

Editorial E COOSH EEWA:

(The way it is)



To The Editor

THANK YOU

As the grandchildren of Flora Thompson, we would like to thank all of the people who attended her funeral, provided food and sang and danced. This was great support for the family that remained behind.

Your respect for our grand-

mother is greatly appreciated and we hope that some of the activities in which Flora was involved will be carried on.

We lost our grandmother but her teachings live on.

The Grandchildren of Flora Thompson

From Congressman . . . All Ullman

WASHINGTON — The House Interior Committee has approved legislation that would overhaul the grazing fee formula and update range management programs on public lands, Oregon Congressman Al Ullman announced.

"This important legislation would result in substantial increases in productivity of Eastern Oregon grazing lands and provide long-range benefits to all users of the land," said Ullman, who is a co-sponsor of the bill.

The measure now goes to the full House of Representatives for consideration.

The bill establishes a grazing fee formula that, for the first time, reflects livestock production costs, beef prices, and ranchers' ability to pay. The new formula is initially limited to a seven-year trial period.

The grazing proposal also authorizes an experimental program under which lower fees

would be charged ranchers whose grazing and range management practices improve conditions on the public lands they lease.

In addition, the bill provides a \$350 million increase in range improvement projects over the next 20 years; clarifies what range projects may proceed under existing court orders, and expands a Bureau of Land Management program to control the number of wild horses and burros on the range.

The grazing fee proposal strongly supported by livestock groups, would allow the fee charged for grazing cattle, sheep and horses on public lands to rise and fall depending on economic conditions in the livestock industry.

The new formula would replace the existing formula under which the Interior and Agriculture departments have proposed a 25 percent fee increase this year, and additional 25 percent hikes in 1979 and 1980.

Ullman Protests Air Field Closure

"I am extremely disappointed that the Defense Department has chosen to consider closing the only military base in Oregon.

I have strongly protested the proposed closure, pending a full investigation and explanation. My staff and I will be gathering materials in the coming weeks

to document the substantial economic impact this will have on the community of Klamath Falls. While the environmental assessment is being carried out in the next 90 days, I will be working closely with all concerned to see that the implications of this proposed action are fully explored."

Study Of Tribal Courts Published

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has published a study of Indian tribal courts done by the National American Indian Court Judges Association.

The 200-page book *Indian Courts and the Future*, provides basic information about reservation judicial systems, considers the role of the courts under the current policy of Indian self-determination and discusses future needs.

As current issues the book deals with state jurisdiction, the Indian Civil Rights Act, comity, full faith and credit, jurisdiction over non-Indians (prior to the recent Supreme Court decision),

and prosecution of major crimes in Indian country.

An evaluation of strengths and weaknesses in the present court systems is included, together with model standards and a five year plan for support of Indian courts.

The BIA plans to distribute copies of the book to appropriate tribal and Federal officials. A limited number of copies will be available for attorneys and others who may have special interest in the tribal courts.

Requests should be addressed to Bureau of Indian Affairs, Attn: Judicial Services Officer, 1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20245.

Few Hear WSFPI Annual Report

Nineteen-Seventy-Seven was described as "a very exciting year" for Warm Springs Forest products Industries at the annual stockholders meeting Monday, April 24, but very few people were on hand to hear about it.

As one Council member put it, perhaps the small turnout might indicate that the people are satisfied with the mill operation and don't have any great complaints. Only eleven of the 43 present were not staff or board members.

According to the report given at the annual meeting, tribal members have good reason to be satisfied with their forest products enterprise.

The enterprise performed well, reaching an all-time high in earnings and profit. The net profit for 1977 was \$1,865,639, an increase of \$47,831 over 1976. And 1976 had been the previous record year. The total cash flow was up 18.9 percent over 1976.

The Board of Directors also reaffirmed its dividend payment policy adopted in 1976 and approved payment of approximately \$466,000 from 1977 net income to the Confederated Tribes in April of this year. Last year was the first year the Tribes shared in a percentage of the mill profit in the form of a bonus dividend.

Ralph G. DeMoisy, the newly hired WSFPI General Manager, was introduced to the group. Pershing Andrews, who retired from that position April 30, noted that the transition of authority had been congenial and gratifying — that Demoisy

is a knowledgeable person who helped make the transition smooth.

DeMoisy, in turn, commented that Persh would be a "tough act to follow." He said that he is making some organizational changes, a major one being that Bob Macy becomes Operations Manager effective May 1.

Other significant and far-reaching developments in 1977 reviewed at the meeting included:

— Completion of the power plant. For the past five months, WSFPI has been generating its own electricity, and sold a surplus, from fuel produced from "waste" from the Warm Springs forest.

It was reported that current and potential effects have not yet been assessed in detail, but should prove highly significant and will have an important influence on the complete utilization of the Warm Springs forest.

— Early in 1977, Warm Springs Forest Products Industries initiated a Master Development Study to be recorded in a form that will serve as the foundation of current and future plans for continued development toward the most efficient use of the reservation forests.

Up to this point, changes and additions to the facility since 1967 have largely been to modify the 1967 plant. According to the Board of Directors, there has been full realization that the forest which supplies the manufacturing facility is changing every year and will continue to do so at an increasing rate.

In summary, the board reported that the year 1978 will be one of significant change and development which will, in part, result from a combination of a new general manager and the findings of the Master Development Study.

To The Editor

To The People,

we would like to express our appreciation for the people who have donated their money into helping our family. These acts of generosity have helped bring comfort to our lives during our struggle through this difficult and rough time.

For their donations, we would especially like to thank The Confederated Tribes, the Health & Welfare Committee, Sanders Heath, Catherine Heath, the Warm Springs Lions Club and all the people who donated to the Lions Club, and a Tribal Council member who wished to be unnamed.

Special thanks, also, to all the people who came to the hospital to pray for the family, and to all those who prayed.

Hoping our Creator will keep us in good spirits.

From the Simtustus Family



American Indians believed that jade could cure snake bite.

Tribes Announce Education Study Here

The Tribal Government has announced it is undertaking a comprehensive study this spring and summer to determine the educational needs and preferences of tribal members. The main part of this research will involve survey interviews with 100 tribal adults and 100 Indian students between 10 and 17 years old. Those to be interviewed have been selected by a random sample technique.

The interview questions seek to find out how tribal members feel about various educational services, including those provided by School District 509J and the Tribal Education Department.

The research, which is just getting under way, is expected to be concluded by the latter half of June this year. A report of research findings and recommendations will be submitted to General Manager Ken Smith and the Tribal Council sometime in August. The report's findings and recommendations are expected to be considered in future program planning by both the school district and the Tribal Education Department. The study will cover such topics as

public school education, adult education, post-secondary schooling, and early childhood programs.

The project is being carried out under the direction of a special Educational Needs Assessment Committee appointed by the General Manager. The Committee has contracted TWC Program Services, a Portland firm, to carry out the research. John Svicarovich and Steve Robbins of TWC will serve as staff to the Committee and direct a team of nine survey interviewers, most of them tribal members.

Most tribal adults will be interviewed at home. The stu-

dents will be interviewed at school. Both adult and student interviews take about 40 minutes each.

Educational Needs Assessment Committee members include Rudy Clements, municipal manager, chairman; Jody Calica, Education Department director; Darrell Wright, superintendent, School District 509J; Mike Clements, chairman of the Tribal Education Committee; Marlin Reimer, BIA education officer; Coty Soules, director of tribal early childhood program; Lyle Rhoan, Community Center activity coordinator; and Fabian Sutterlee, adult probation officer.

Invitation from YCC

Feel like building trails and fences in the great outdoors this summer? How about developing springs? Well, your chance is coming up as Marlin Reimer of the Education office is inviting all local youths, ages 15 through 18, to apply for Youth Conservation Corp positions, before May 12.

The jobs will begin June 12

and end August 4. Working hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily with some training and development of environmental awareness. The minimum wage will be \$2.65 per hour.

So don't hesitate to pick up an application today from the Tribal Education office. They must be turned in by May 12.