

Tribes sure to get HUD fire grant

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs have been given the go-ahead to submit their application for a \$250,000 HUD Community Block grant. It is fairly well guaranteed that Warm Springs will receive the proposed amount.

The grant will enable the tribes to construct two buildings and purchase two 350 gallon fire trucks, a 4,000 gallon tanker and an emergency vehicle.

One of the buildings will be used to house one new fire truck at Kah-Nee-Ta, the other will be a fire house built at Simnasho, housing the other new fire truck, the emergency vehicle and one fireman. The tanker will be kept at Warm Springs.

According to grants writer Art Tassie, even though construction may not begin until late fall, with permission from HUD, the two trucks and emergency vehicle could be here within 90 days even though the funding has not been received. The proposed

additions to the existing fire protection should significantly reduce tribal and individual insurance rates.

Alaska was awarded 60 percent of the original Region X \$4 million grant, reducing it to \$1.6 million for which Oregon, Washington and Idaho were eligible. At a Region X meeting held in Seattle recently, it was suggested by tribal representatives that Alaska become Region XI, so as not to reduce Region X funding so drastically.

A recent HUD letter indicated that there were 15 pre-applications reviewed and prioritized. Out of a possible 1,000 points, the Warm Springs application received 908 points, making it first on the list.

The tribes have also received CETA funds to hire and train seven full-time fire department members, six to be stationed in Warm Springs and one in Simnasho. Hiring will be delayed until a new fire and safety officer is employed.



Summer, here I come!

Primary schoolers had a running head start into summer when they dashed through the obstacle course during the annual playday at the grade school. School ended district-wide June 6.

NAIWA meeting in Yakima

The ninth annual national conference of the North American Indian Women's Association (NAIWA) will be held in Yakima June 17-20.

Keynote speaker will be Helen Sheirbeck, who is actively involved with the Indian Health Service and children.

Because NAIWA chose "International Year of the Child" as its theme this year, topics of discussion the three day conference will deal with the problems of children. Prosanna Williams will discuss "Suicide and the Indian Child". There will be a panel to discuss handicapped children and child abuse and neglect. Dr. Delores

Gregory, who comes to Warm Springs in a psychiatric capacity, will speak on "How to Love Yourself" and Dr. Martha Lamberts will give a talk on "How to Love Your Child".

The conference will be held at the Towne Plaza Convention Center. Sessions will begin at 9 a.m. daily.

Police Report

A June 4 motorcycle-car accident hospitalized two people at 4:45 a.m. The accident occurred at Foster and Bray in West Hills.

Newspaper deliveryman, Ray L. Grant, Madras, was crossing the road to deliver Nathan Jim's newspaper and failed to see the Yamaha 125, driven by Davis Stwyer, 15, approaching until the bike reached headlight range. Grant said he didn't see any lights.

The Yamaha hit Grant's 1979 Datsun pick-up on the left front fender causing little damage, and the bike had a bent fork, bent fender, and a torn seat as a result of the collision. Both the bike and pick-up were driveable. Davis Stwyer fractured his left knee and broke his right ankle in the accident, and passenger of the bike, Julie Meanus, 21, suffered a broken leg.

The rifles stolen from the residences of Uren Leonard and Perry Greene is still under investigation. Sergeant Ray

Calica said that they're just waiting for the rifles to turn up someplace such as a store owner, or other police departments.

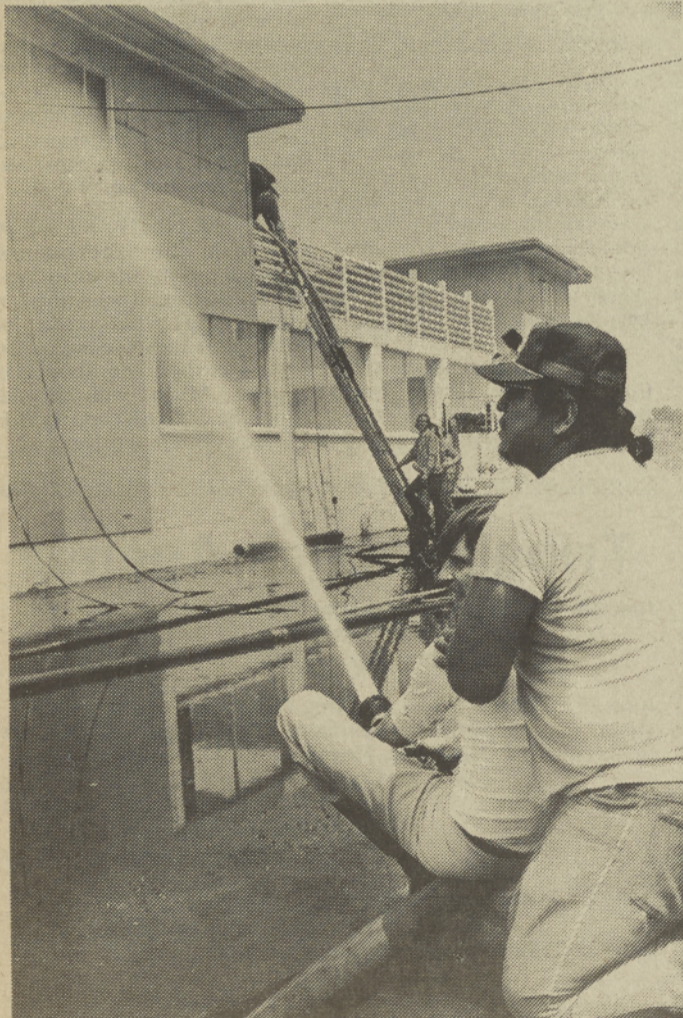
Special investigator Mark Werner reported that there was a rash of vandalism about two weeks ago. Someone let the air out of the tires on a large number of cars belonging to the roads department and land operations.

He said that all the cars at the Public Health Service clinic were hit and that air was let out of all four tires on each of the vehicles.

"The doctors use those vehicles to service the people in the community on an on-call basis," said Werner. "Whoever was responsible is endangering the lives of those who need the immediate help of a doctor," he stressed. "And that includes the person's own family members," he added.

"Someone could die of a heart attack just because the tires on the doctor's car were flat."

Warm Springs helps Sonny



Central Oregon's mutual aid system of fire protection worked smoothly June 7 when three departments were called to assist North Unit Fire Department with the blaze that destroyed a large portion of Sonny's Motel in Madras.

Warm Springs joined Madras and Redmond in the assist, sending two trucks and ten men to the scene. Kah-Nee-Ta's fire crew drove their truck down to Agency and covered the community for the four hours that Warm Springs was gone.

According to Fire Chief Bill Cassel, North Unit's call came at around 11:30 a.m. Unable to round up firemen by phone, Cassel rang the alarm briefly at noon and within moments the first truck and five men were on their way.

The destroyed wing of the motel was "completely engulfed" when Warm Springs arrived, said Cassel, and the penthouse was smoking. Two lines joined the tangle of hoses from nine other pieces of fire equipment, spraying huge amounts of water on the spreading fire.

Warm Springs' second truck arrived within a half hour of the first and concentrated on the lower penthouse and pool area. That truck was later called to draft out of the irrigation canal behind Sonny's, thus providing water for the numerous engines & tankers as well as the swimming pool from which Madras was pumping.

When the larger truck

Thompson receives six years on manslaughter conviction

Roscoe Thompson, Jr. 23, was sentenced in Federal Court May 21 to six years in prison following a guilty verdict in the May 1978 death of Wilbert Switzler, Jr., 30. Thompson received the maximum time under the federal Youth Corrections Act, designed for 18-26 year old offenders. Thompson had originally been charged with second degree murder, but the jury turned in the manslaughter conviction, which carries a ten year maximum term.

The April trial, which contained evidence gathered from Thompson under hypnosis, concluded almost a year of speculation about the disappearance of Switzler. He was reported missing in June but it was not until November that Thompson led authorities to Switzler's remains in a

shallow grave near Peter's Pasture.

Thompson's statement to the F.B.I. at the time conflicted with later testimony gathered under hypnosis by a Portland doctor. Thompson's defense was based on his memory of a fistfight in which Switzler pulled a knife and Thompson retaliated by "breaking his windpipe." He had originally told the F.B.I. that he had shot Switzler after pushing him down a dirt embankment during the course of the fight.

The incident apparently occurred while the two were drinking on their way up Tenino Road one day last May. Conversation turned to argument and violence erupted on the road outside the car.

It is not known where Thompson will serve his time.

PLAINCLOTHES FIREMEN - Harry Miller and Dale Cochran didn't mind soiling their street clothes for the opportunity to pitch in and help at the fire that destroyed a portion of Sonny's Motel in Madras. They even learned the fine points of coiling a three inch hose--which has a mind of its own--and sitting on it to keep it on target. Spilyay Tymoo Photo by Stowell

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