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SUMMER AT LAST - After a cool, rainy Fourth of July weekend the temperatures finally climbed, bringing kids like Buzzy Joe Berry out into the campus sprinklers. CDS Photo

VOTERS GIVE CREDIT NEEDED FUNDS

More than half the eligible voters on the reservation turned out July 11 to approve a referendum requesting \$2 million in additional funds for the tribal credit program.

The final tally: YES - 506, NO - 38.

As soon as the funds are transferred from the tribal treasury, which should take about a week, it will be "business as usual" in the credit department. Lending activities were curtailed in May because of the shortage of funds and only personal and emergency loans up to \$500 have been approved since that time.

A full range of long and short term, low interest loans will be available to tribal members who want to buy a car or a house, start an enterprise, get

an education, go into farming or ranching, or simply pay off their bills.

But Credit Manager Bob Finch noted, "It doesn't mean that everybody who comes in is going to get a loan." Credit standards have not changed.

A major portion of the additional \$2 million will be used for housing loans, specifically for the financing of new construction, resale of existing homes and purchase of mobile homes.

Other areas to be expanded are business enterprise lending and auto and personal loans.

The Tribes' first credit code was drawn up in 1951 when funds were made available by the government. The credit program now utilizes tribal funds, which are solicited by general referendum.

Frontier Tavern May Be Closed Down This Month

Because of a long history of violations and violence, it appears most likely that The Frontier Tavern will be closed down for a month following the Oregon Liquor Control Commission's next meeting on July 25.

The possible 30-day license suspension stems from a December 12, 1977 charge of violations involving illegal hours of operation and for serving alcohol to visibly intoxicated customers.

A March 8 hearing resulted in a 30-day license suspension being assessed against The Frontier, but owner Albert Leiferman appealed the order asking to pay a fine in lieu of suspension, according to OLCC officer Glen Wrede of Bend.

But OLCC Information Officer Genieve Cook of Portland explained that in determining the final decision, the commission takes into consideration the background of an establish-

ment. "And this one's pretty bad," she remarked.

Cook said that the commission will consider the proposed order of suspension along with the exception filed by Leiferman, probably at their July 25 meeting. The final order will be issued at that time which Cook feels will be the suspension and not just a fine.

The Frontier will be allowed to remain open until the final order is issued.

There is also another charge of violations which occurred in March of this year. This involved hours of operation, containers scattered about the parking lot, and a bartender without a service permit.

A hearing concerning these charges was conducted July 6 in Madras at a special meeting in the Jefferson County Courthouse. It is doubtful that commission action on the second set of charges will take place before

August, said Cook.

Leiferman pleaded innocent to charges of hiring a person without a service permit, selling beer or wine after hours, and to having empty containers strewn about the parking lot.

He claimed to have fired the individual who allegedly served beer after the legal closing time and maintains that he sweeps the parking lot twice a day.

The record of violence which the OLCC will take into consideration when issuing the final order on the first charge includes shots being fired both inside and outside the premises, a

fire bombing, an Indian policeman being kidnapped and beaten, stabbings, and a murder in the parking lot.

Other violence on record includes a riot involving 50 to 60 teenagers outside the tavern, shots fired at a bar maid, numerous fights resulting in injuries, several assaults outside, and requests for investigations of violence by Rep. Sam Johnson and Al Ullman, MC. These incidences took place within a two-year period according to Cook.

Also, a background of past violations which will be considered include:

— a \$350 fine in February of 1973 for after hours and an employee without a service permit,

— a \$425 fine in September 1973 for serving alcohol to visibly intoxicated customers, and drinking on duty,

— a January '75 letter of warning for a disorderly premises.

— May '75 letter of warning for the same as above,

— a March 1976 Notice of Violation regarding two 18-year-old minors being served. This was dismissed because the place burned down in April and didn't re-open until September.

RANGE FORAGE OUTLOOK BEST IN 20 YEARS

Range forage in central and eastern Oregon has bounced back from last year's drought and researchers are predicting the best production in 20 years.

Range forage estimates, based upon precipitation received up to May 1, and assuming normal amounts through May and June, range from 128 percent in the north central to 166 percent of normal in the northeast regions of eastern Oregon.

The predictions are based upon research completed at the Oregon State University Squaw Butte Experiment Station in Burns and show a close relationship between range forage yield and the precipitation received during the September to June period.

"The overall average for eastern Oregon as of May 1 is 147 percent. This contrasts to last year's drought index of 49

percent, said Forrest Sneva, USDA Research rangeland scientist at Squaw Butte. "In fact, one has to go back 20 years, into the 1950s, to find a year with as favorable an outlook for range forage yield as what appears to be forthcoming in 1978."

The above-normal winter precipitation was reflected in high soil moisture percentages on April 1. In 1978, soil moisture on a 40-acre range unit averaged 19.2 percent in the surface 10 inches and 19.6 percent at the 10 to 20-inch depth.

"These readings are among the highest obtained over the past 13 years of sampling. By comparison, a year ago these soils contained only 1.0 and 8.3 percent soil moisture for the 0 to 10, and 10 to 20-inch depth, respectively," Sneva said.

The range forage estimate

uses the precipitation record for each participating weather station and expresses yield estimates based on each station's long-term median precipitation. The median precipitation a-

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BUDGET CUT COULD CLOSE SIMNASHO SCHOOL

Jefferson County School District 509-J school board will hold an IMPORTANT public meeting on Monday, July 17th at the Madras Junior High School Gymnasium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

After two levy defeats it was said, "Expenditures need to be reduced." One of the proposed reductions which would affect Warm Springs is closure of the Simnasho Elementary school where 14 students would enroll

for the school year '78-79.

There are several other reduction possibilities to be discussed at that meeting. The suggested cuts would reduce the levy from \$3.5 million to \$3.3 million.

The Board requests the public to attend to assist in preparing the next school budget. The next election has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 19th. Tribal members should plan to participate at the meeting.

WEATHER

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June 30	88	57	.13	
July 1	84	53	.04	
July 3	66	56	.05	
July 4	77	51		
July 5	85	48		
July 6	90	52		
July 7	90	60		
July 8	92	55		
July 9	85	52		
July 10	76	50		
July 11	84	46		
July 12	90	48		