

Editorial E COOSH EEWA: (The way it is)



Why "Spilyay Tymoo"?

Spilyay Tymoo? Oh! Spilyay Tymoo ... Well, I thought that there might be readers who have been wondering why "Spilyay Tymoo" was selected as the title of this newspaper.

Four years ago the management of the Tribal Council got their heads together and decided to establish a local newspaper. The main purpose on this decision was to establish a means of communication with all tribal members by keeping them informed of the past, present and what may be in store in the future (news).

Well, getting back to the title of the newspaper, we wanted something authentic or symbolic to our country. Well, the wheels in our heads began to turn, things like, "Warm Springs Review, Warm Springs Tribune, Voice of Warm Springs." The thought came up, "Something symbolic, so the thought and discussion came about. "When you see a rider on a appaloosa horse, that represented the NezPerce Nation of Idaho, a rider killing a buffalo horseback represented the Plains Indians, the Thunder bird represented the Indians of the southwest.

Is there anything symbolic to the northwest Indians? We mentioned fishing, hunting, the mountains. Finally Coyote was brought up and from all early legends Spilyay played an important part years ago to help the people to get organized. The white world has their fairy tales, well, so do the Indians. From all the tales told, "Spilyay" seemed to stand out and the tales seemed appropriate for this area. Coyote was the messenger, story teller and teacher according to all the legends.

The reason for this explanation is that there has been some discussion as to the title of the paper. Some feel the title of the paper is of bad taste, since Coyote means bad news according to the behavior of the animal Coyote. But this was thought out before the decision was made. The Coyote legends and stories were told to all the people of the northwest. From this the Coyote, the mountains and the desert scenery are symbolic to the Warm Springs reservation of the northwest, Thus "Spilyay Tymoo" (Coyote News) was selected as the title of our newspaper.

Guest Editorial

Dams or Fish?

Recently, plans for two Pacific Northwest dams have been resurrected. If built, these dams would greatly affect upper Columbia River salmon and steelhead stocks.

The Pacific Northwest Waterways Association has stated their intention to seek reauthorization of Asotin Dam on the Snake River. Asotin was originally scrapped in 1976 when Congress, under heavy public pressure, designated Hells Canyon a National Recreation Area.

Asotin Dam, if built, would essentially wipe out summer steelhead and fall chinook salmon runs above the junction of the Clearwater and Snake Rivers. This area includes some of the best natural production habitat for anadromous fish left in the Columbia Basin.

The other dam in question, Ben Franklin, is under reconsideration by the U.S. Corps of Engineers. Plans for this dam were originally scrapped in the 1960's because it was economically a loser. Recent increased demands for electric power have reopened the door on Ben Franklin.

If built, Ben Franklin Dam would inundate the last free-flowing stretch of river in the main-stem Columbia River. This 57-mile-stretch of river is unique in that it is the only site left where natural production of salmon and steelhead occurs on the main-stem Columbia.

In the cases of Asotin and Ben Franklin dams, it is clearly a question of dams or fish. The Columbia Basin salmon and steelhead resource, above Bonneville Dam, is in grave peril now and construction of two more dams in this area would only help to seal its fate.

(Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission)

Community Calendar

FEBRUARY

- 17.....Benefit Basketball Tournament for Simnasho School Event begins at 6:30. Admission charge \$1.00.
- 18.....Family Life Program sponsored by Presbyterian and Baptist churches. First film to be "Free Spirit" Begins at 7:00 followed by discussion.
- 17, 18.....Warm Springs Boxing Club All-Indian Boxing Tournament in Fort-Hall Idaho.
- 19.....NO SCHOOL FOR 509-J STUDENTS
- 20.....Public Forum on Law and Order Programs — Simnasho Longhouse, 7 p.m.
- 22.....This Thursday and every Thursday Toastmasters International Luncheon meetings at the Community Center. Anyone interested should contact Cliff Yarnell at extension 287.
- 25.....Family Life Program Film: "Locate Yourself." Film starts at 7:00 p.m., followed by discussion.
- 26.....General Council meeting at which WSFPI annual report will be presented. Agency Longhouse 6:30 for supper, meeting to begin at 7:30
- 26.....SOLAR ECLIPSE — SEE CENTERFOLD
- 26.....Due to Solar eclipse, all 509-J schools will start two hours later. Students will be released at regular time.

Letter to the Editor

Thanks for Encouragement

Dear Spilyay:

I would like to publicly thank all the people that helped make it possible for me to start dancing again and take part in this year's Lincoln's Birthday Powwow. I would like to thank specifically the following people:

Sylvia Wallulatum, Made

chaps for me; Grant Waheneka, Spoke for me; Jacob Frank, Guidance; Oliver Kirk, Advice; Matilda Mitchell, Encouragement; Nettie Shawaway, Encouragement; Charlotte Herkshan, Help and Morale Support; Keith Moody, Help and Morale Support; Pine Grove, Jrs.,-Encouragement; Yahteen

Frank, Help and Encouragement.

There are many others but with the limited space I can't publicly recognize them but I think they know who they are. And I would like to thank them.

Thank you,
Ray "Captain" Moody

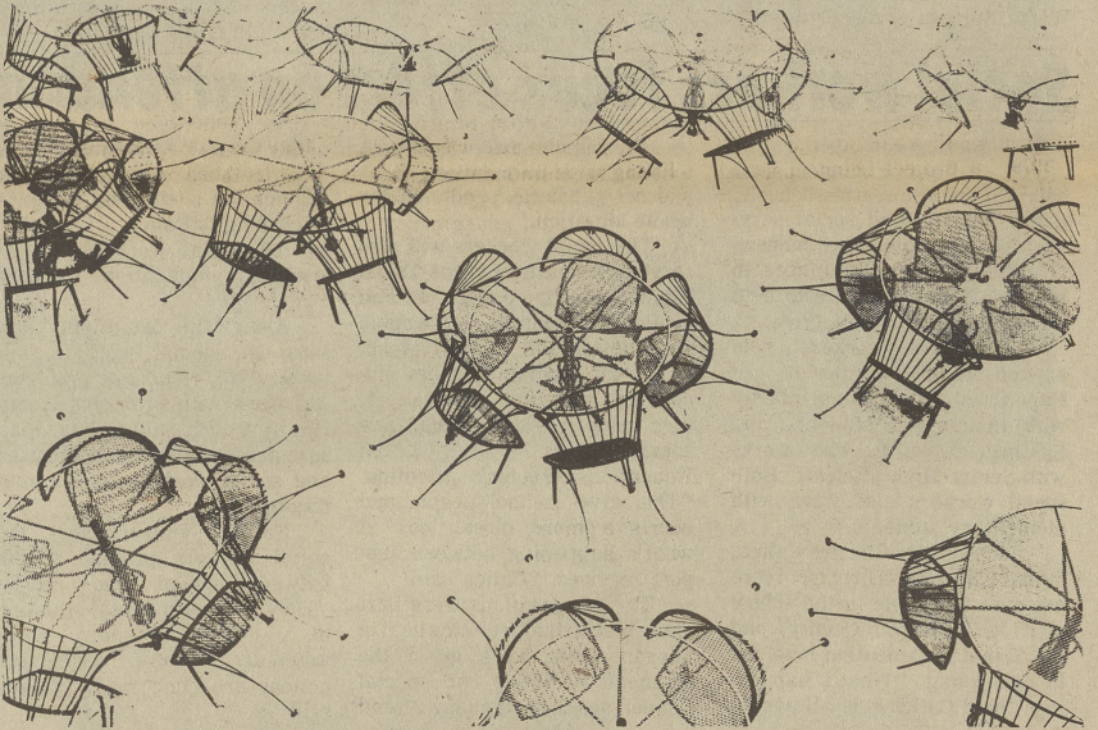
Supreme Court Rules Against Yakima

A fifteen year battle over state and tribal jurisdiction ended January 16, 1979, when the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the legality of a Washington State statute which gives the state civil and criminal jurisdiction over Indians within the Yakima Reservation, depending on "the title status of the property on which the offense or transaction occurred and upon the nature of the subject matter."

The Yakima Nation has been under P.L. 280 since 1963. In that year, the state of Washington assumed jurisdiction over all matters on the reservation, without the consent of the Yakima people. Yakima Tribal attorney Hovis said in the January Yakima Nation Review that the Supreme Court decision was a "bad one. We have a right to make a motion for a rehearing and I will do so; however, the

chances for reconsideration are minimal."

In his dissenting opinion, Chief Justice Marshall viewed this decision as an aberration in the Supreme Court's 140-year history of resolving ambiguities of tribal sovereignty in favor of Indians. All eyes should be on the Supreme Court as it reconsiders the Northwests Boldt Decision this spring.



Patio Ballet

Swirling dancers, water striders, microscopic organisms? Wrong. They are tables and chairs in disguise on the snowy poolside patio at Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge.

Spilyay Tymoo Photo by CDS

ANNOUNCEMENT Tribal Education Committee

Satch Miller has announced his resignation from the Education Committee to devote more time to all Community Center programs. Miller has done an outstanding job while serving with the Committee in improving attitudes among the tribal members toward higher educational goals which include high school graduates as well as adults.

The selection for a replacement for Miller will tentatively be announced February 21, and the new member to take office by February 23, which is the next scheduled meeting date.

Tribal Council Agenda

- Feb. 19 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. 10:00 a.m. - Credit Union Progress Report
 2. Remodel Office Space-Credit Department
 3. Management Reports
- Feb. 20 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. 10:00 a.m. - WSFPI Board Appointments
 2. 2:00 p.m. - 509-J Report
- Feb. 21 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. 10:00 a.m. - Enrollments
 2. 2:00 p.m. - Safety Committee
 - 2:45 p.m. - Range Committee
 - 4:00 p.m. - Education Committee
- Feb. 22 - WORKSHOP - Tribal Council General Manager Agency Superintendent
- Feb. 26 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. WSFPI Report to Council

GENERAL COUNCIL - Agency Longhouse
Agenda: Annual report of WSFPI
TO BE SCHEDULED:
Irrigation Project