

# Editorial E COOSH EEWA: (The way it is)



## To The Editor Our Land Should Be Respected

### To the People:

Naturalism, environment, ecology — all words never used effectively by the White man until about 15 years ago, but have been the "Noble Savages" main theme of existence since where we walk has been here. Living as one in harmony with ...? Everything!!

The Warm Springs Tribal Council carries the shield to protect the rivers, mountains, trees, our lifestyles, culture, and has used it wisely on our ailing river, the Deschutes.

Doing what we feel is right is only natural. Is 400 cubic-inch motorboats going 40 miles-per-hour, spewing oil and gasoline good for anything? What if everybody did that? Us Indians might once again have to change our concept of what a river is.

The clean-up of the Willamette river was and still is one of Oregon's proudest feats of ecological awareness to date. An awareness of the existing problem at the time and a foresight to the future - like Indians believing a river is good as a river first, and other things second.

But we have areas in which our environmental theme stops being consistent — our enterprises. I'm saddened at the total destruction of our woods for money but we are just learning our lesson, hoping some of us remember those trees were saved by our old folks for us to maintain our Indian way.

I agree we should give our enterprises the maximum opportunity for an economic success but at what expense? How much was a tree to an old warrior? What money values can you put on Pah-Tu (Mt. Jefferson Whitewater area), its beauty seldom seen elsewhere in

the world. Is there any compensation worth scarring our forefathers' spiritual hunting grounds?

There is a slight scarring at a heavy spiritual area going to happen. Let us hope this is not a precedent of our decision-making for the future about where money stands in our lives. Why is the Kah-Nee-Ta business so different? The "scar" being removed is a rock sculpture near the junction of Charley Road and the scenic road along the Warm Springs, and the only purpose (for removal) is easier access for the tourist. I agree it's of no monetary value, but what next for the land?

Why does the land have to be blamed for Kah-Nee-Ta's economic failure? The B.I.A.'s monies and energies expended in the destruction of that rock culp could have somehow been used to help the economic woes of the Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge. That land the lodge sits on has been there long before man himself ever thought of walking there.

The land should be the last to change. People are pliable, hireable, and fireable. We pay people to hire the right, pliable people for all jobs hoping it be understood this is Indian land. Land to be used wisely, when used; above all, loved and respected as a home because it is.

Our old folks loved the land and saved it for us to enjoy. Science now even says stars go. What about the mountain? The trees? the rivers? Let us not mistakenly take good things out of existence forever until we have all thought of the consequences.

Damn it! How much more do we have to clear out of the way?

Louie Pitt, Jr.

## To The Editor

### Dear Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

(Please forward this letter to the State Marine Board.)

First, thank you for your generosity in sharing your private land and its beautiful waters with all people. Our family enjoyed ourselves on Lake Billy Chinook this last weekend even though we only caught two fish. We have spent many pleasant hours on your reservation and its waters in the past. We truly enjoy the beauty of the unspoiled natural environment.

Secondly, we agree with you about designating a 10 mile per hour speed limit for boats on the waters of the Metolius Arm especially around Indian Island! The island has quite a bit of soft beach that could

easily be eroded by the wakes of speeding boats and beaching of water skiers and the beaching of fishermen. We suggest forbidding all boats from beaching on the island. Speeding boats also create noise pollution which detracts from the natural environment.

You have done an exceptional job of preserving this beautiful land and its waterways while making it available for all to enjoy. To visit your land is like being able to step back in time before man had a chance to leave his ruinous mark. We sincerely hope you can continue to protect the natural beauty and environment of Lake Billy Chinook.

Sincerely,  
Paul and Sharon Stalen  
Portland

## Two Years Ago Already?

It's often difficult to recollect exactly how long ago something occurred. What seems to have happened just last month or so, in reality may have happened last year. Spilyay Tymoo was founded in March of 1976, so Spilyay is now able to help you remember just when everything happened!

Do you remember the Frontier burning? On April 21, 1976, the Warm Springs volunteer fire department received a call for assistance to douse a fire that was burning the tavern and grocery store. Nine and a half hours later, firemen left what turned out to be a major fire when it was felt that supervision was no longer necessary. However, North Unit was called back to the scene at 8:40 the same morning because the fire had reignited. The establishment was rebuilt in September.

The April 30 edition of Spilyay carried news that funding had been received to build the

Information Center located next to Alice's Restaurant.

In that same edition, it was announced that Dave Williams, BIA forester and member of the Warm Springs Volunteer Fire department, was named Warm Springs Fireman of the Year in 1976.

Do you remember in May of 1976 the BIG mountain of chips that grew at the mill because of Crown Zellerbach Pulp Company employees being on strike? That mountain starting moving later that year in July.

The formal ribbon-cutting ceremony was held May 30, 1976 for the new wing of Kah-Nee-Ta lodge.

Also in May of 1976, there was talk of a major movie being filmed on the reservation. It was to be a film about an Indian family returning to the reservation after living in the city, entitled "Warrior". As we know, the film became a reality and two years after the rumors began to fly, a film named "Three Warriros" won Best Film at the American Indian Film Festival in San Francisco. See pages six and seven for the story.

It was announced in the May 14, 1976 edition that Priscilla Squiemphen was chosen Tygh Valley Queen. Look what she's doing now, scooping for Spilyay!

## From The Lions Club

Newly elected officers to take office July 1, are President Charles Nathan, 1st Vice President Jim Cornett, Secretary Ken Goddard, Treasurer Frank Atkinson, and Tail Twister Larry Bourland. The Board of Directors and all the Committees will remain the same, with the acceptance of Uren Leonard who will automatically become a board member just as Richard Macy did as they are both past Presidents of the club.

This year the club has been very active in many functions in

aiding various individuals as much as possible, mainly with eye glasses as well as other family problems.

This year the State Lions Convention was held in Eugene where Charles Nathan represented the Warm Springs Lions Club, and at press time there was no report available, however it was noted for this year's convention to have had a question-answer period concerning the International Lions Convention to be held in Tokyo, Japan this year.

## Proposed Food Stamp Policy Opposed

The Commission on Indian Services testified May 4 at a hearing of the Adult and Family Services Division in opposition to a proposed policy which would include all "Indian benefits" as income in the food stamp program.

Bruce Bishop, staff for the Commission, pointed out at the hearing that the term "Indian benefits" is not defined and has no legal meaning, that not all payments which could be considered as "Indian benefits" should be classified as income, and that the proposal is too vague to be able to interpret how

various payments should be handled.

Bishop testified: "The Commission on Indian Services believes that this policy cannot be justified, and that the division's continuing efforts to apply its "Indian benefits" standards result in unreasonable discrimination against Indian applicants for food stamps."

All of the public testimony at the hearing was in opposition to the proposed rule, but whether the division will finally adopt its "Indian benefits" policy is not yet known.

## Tribal Council Agenda

- May 22 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
  1. 10:00 a.m. - 509-J Report
  2. 2:00 p.m. - General Manager Report
- May 24-25 Flathead Hearing Before the Federal Power Commission Washington, D.C.
- May 30 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
  1. 10:00 a.m. - Enrollments
  2. 2:00 p.m. - Planning Department: Criminal Justice Facility U.S. Forest Service-Clackamas Planning Unit
- May 31 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
  1. Management Reports Progress Report - Self-Insurance Program

## To The Editor

We would like to thank the Warm Springs Lions Club for all their hard work during the Kah-Nee-Ta Teepee Chapman Golf Tournament last weekend. Their support and hard work preparing all the hamburgers helped to make the 7th annual teepee chapman even a bigger success than last year.

Thanks again.  
Tournament committee members  
Zane and Norma Jackson  
Frank and Shirley Joscelyn