallulatum, and Indian Regalia show, a powwow and a tour of the reservation.

Keynote speaker Dr. Ben Reifel, a former Congressman from South Dakota and a Rosebud Sioux, described the differing time and work orientations that must be considered when designing programs for Indian people. "Who am I?", may be the most important issue to be addressed in programs for Indian youth who must face the mainstream culture's future orientation while maintaining their own traditional values, offered Reifel.

Seminar coordinator Susan Gangler, who is an O.S.U. Extension Agent here on the Warm Springs Reservation, said that 4-H workers in both Canada and



Beth Nicodemus was equally poised in traditional Indian dress and modern sportswear both of which she fashioned for visiting 4-H agents as part of the Indian 4-H Seminar held at Kah-Nee-Ta this week. The regalia and style show was presented by Marie Calica's Warm Springs Modeling Group. CDS Photo

the U.S. appeared to be concerned about how to "Indianize" their programs so that they are responsive to the communities they serve.

Other concerns expressed at the three-day seminar were how to involve adults as parents and volunteers, and developing leadership among youth and adults.

Participants were given the opportunity to explore solutions to their concerns by talking together in mini-workshops. Warm Springs Municipal

Manager Rudy Clements offered a challenge to 4-H people to build family support into their programs. All too often, he said, programs substitute for family responsibility thus weakening home life.

Gangler explained that the purpose of the seminar, the first of its kind, was to set up a communication base for extension agents and assistants who work with Indians in a variety of settings. Beyond the immediate sharing of ideas at the Kah-Nee-Ta seminar, Gangler and other 4-H people hope to establish ongoing communication through newsletters, conferences and perhaps even a permanent council for youth.

4-H programs serve youth internationally, involving them in clubs and activities aimed at developing leadership and responsibility while having fun. In the U.S. 4-H is administered by land grant colleges such as Oregon State University, with funding from federal, state, county and tribal sources.

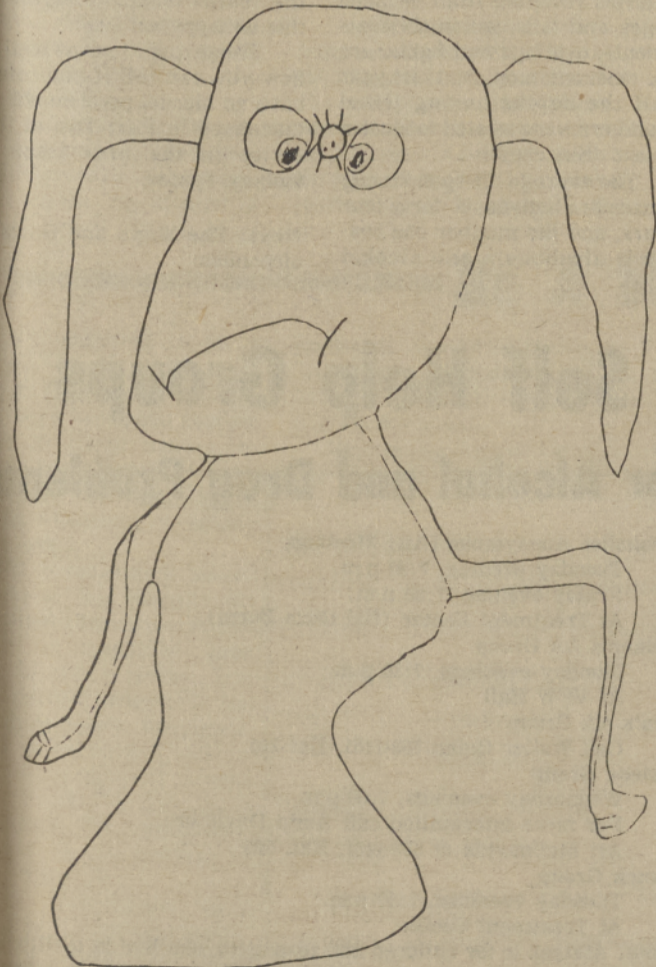
In Warm Springs, O.S.U. and the Tribes sponsor numerous 4-H clubs in such areas as livestock, cooking, beadwork, Indian dancing and outdoors. Extension agents Sue Gangler and Clint Jacks encourage whole families to participate, and happily accept ideas for new clubs.

Kids' Corner

HORSE STORY by Lynn Manion (Grade 6)

Once upon a time there was a horse named Zig Zag. One day it got into some trouble. It was a stormy day. Clouds were all together. The rain was coming down. She got frightened about that! She ran into the school! All the kids got frightened about that! They got out of school for a week, for the damage that Zig Zag did.

Poor Zig Zag, She was frightened herself. It all started when a boy chased her and she ran bam into the school! So she got into trouble. She had a horrible time moving away from the school out of town, for the kids would always pet and gather around her. But there, in the outskirts of town, she found another horse. Her name was Waddles and there she stayed hoping to go back to the school yard.



"A Rabbit Who is Scared of a Spider"

Sheldon Minnick
Grade 1
(Mrs. Parker)

I. H. S. DENTAL POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

- Kindergarten - (Graham) - Jocelyn Moses
- A.M. Kindergarten - (Short) - Spencer Poitra
- P.M. Kindergarten - (Short) - Farrel Boise
- 1st Grade - (Parker) - Della Martinez
- 1st Grade - (Suppah) - Diane Frank
- 1st Grade - (Squiemphen) - Jason Chinn
- 2nd Grade - (Roger) - Carla Tee-wee
- 5th Grade - (Henry) - Chip Calica
- 6th Grade - (Anderson) - Carla Caldera
- 6th Grade - (Phillips) - Dena Smith

POEMS

by Becky Danzuka
(Grade 5)

Milk is good for babies small
And for grown-ups, great and tall
It helps your body so it will not fall.

Books are made for all to read
Some tell lots of things about seed

Information is what we need,
To do a nice and happy deed.



Stacey Leonard had a glimpse into her future when Mademoiselle Navanod (alias Ms. Donovan Burkert) read her palm at the St. Patrick's Day carnival staged by the Simnasho school. The school earned better than \$220 for their 5-day trip to Seattle and Vancouver, B.C. They will return March 28. CDS Photo