

Golf just one concern in Louie's life

For a man who has golfed for 18 years and who presently plays nine hours, a day, ironically, Louie Pitt, Jr. says golf is a "very small part of Louie." He says that to be a "modern Indian on a reservation one has to be multi-faceted." So it is with Louie.

His facets include a good education, religion, political and social concerns and a great love for the game of golf.

It's that love that prevents him from becoming a pro. "The easiest way to lose that love is to become a pro," he says. "I want to be a good amateur because I love the game more than money."

Louie, 31, attributes his success in the game to continual practice, but more importantly, his spirituality. He and his wife Nancy have been reborn Christians for eight months.

After a long bout with alcoholism, Louie replaced the bad with something good, golf.

"While I was drinking heavily," Louis says chuckling, "golf was interfering with my drinking career." Two years have passed, he has hung on to his sobriety, and is attempting to perfect his game.

Louie worries about the natural resources, such as timber and water on the reservation, saying they must be protected and that people shouldn't be so money-hungry. He fears termination. "The end product of self-determination is termination."

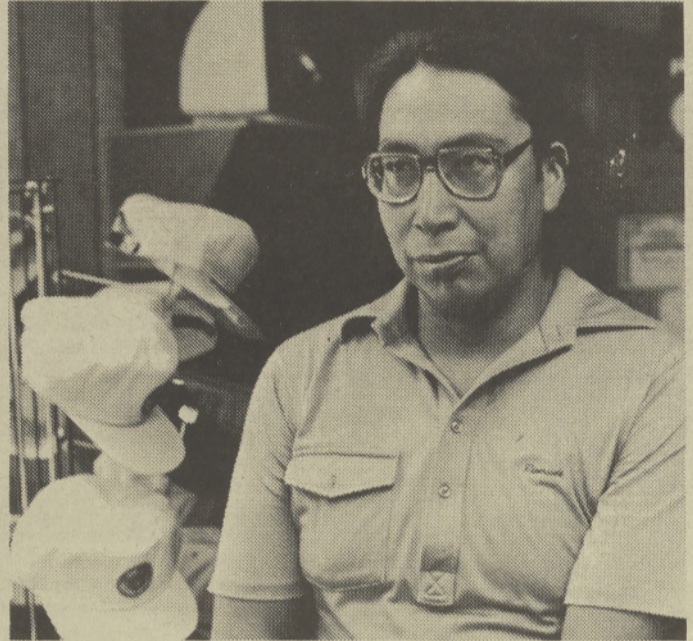
He also wishes that employees at Kah-Nee-Ta "wouldn't lie to our white brothers about Kah-Nee-Ta." Louie is a descendent of the well-known woman Kah-Nee-Ta and resents the way she has

been romanticized.

The lack of spirituality on the reservation concerns the Pitts, saying that most have drifted away from the traditional ways. "The spiritual problem is pervading everything," says Louie. "We're no longer Indian in any sense."

Louie has combined his new faith with his two-year sobriety to escape the mental "haze" that surrounded him for several years. He advises that kids with athletic aspirations stop and think about alcohol. "Alcohol will destroy any aspirations" a kid may have, he says.

In his haze, Louie took "time out" from reality with alcohol. But, Louie is out of that haze now and the reality is that Louie is the best amateur golfer on the reservation.



Louie Pitt, Jr.

Stakes are high at North American Indian Powwow

The National American Indian Center is sponsoring the North American Indian Powwow October 4-7 at the Las Vegas Convention Center. \$12,000 in prize money will be handed out.

The Men's Fancy War Dance contest is one that should lure top competitors from throughout the United States and Canada. First place

is worth \$2,000. The second place winner gets \$1,000 and third place winner gets \$500.

The Men's traditional dance will be in two categories: Southern traditional and Northern traditional. First place winners will receive \$1,000, second place winners receive \$500, and \$250 goes to the third place winners.

The Women's category has two competition dances with the same amount of money going to the winners. \$300 will go to the first place winner in both the Shawl Dance and the traditional dance. \$150 goes to second and third gets \$75.

The boys will be competing for \$100 first prize money in both the straight dance and fancy dance. \$50 goes to the

third place winner and \$25 goes to third.

Girls contests will have the same prize money as the boys and have two categories: shawl and traditional.

A drumming contest will be held sometime during the powwow with five places. First place drum will receive \$1,000, second \$750, third \$500, fourth \$350, and fifth \$200.

Other activities include an Indian fashion show, hand game tournament, and arts and crafts. A fee will be charged for booth space for arts and crafts.

For information, contact the National American Indian Center Inc., 215 W. Bonanza Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada, 89158, telephone (702) 385-0211.

Extension Notes

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Uncontrollable stock removed from overgrazed range areas

Through the Summer Work Program and under the leadership of the Northend Horse Ridebosses an eight-week project to remove uncontrollable horses has been started on the Northend District.

The purpose of the project is to lower horse numbers on the Northend. With the current livestock numbers, the North-

end range is being over used three times the capacity for the range to produce feed. This over use has seriously depleted the desirable grasses and has accelerated erosion problems.

Horses that are deemed uncontrollable horses that cannot be reasonably sound are the ones being sold.

Out of 130 horses caught, 69

were uncontrollable and sold during the next three weeks of the project. Records are being kept of all sales and copies can be obtained at the Extension Office.

By removing uncontrollable horses, livestockmen will be able to manage their herds more effectively.

Hungry grasshoppers have arrived

Warm Springs, along with the Western States, is contending with a serious grasshopper infestation. Conditions were favorable this year for a grasshopper population boom. There were a great number of eggs laid last fall, which were protected by snow cover this past winter. Then there was not enough rain this spring to promote development of natural diseases that in most years effectively controls grasshopper populations.

Grasshoppers have a heavy appetite, competing with wild and domestic grazing animals and eating plants down to the bare soil.

There are over 100,00 acres currently with heavy grasshopper populations on the reservation. Grasshoppers have been counted up to 150 per square yard. Any populations over 8 per square yard can cause damage to

plants and lower the food available for wildlife and livestock.

How are grasshoppers controlled? On large land areas the federal government has a cooperative control program that is aimed at controlling economically damaging grasshopper populations to protect range grass and to prevent migration to crop areas. Because of the back log in spraying, Warm Springs can't get into the program this year.

Control around houses, hay and wheat fields can be done with Malathion or Seven sprays. This will need to be done a number of times as the grasshoppers will migrate from rangelands to greener areas.

Any questions about grasshopper control can be directed to the Extension Office.



Is your budget working for you?

Part 3

You need to know how much you are spending and where your money is going in order to compare actual spending with your original spending plan. The only way to find this out is to keep a simple record of what you spend during the month.

Keep records simple. One way is to have a place where each family member drops receipts and notations of items bought. At the end of the week one family member can separate the receipts into the categories that your budget plan is made of. Add up the totals in category for four weeks and at the end of the month compare what you spent with what you planned to spend.

If your spending was quite different from your plan, find out why. The answer to "why" will help you find ways to improve your next plan. If your plan did not provide for your family's needs, you will have to change it. If you had trouble sticking to your plan; stronger self-discipline and better management will be necessary.

A budget is something you keep reworking until it "fits" your family needs. Do not expect to have a perfect budget the first month, but each month you can expect improvement in your next budget, in self-control, and with financial burdens.

Safety For Night Joggers

Jog at night? So that drivers can see you better, stick strips of fluorescent tape to the heels and toes of your jogging tennis shoes.

Many Uses For Wallpaper

Hit a sale of discontinued wallpaper and convert it to inexpensive shelf, cabinet, or drawer paper, or use for gift wrap paper. The prepasted type can be stuck to old roller shades for a new look, and black and white open patterns can be converted to coloring pages for children.