

Many Sore Fingers Ready Roots For The Feast



Peeling Piaxi

In celebration of the new foods offered up by the Creator each spring, the Simnasho and Agency Longhouses observed this year's Root Feast on Sunday, April 8.

Much preparation and care goes into each year's Root Feast, as evidenced by sore fingers and tired backs. Peeling Piaxi (top left) with Harry Miller at the Agency Longhouse was a group of all ages (center left). But it wasn't all drudgery — there was time for fun, too. Mary Danzuka (bottom left) shared some affectionate moments with her granddaughter and Phillip David's daughter. By Saturday, Matilda Mitchell (center left) was ready for the feast because the Simnasho ladies peel their roots as they pick them. Prunie Williams (bottom center) made tule mats for the feast. Joyce Quinn (upper right) toiled over boiling kettles of food Sunday, while Alexander Eagleheart helped fix fresh salmon. A Simnasho Longhouse helper (center right) poured the ceremonial water at each place setting. And when each of the ritual morsels of food was served, the feast was ready to begin.



A Group Experience



Ready



Kettles of Roots



Fixing Fresh Salmon



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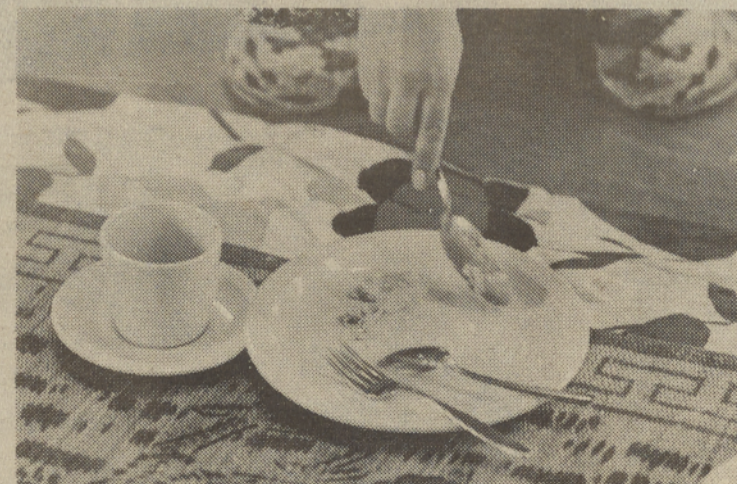


Time For Fun, Too



Making Tule Mats

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Ritual Serving

Root Feast - a Time of Indian Thanksgiving