

Editorial E COOSH EEWA: (The way it is)



Letters to the Editor We Need Police

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter for two reasons... first, I would like this opportunity to thank Ray Scott and the Police Force for doing a commendable job in solving the disappearance of my uncle, Herbie Switzer. There isn't enough words of praise for a job well done by Ray. There were week-ends when he worked on his own free time to help solve this case. If it weren't for dedicated officers such as Ray, can the people imagine what the reservation would be like!

This brings on the second reason. There are certain parties that would like the Police Department cut. Personally, I believe that would be very disastrous for our people and the

community.

We need our Juvenile department to help guide our growing children, who are no longer ignorant of drugs, paint sniffing, etc., at elementary age.

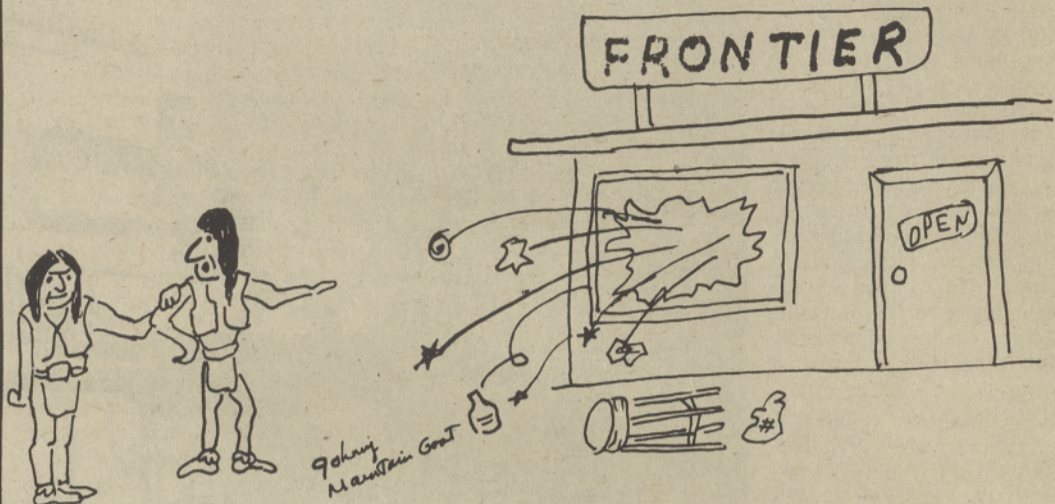
We need the Assistant Police Chief because of his great concern for our people plus to help ease the load of our Chief of Police.

We need our patrolmen to make this community feel adequately protected. If enough of the community members express their concern we may be able to help keep our present Police personnel.

Thank you for taking this time to read this letter.

One of many concerned persons,
Tina Kalama

Editor's Note



THE BOY'S ARE just having a Chuq-A-Lug Contest, Someone Lost!

We must have respect and love for our people

I am writing this letter in hopes of clearing up a misunderstanding. When I attended the budget meetings, it was not my intent to glorify myself or to politic for the Health Branch Manager's position! As we all know, there are many problems that exist on our reservation. At one time, when our ancestors walked upon our earth mother, I am told that our people thought as one Indian and this was because of our respect and love for the ways our Creator gave us to live and worship, be it the Longhouse way or the Sun Dance way! We were taught to respect our people that passed on to the Spirit World, our elders, all our brothers and sisters, the young pure people whose lives we must guide, and our future generations, the unborn.

To live with respect for all life: for the wingeds, the four leggeds, our brothers that live in our earth mother's blood, for plant life. To respect all of life, to live and breathe as one. This is the way that has been given us by our Creator.

To sit back and let our people and all of life on our reservation be disrespectful I feel is wrong. To do this would make me a hypocrite, which we are not!

For years we have watched Kah-Nee-Ta and our sacred waters be abused as have our woods, and all of life there is for the sake of the almighty dollar. To accept a White man as our

Tribal Planner and to let a handful of white men control our money and lives on our reservation is wrong.

We must have more respect and love for our people than this. Today, we have many educated brothers and sisters who felt they had to leave our people because a Whiteman said they were not qualified. This has been going on for years and years. Isn't it time we called our people home?

Today our people are scattered and hurt. Some are dead, or in a Whiteman's jail, or being killed by the Whiteman's alcohol, living their hurts! Why? Is it because we have turned this place into a tourist attraction with little to offer our own people? Has Warm Springs turned into a police state or do we really have a say on the path we walk? What will there be left to offer our future generations?

I feel it is time to clear the paths of our unborn and our young. This is not a place to make a Whiteman or a small group of people rich while the rest suffer! All you elder men know what it is to live a hard life. You've lived through wars, the loss of Celilo, and many bouts with the alcohol spirit. I respect you for this. Some of you didn't survive I feel sadness because of this. While you wear scars of a lifetime, you also wear your pride. I apologize if I may have insulted you at the budget meet-

Open Letter to Mr. Ray Scott

There's really no words that can express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for everything you have done in finding and locating our loved one, Herbie Switzer. You have given more than your many long hours on your own time, and traveled many long and weary miles, without pay, until you accomplished a task that was brought before you.

Even though it brought a lot of grief and sadness to the family, it also brought a deep feeling of relief that he was found so that a proper burial could be given.

Again, we say thank you

from the bottom of our hearts. May the Lord bless you, and give you a long, happy and prosperous life. We know your job is very thankless, but you will forever have a warm place in our hearts and you will be remembered in all our prayers.

We also thank the Warm Springs Police Department for their part in this sad task, and all others who helped as a team to make things easier for one another.

Again we thank you.
The mother, brothers, sisters,
and numerous nephews and
nieces of Herbie Switzer

ing. It was not intentional. It is to you the elder man we look to for your wisdom and spiritual strength for the people.

We do not need a big shopping center, but how about a food co-op for the people to make sure they are not hungry?

We do not need anymore programs that just spend the people's money and only give the people shame.

It is tiring listening to a Whiteman hide behind a bunch of big words and a smile which is nothing more than a thin veil that covers his greed and insensitivity towards the people! Let us lead our own teaching love and respect the way our ancestors taught us.

A big juvenile center is not needed in Warm Springs. It would only breed hate and disrespect. No person or group of people should rule over us in this way. Give your Red brothers your respect and you will have his. Give him your love and you will have his.

Our court system should be here to care for us. Not to abuse us. To hurt our own people with false charges is a big shame. But who carries this shame and hate for our own people?

Today as bonus time draws closer, we must protect ourselves from many bad spirits that are here to hurt us. The court system and surrounding police forces are already increasing fines and stopping our people unjustly in anticipation of our bonus! There must be someone to help our people with our rights which are being violated. There are already too many of our people in the Whiteman's jails instead of with their families. We have tribal lawyers but they don't seem to be here for the people. So who is it to be?

I ask you to think about these problems with an open heart and a lot of love for your people.

I do not write this letter to stir up a lot of hate, but to uncover and nourish the unity, respect and love of and for our people.

All my Relations
Sincerely Yours,
LeRoy Bobb

CHILDREN NEED LOVE, — CAN YOU GIVE IT?

ATTENTION: COMMUNITY!

Once again there is a serious need for emergency shelter homes and foster homes. There are a number of homes that are certified to be foster parents, however, in most families the wife is working full time. We are having difficulty finding foster homes where the wife is home.

The children that are in need of care, whether for a short time or long term, need nurturing full time. I'm appealing to you mothers who are at home and have an abundance of love in your heart for children.

Perhaps you have felt you wanted to do something for your people and to feel good about yourself for having shared yourself with another person. The reward for being a foster mother and father will not be a financial reward by any means. The reward is the satisfaction of feeling good in your heart for giving the greatest gift we can give, LOVE.

Please call our office for any information regarding foster care.

Sincerely,
Lola May Sohapply
Foster Care Counselor

Do as I do

The world is fast losing its sense of values and morals. Everything that is ungodly is being legalized. That's why the young people are in so much trouble. There is much confusion in their minds as to what is right and what is wrong. They hear their elders telling them "Do this and do that," "this is the right way we used to do it" and then see their elders doing the very things they say are not right! We, as mothers and fathers have to wake up and realize that we are the ones that have to change before we can change our kids. We cannot continue to tell our children to "Do as I say not do as I do." Because eventually as they grow up they are going to do as we do anyhow. I'm not only speaking of drinking and smoking and cursing, I'm speaking of

how we treat others, how we care for our homes, how we care for our body and our appearance, how we talk, meaning if we talk hatefully of things and people, make fun of, put down or talk fairly of all people, understanding that every person has his faults and his goodness.

The Great Spirit or God is the creator of all people. Every race has something unique and beautiful about them. Each is different in speech and culture but none, in God's eyes is better than another. If we could but see each other as God sees us. What great peace we would have in our hearts.

What great turmoil would be stilled in our minds.

PATH-Foster Care

Tribal Council Agenda

Dec. 18 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. - Enrollments
2. 2:00 p.m. - Realty, Phillip David's Right-of-way

Dec. 19 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. - Budget Items held in abeyance - Ken Smith, Branch Managers
2. 2:00 p.m. - Sanders-Rickard, Roads - Progress Report

NOTE: Special meetings will be called as required.
SIMNASHO District Meeting to be scheduled re Law and Order