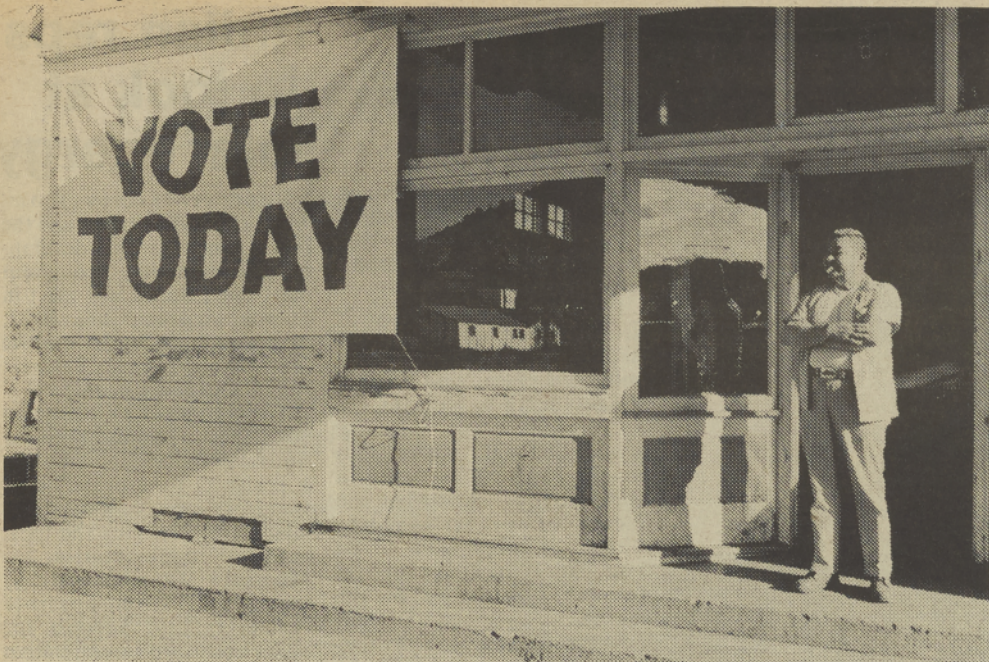




Woody was lonely

Election Board Chairman Woody Smith didn't get many customers at the last tribal referendum June 5. Not enough voters turned out to either pass or defeat the proposed domestic water system and housing. Another election has been set for July 10 - this time the water system will be the only issue on the ballot. Pay Woody a visit!

Spilyay Tymoo Photo by Stowell

Legislative Report By Ken Jernstedt

Water rights should be examined

This week I started work on a 5-member conference committee that will hammer out a compromise on HB 2060, which would change the formula by which the OLCC issues licenses.

At the present time a license can be issued on the basis of one for every 2,000 people. This works a hardship on the tourist areas of Oregon, and we have many of those. If the absence of a bar is indeed a hardship, the same thing can be said concerning thinly populated areas. In other words--some citizens have a long way to drive to get to a "watering hole."

Just how to change the formula without going too far

is the problem that we face. There are some that want it wide open, and others that believe we have too many licensed bars as it is. We do know that the OLCC is out of licenses at the present time and that several large hotel-motel complexes need them for the tourist season which has already begun.

Recently I attended a national legislative task force meeting concerning Indian affairs--one to which the Senate President appointed me about two months ago. The meeting was held in Carson City, Nevada and nine members of the task force were in attendance. The chairman is from Rhode Island. Most of

the other members in attendance were from west of the Mississippi River.

The topic under discussion was Indian water rights and the relationship of these rights to state governments. Water is fast becoming a real problem to many of our states, especially those in the southwest.

Old Supreme Court (1908) decisions gave Indian reservations tremendous bargaining power as far as water is concerned, which leaves some states--especially Arizona--in very tough positions. Twenty seven percent of that state is made up of reservation lands. They are using their water, especially their ground water, at a rate two times greater than that of replenishment. Eighty-nine percent of the total amount of Arizona's water goes for irrigation.

While Oregon is not confronted with problem of the magnitude of that of Arizona, we might very well run into trouble in the future. At present Congress has extended the moratorium on the diversion of Columbia River water to Arizona, but that could change. Also, the structure of irrigated agriculture in eastern Oregon could be greatly affected should an order of priorities be set up under terms of old Indian treaties.

One thing is certain--water is one of our most precious resources and we must guard it wisely and well.

Indian News Notes

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NATIONAL NEWS MAGAZINE REPORTS ON INDIAN BUSINESS SUCCESSES: U.S. NEWS and World Report for May 28 says that Indian tribal enterprises are "now starting to crack the walls of poverty that long have encircled America's Indians." The four-page story, headlined "Business Breakout for America's Indians," states that "commercial ventures into such fields as timber, oil, coal, vacation resorts, factories and farming" have helped raise the median household income of Indians above that of blacks, Puerto Ricans and Mexican Americans. The article cites "enormous strides" in education, with some 40,000 Indians now in college, as a factor in the economic development.

Programs on the Warm Springs Reservation, the Minnesota Chippewa, and the Ak-Chin Reservation are used as examples. According to the article, "most Indians describe their recent economic advances as the most encouraging resurgence since white settlers took their ancestral lands. Now that Indians are no longer the nation's most impoverished minority, many are predicting even greater strides in the future."

WHITE HOUSE HAS NEW POSITION ON TRANSFER OF INDIAN EDUCATION FROM BIA: Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus and Assistant Secretary Forrest Gerard have been informed that they have White House approval to oppose the transfer of Indian education programs to a new Department of Education. The original White House position was to include Indian education in the transfer, but the almost unanimous opposition of Indian tribal leaders was effective in having the Senate leave Indian education out of their 1979 bill.

The House, however, has included the transfer in their version of the bill. One Washington observer said the Administration wants to keep the legislation clean to assure passage -- and then the transfer could be made administratively if desired.

STATE ASKS NEZ PERCE TO NOT CATCH SALMON: Because a 1977 drought has almost wiped out this year's salmon run in Idaho's rivers, the State Fish and Game Commission has asked the Nez Perce Indians, who are allowed by treaty to fish without state restrictions, to avoid fishing during the spring chinook salmon run.

Governor John Evans and fish and game director Joseph Greenley asked tribal chairman Wilfred Scott to close all waters to salmon fishing by members of the tribe. Scott said that the matter would be on the agenda at the tribal council meeting in the last week of May. He said the tribe's fish and game committee would be asked to make a recommendation.

The State Commission said that on May 14 only 1,948 chinook salmon passed Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River in Washington on their way to Idaho, as against 21,480 on the same date last year. The 1977 drought affects this year's run because the fish have a two-year life cycle, with the lowered egg production of 1977 showing in this year's run.

Sonny's Fire

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became overheated, Warm Springs' smaller truck took over drafting duties. For two hours after the rest of the crew left at 4:00, Wilfred Jim stayed with the truck and pulled water from the canal.

But the first and last Warm Springs on the scene was not a fireman, but an elderly resident of the motel. Frenchie Thomas watched the whole blaze from his front door stoop while folks in Warm Springs worried about him. Community Health Representative Adeline Miller scoured the premises looking

for Frenchie and finally found him absorbed in the fire that blazed just feet from his room. The two sat in the smoke watching, and Frenchie, despite his bad heart, even helped out with powerful 3" hose until it got the best of him. He was reportedly happy that he was able to move his car from the area in time.

The fire, caused by faulty wiring, cost Sonny Endres and his partner \$500,000. Their insurance should reimburse the Warm Springs Department for their efforts, said Cassel.

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THERE WAS THIS guy who looked up his family tree and found out that he was the "SAP." YIKES

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A POLITICIAN TALKING to a Farmer said, "What did you think of my speech on the agricultural problem?" "Not bad," said the Farmer, but a good day's rain would probably have helped more." YIKES

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IT WAS SAID that wisdom comes with age but it doesn't do anybody much good, since senility tends to set in about the same time. YIKES

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A GANGSTER CALLS a cab and said, "Rush me to the airport." They get there but instead of paying the fare, the gangster pulls out a machine gun. The driver looks at it and says, "Say, buddy, do you have anything smaller." YIKES

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A GUY WAS GIVING his friend some advice by saying, "Remember, you can always write to your Congressman and put in your two cents' worth." His friend said, "But it will still cost me 15c." YIKES

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THERE WAS THIS GUY who thought that this farmer out in the back woods had one of these large gas storage tanks, so he goes to the place where he sees the farmer plowing in his field with his mule. He tells the farmer, "I want to talk to you!" The farmer said, "I won't answer any questions." The city guy said, "Well, let's see you dance." He pulls out a pistol and fires six shots around his feet, when he finished the farmer walked around his Mule and gets his sawed off shot gun cocks both barrels and pokes it into the city guys stomach and said, "Have you ever kissed a 1500 pound sweaty mule right smack in the mouth?" "Nope, but I sure want to." YIKES

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