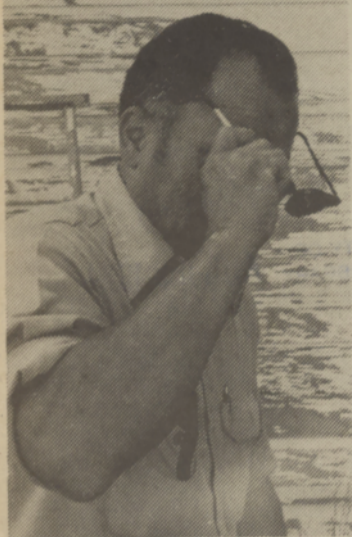


Cecil Seyler gets pat on the back



"It was no big deal."

He says he was "just doing his job," but apparently, BIA Portland Area Office acting director Wyman Babby felt that Seyler had performed above and beyond the call of duty. Through the recommendation of Warm Springs Superintendent James Cornett, Seyler received a special achievement certificate and monetary award.

Seyler, who is a Colville enrollee, has been in Warm Springs since 1950. He started work for the Army Corps of Engineers in 1951, moving on to work for the roads department from 1952 to 1954.

Most know Seyler for his ownership of the Chevron Station from 1954 to 1966 and the Burger Inn from 1966 to 1969. During 1968 and 1969, Seyler ran the only wrecker in Warm Springs.

Seyler began working for the Bureau Facilities

Management department in 1969 as a laborer. During the early days of his employment there he would go to the Burger Inn during his lunch hour to cook so that his wife Donna could go home for lunch.

In 1971, Seyler was promoted to the position of Maintenance man and in 1972 he moved up to his present position as maintenance foreman. Following the sudden death of Facility Manager Jack Fiala in May 1978, Seyler assumed the duties of Acting Facility Manager and served until February 1979, when the position was finally filled. He was highly commended for assuming the duties of the manager in addition to his own duties.

Seyler has often been faced with emergency problems such as flooding and troublesome community water and sewer systems in Warm Springs and Celilo Village.

He has been able to keep up with projects which were his responsibility as well as provide technical assistance to the Tribes in their proposed water system project and in planning for fire protection for rural housing areas on the reservation. His assistance was termed "invaluable" by Babby. "This award is in recognition of your exemplary performance while holding down two positions...It reveals your initiative and dedication to the job."

Seyler is modest about his recent award. He was hesitant to talk about it, stating "it was no big deal—just part of my job."



THE HOUSE THAT BIA BUILT—An architect from a Seattle firm recorded the structural details of a Bureau of Indian Affairs house as part of a nationwide survey of Bureau property. A team of architects and engineers examined buildings inside and out, noting the condition, revising floor plans and taking photographs.

Spilyay Tymoo Photo by Stowell

BIA buildings given once-over

Men and women with clipboards and cameras swept the community, leaving hardly a stone unturned in their thorough inspection of Bureau of Indian Affairs facilities last week.

The local survey was part of a nationwide inventory and evaluation of Bureau property directed by the central office and contracted out to architectural and engineering firms.

Information gathered by field inspectors will be processed and recommendations made for improvements or repairs that will bring property "up to codes." Then the Bureau will seek an appropriation from Congress to carry out the needed work.

It took just under a week for the team of architects and engineers from Kramer, Chin and Mayo, Inc. of Seattle to go through the 78 Bureau-owned dwellings, offices and shops on this reservation, taking pictures, revising floor plans and completing a checklist of interior and exterior features. They even inspected the look-out stations on three buttes and the fire control facility at Kah-Nee-Ta.

The crew has completed inspections at Spokane, Col-

ville, Yakima, Western Washington and Lapwai. Celilo and the in-lieu fishing sites on the Columbia will also undergo the firm's scrutiny. Data and recommendations should be in the hands of local and area Bureau officials in about three weeks, predicted lead architect Luke Gjurasic.

Gjurasic explained that his crew was carrying out two basic functions for the Portland Area: to update the Bureau's inventory and to evaluate structures and sites in light of existing building, safety and health codes. The Bureau has done its own inventories through the years but the information is not centralized. Like "historical scribes," Gjurasic and his co-workers were retrieving information and supplementing it with new on-site observations.

Architects evaluated the condition and utilization of property, noting down construction details and estimating the amount of money required to make necessary improvements. They inspected lawns, roadways and public areas as well as structures.

Engineers concentrated on electrical, heating and plumbing systems. Others sketched

floor plans or revised existing plans that had been altered, and photographed interiors and exteriors. The data collectors also tried to talk with occupants about their concerns to help them make an accurate assessment.

Recommendations might range from repairing roof gutters to moving a public works site from a predominantly residential area and returning land to tribes. Gjurasic said that even proposed construction or land use is evaluated with a view to location, environmental impact and other factors.

Although he hadn't yet formulated any strong impressions about the condition of Bureau property on the Warm Springs Reservation, Gjurasic said the firm's previous work has pointed out two problem areas: the lack of funds and personnel for adequate, ongoing maintenance of basically sound structures, and the haphazard lay-out and use of communities resulting from a lack of planning.

"Subsequent studies should be done," noted Gjurasic, indicating that an even more comprehensive survey would produce more specific recommendations and courses of action.

People's Opinions

Question:

'What did you think of this year's annual Employees Picnic?'

Madeline Craig: "The food was real good, but I think they had too many things going on. It was too hot to really enjoy the program."

Lepha Smith: "I thought it was 'A' Okay. I wished that I could have won a prize especially a dinner for two at Kah-Nee-Ta. That would have been nice."

Margie Tuckta: "The food was real good but the weather was too warm."

Carol Jenkins: "I thought it went off very well considering the amount of work that went into it. I also think it went well considering the heat on that day. I think we could have had a better turn out if it didn't get as hot as it did. A lot of the employees look forward to the picnic each year and it should be kept an annual event."

Antoinette Wolfe: "I thought it was alright. The weather was extra hot and there was no breeze of any kind and that didn't help matters much."

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Police Report

Mishap claims two lives

A single car accident near Bear Springs junction took two lives Saturday, July 21, at about 6 a.m. Mark Saul Raphael, 23, of Forest Grove, and his passenger, Laurence Craig Stein, 21, Lajolla, Calif., were traveling on U.S. Highway 26 at milepost 74.5 when their 1971 Chevrolet Caprice left the highway, rolled a number of times, and threw both men out of the car. The car was totaled.

Cause of the accident has been determined as a combination of sleepiness and traveling too fast.

Gunshots fired in West Hills

Six residents in the new HUD sub-division and other parts of West Hills have reported shots being fired from a small caliber gun. Parents are asked to counsel their children in discharging firearms in residential areas because it is against the law.

Mattress set on fire

A mattress beside Norma Jackson's home in West Hills was found burning at 2:47 a.m. on July 24. The Warm Springs Volunteer Fire Department responded to the alarm. One wooden match was found and it was reported that people in the area were intoxicated.

Mattresses burn at tribal jail

The Warm Springs Fire Department was called to the tribal jail at approximately 8 p.m. July 18 when a 14 year-old juvenile girl burned three mattresses in her cell.

The girl, being held as a runaway from the Portland area, started the fire with matches which destroyed all mattresses and blackened the walls of the cell.

The runaway was returned to her place of residence.

More guns stolen

Guns are continuing to be

stolen at an alarming rate and they cannot be recovered without the serial number. Gun owners should keep serial numbers of their valuables to aid in having their firearms returned.

"Whoever is taking these weapons must have a whole bunch," said Sergeant Ray Calica.

Special officer settling in

Homer White Buffalo is settling in after coming to Warm Springs from Ft. Berthold Agency in North Dakota.

White Buffalo will be responsible for the investigation of major crimes, the provision of training and technical assistance for the tribal police, and working for law enforcement agencies on the reservation.

White Buffalo will be living at the agency with his wife and three boys.