

While budget items pend

Police Department in "holding pattern"

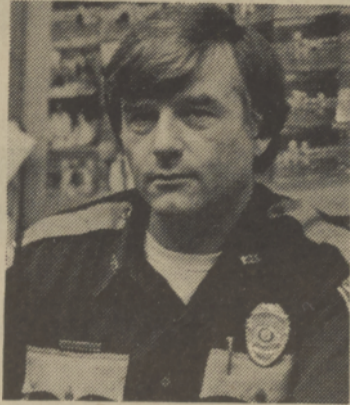
by Cynthia Stowell

The new year brought yet another shuffle in the police department but not one of its own choosing. Tribal Council's deletion of the position of assistant chief has resulted in the transfer of Dick Montee, who had filled the slot since August, back to the juvenile program where he began two years ago.

Juvenile director Small Fire Hawk was moved to the new position of drug investigator as part of the shuffle.

The rest of the police department is in a "holding pattern," according to chief Jeff Sanders, while the fate of four requested positions remains to be determined by Council. "We have positions that we need to put people to work on, but we can't expend any money on those items," said Sanders.

Those positions include two patrolmen, one dispatcher and one Kah-Nee-Ta security man.



DICK MONTEE
Round trip ticket

The juvenile justice program as a whole is also under Council scrutiny while two requested positions — juvenile officer and juvenile narcotics officer — were deleted entirely. Also deleted was the salary increase for the chief.

"We're not down anything from last year," said Sanders, "but to be fully functional we'd like those positions." The Council is inclined to feel that increased personnel is not the key to improved services...

The police department spent a good part of 1978 on reorganization, including the addition of an assistant chief to direct daily operations and increased emphasis on training and accountability among the staff.

Community support for the police department has soared, as evidenced by statements made in Spilyay Tymoos and at recent general council meetings. Municipal branch manager Rudy Clements remarked, "If we had another general council we'd get everything we want, but Council won't schedule one."

"It's discouraging," said Clements about the Council's less than enthusiastic support of the police department's budget

requests. "We build up the police department, raise morale and then don't get the backing."

Ex-assistant chief Montee, who took a \$4,000 cut in pay and a cut in responsibility and authority that cannot be so easily measured, feels he was never given sufficient reason for his removal and suspects that personal considerations prevailed. Montee, a non-tribal member, was instrumental in making the department more visible in the community through educational and public relations efforts.

About losing his assistant, Sanders said he feared he would not have as much time to devote to longterm program planning with the added responsibility of monitoring daily operations of the program. Montee was an asset to the department because of his extensive FBI and BIA background, a fact not well-known to the community, added Sanders.

Sanders asked for and received four jailors, one drug investigator and one records clerk for 1979. The positions held in abeyance would help balance his program, he feels.

Jailing and dispatching were separated as the result of the Robbins Report on law and order in Warm Springs and possible civil rights violations. Sanders wonders why he is not getting the extra dispatcher he needs.

The patrolman and Kah-Nee-Ta security man requested are not actually new positions, explained Sanders, but already exist with outside funding. They would simply be transferred to the tribal payrolls, not adding personnel to the police staff.

Several people concerned with the program suggested that the Council should be concerned with the bottom line of the police budget and not specific staffing considerations.

As if the cold weather wasn't enough

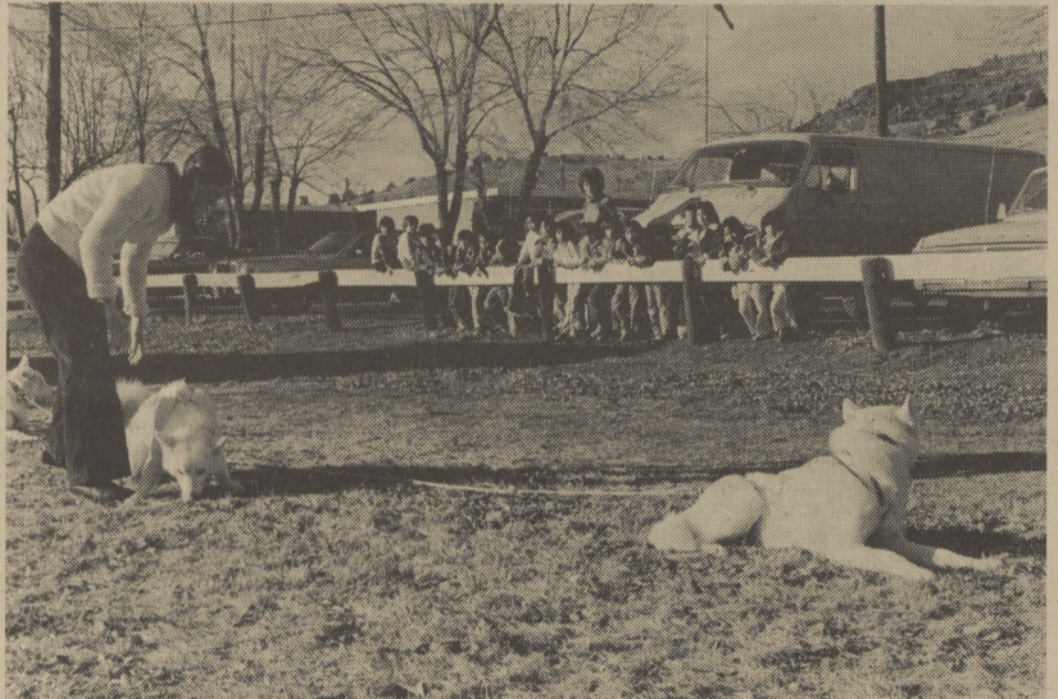
So you woke up this morning, turned on the lights and nothing happened? Well, all Warm Springs residents who receive their electricity from Pacific Power and Light became "unlit" at midnight January 8. The outage is blamed on a transformer failure. According to PP&L employees, the "black-out" was not caused by an overload. Crew members worked through the night trying to rectify the problem, hoping to have the power back on by mid-afternoon.

The Warm Springs area has been plagued by sub-freezing weather since December 28. Since that day, the temperature has not risen above 21 degrees. Residents have suffered frozen

and broken pipes since the onset of cold weather and the Tribal utilities department has been working full-time to thaw the pipes, averaging only three homes per day.

It is advised, for as long as we have sub-freezing weather, that cold water be turned on and left to run, run, run. Another aid is to purchase a \$5.00 heat tape to wrap around your pipes. The cost to operate an electric heat tape throughout a winter is less than a half-hour session with the plumber.

The extended forecast for this week is C-O-L-D with highs to 15 above and lows to 20 below.



Mush

Pure bred Siberian husky sled dogs, belonging to Dan and Lynn Neumann of Madras, recently visited Emily Parker's first grade class. Even though there was no snow, the dogs did race up and down the field to demonstrate the specific duties of each dog.
Roger Stwyer Photo

First Baby

Congratulations to Gene and Wanda Nasewytewa who had the Jefferson County New Year's baby for 1979.

Born at Mt. View Hospital on January 3 at 3:58 a.m., Heather Ann weighed in at 7 lbs., 12 oz. The baby girl entitles her parents to dozens of gifts from local businesses.

Gene is the son of Harlow and Betty Nasewytewa of Warm Springs.

Crack-down on BB guns

Residents of the West Hills area have reported to the juvenile authorities that children have been abusing the use of BB guns. Because of the possible injuries and damage being done to homes, juvenile authorities are asking parents' assistance in cracking down on the problem.

Warm Springs Parenting Committee Offers Two Guest Speakers

Two special speakers will give workshops on parenting techniques this month through the Warm Springs Parenting Committee.

Mike Giammateo, founder of the Sylvan Institute of Mental Health and Family Services in Vancouver, Washington will give a workshop from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 8th for interested agencies staff and for the public from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. the same day. Both workshops will be held at the Community Center and the topic will be on parent-child involvement with special attention paid to the relationship of working parents and their children.

Marcelle Straatman, Extension Human Development Specialist from Oregon State University will give a workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30th for interested agencies staff and for the public from 7-10 p.m. the same day. Both workshops will be held at the Community Center and the

topic will be on understanding the mental and physical development of children of all ages and backgrounds. Marcelle will also

talk about positive parenting techniques and lead activities to help parents develop positive parenting skills.

People's Opinion

Question: How was your New Year's evening? Asked by Spilyay.

Shirley: It was just great, we stayed home, didn't go anywhere. It was nice and quiet.

Ralph: I was asleep by 11:00 p.m., we had plans on just staying home. There was a lot of activities during the holidays. Christmas, basketball and a bowling tournament.

Evaline: We went to the longhouse at Simnasho where we enjoyed a traditional Indian New Year. Drumming, singing and danced in the New Year.

Les: We just stayed home, we did have plans to go out with friends but after the bowling tournament it seemed a little late to go anywhere so we just stayed home.

Maxine: We didn't go anywhere, we just stayed at home and had a few friends and neighbors over, it was a pretty quiet evening.

Marlyn: I didn't do anything, I stayed home and went to bed early got up at about 5 a.m. because my sisters came for a visit.

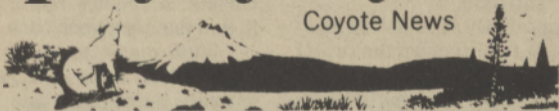
Sandra: We had a quiet evening at home, visiting and playing games. We had a good fire in the fireplace, it was just a fine evening.

Bob: I was in bed at about 10 p.m. We went skiing early the next morning. We had a real good day at Mt. Bachelor.

Jackie: We went camping at three rivers, the guys wanted to sled down the hill at midnight, I stayed at camp because it was cold.

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