



Wasco Chief Nelson Wallulatum and Superintendent Jim Cornett were honored recently with engraved plaques from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, presented to them by Area Director Vince Little. Wallulatum was commended for this twenty years of service as chief and Cornett was awarded a certificate of special achievement for his "capabilities and effectiveness," an honor rarely conferred on superintendents. Specifically cited were Cornett's support in the return of the McQuinn Strip and the establishment of the Burns Reservation, as well as Bureau assignments to the Navajo Reservation and the central office.

Spilyay Tymoo Photo by Stowell

Treaty fishery closed again

For the third year in a row, the fall Indian fishery in the Columbia River has been closed prematurely. The Columbia River Compact decided September 20 to shut down Zone VI, the treaty fishing area above Bonneville Dam, effective immediately.

Also due for closure at noon Sunday is a 25-mile stretch of the river just below Bonneville. The rest of the lower river will remain open until October 31, the originally scheduled end of the fall chinook season. Indians were given an additional three days this weekend to fish at the Spring Creek Hatchery.

The Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission, as well as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, had recommended to the Compact Wednesday that the entire river be shut down to give the fall chinook run a chance to escape to spawning grounds in the upriver tributaries. Asking for an extra day to consider the data, the states of Oregon and Washington returned Thursday with their minds made up.

Burnie Bohn of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife said that the lower river catch of upriver chinook would be only "incidental"—

around 200 fish—because most of the run is upstream from the open area. A total river closure would only save about 2,000 fish, he said. Doug Dompier of CRITFC estimated that 7,000 upriver chinook have yet to pass Bonneville and that a lower river fishery would destroy the remaining run. He recommended that fishing be restricted to the tributaries.

A predicted upriver run of 212,000 peaked earlier and bottomed out more quickly than expected, explained Dompier, and by September 20 the run prediction was trimmed to 140,000. As of September 19, the cumulative total for adult chinook passing Bonneville was 134,936 with a daily count of well under 1,000.

Dompier cited the downward trend in escapement in recent years as a cause of concern. In 1977 only 85,000 fall chinook escaped, in 1978 escapement was down to 78,000 and this year it is expected that only 75,400 will reach their spawning grounds. An yet the fishery continues, he lamented.

According to the five year management plan for the Columbia River, fishing should only take place over and above an escapement of 100,000. This

year's early predictions made 67,000 fish (60%) available to Indians and 25,000 (40%) to non-Indians. In addition, Indians were entitled to 20,000 more fish to make up for shortfalls in preceding seasons.

Based on this formula, the lower river fishermen were given only a two-day early fall season during which time they caught their 25,000. By September 6, the run was looking so good that the Compact decided to open up the lower river through the month of October. Suddenly the run peaked, and the count at Bonneville dropped off dramatically. It was crisis time again, and Indians were being asked to cooperate with another "conservation closure."

When they were shut down Thursday Indians had caught 64,300 chinook, short of their allotted share for the third year in a row. Indian fishermen were prepared for a closure, but felt that the whole length of the river should be closed to commercial fishermen. "Every fish counts," said Dompier. "They are in essence destroying the fishery" by continuing to allow fishing in the lower river, he added.

Dakota tribes stop hunting

Tribal councils on three Dakota Indian reservations have declared hunting moratoria on big game, fur bearers, predators and game birds. A voluntary two year halt on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud, and a one year on the Standing Rock Reservation were called to "preserve and

protect our game in such a manner as to insure future generations of sufficient game." An aerial survey by the Bureau of Indian Affairs had shown that game populations within reservation boundaries where year-round hunting codes do not apply, were markedly lower than in surrounding areas.

Kah-Nee-Ta water

time with chlorine to 30 minutes, a minimum acceptable standard.

Pauli also plans to "begin immediately" on the clean-up and maintenance program, which in his mind revolves on a "clean water attitude" among water treatment workers. More careful record-keeping, and

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regular cleaning and flushing of the system are on the agenda.

The Century West study cost Kah-Nee-Ta \$5,100. It included numerous site visits over a two-week period, tests for bacteria, turbidity, and chlorine residual, examination of the system's design and operation, and analysis of the findings.

McKinley's family asks for arrest

Relatives of Nelson McKinley who died August 31 from a bullet wound to the head, pleaded with Municipal Branch Manager Rudy Clements Thursday for a speedy end to the pending investigation into his death.

Unable to get into Tribal Council because of budget sessions, the three sisters were referred to Clements, who oversees the Tribal Police department. Describing the emotional pressures on McKinley's family, Iva Pennington said that "mounting bad feeling" would be eased if someone was arrested and incarcerated.

The F.B.I. and Bureau of Indian Affairs are still conducting the investigation into the shooting. No one is being held in custody in connection with the incident.

McKinley's body was

brought to the Tribal Police Department shortly after noon August 31 in a gold 1970 Oldsmobile sedan driven by a hysterical woman. Dozens of people have been interviewed regarding the incident.

Clements sympathized with the McKinley kin, saying, "I think your family deserves some kind of answer." But he explained that the case was out of the hands of the Tribal Police. While he was unable to explain the reason for the delays in the McKinley case, Clements observed that there were only two F.B.I. agents in the area and "sometimes we feel we get the leftover service."

U.S. Attorney Bill Youngman, who is directing the investigation, declined to comment when Spilyay Tymoo asked him why no arrest had been made.

"We have to ask the Tribes to

request intensive service on the matter," Clements told Iva and her sisters Madeline and Inez. He said he would talk to the general manager about writing a letter to the federal authorities inquiring about the case. The sisters expressed some relief as they left Clements' office.

Clements later noted that there were "more and more violent crimes on the reservation" because people feel they can get away with them. The community needs to have confidence in the effectiveness of their law enforcement system, he said.

McKinley, 28, had been hired by Clements as a court advocate just a week before he died. Clements remarked that it was McKinley's interest in such law enforcement matters that impressed his interviewers.

Police Report

Police are still investigating a Thursday morning accident when a car ran into a bedroom and awoke three people.

A Chevrolet four-door was eastbound on Foster Road in West Hills when it drove up on top of a bank below Eliza Hicks house, narrowly missed Ray Shike's house and went down the hill and ran into the northwest corner bedroom of David Gonzales where three children were sleeping.

"They weren't hurt or anything," said Sergeant Ray Calica, "they were just scared. They were sleeping and all of a sudden this loud noise woke them up."

Rena Greene, who was the only one in the car when the police got there wasn't hurt, but she was also scared, said Calica.

The police have been unable to determine who was driving the vehicle and the investigation is continuing.

Two accidents over weekend
Two cars received extensive damage in separate accidents that happened minutes apart

early Sunday morning, September 9.

The first one happened at Poosh Street in West Hills at around 2:45 a.m. Delmar Davis, 24, operating a 1978 Ford Courier, was allegedly rounding a turn on the wrong side of the road when his car collided head-on with a 1970 Chevrolet Nova operated by Glen Whiz, 20.

No injuries were reported in the accident although the Davis vehicle was damaged extensively.

Davis was also cited to appear in Tribal Court for "failure to drive on right side of the highway."

In another accident a few minutes later a 1978 Chevrolet pick-up rolled once and was totaled at Miller Heights.

The pick-up, driven by Tracy Graybael, 17, was coming down the hill into Warm Springs on the Kah-Nee-Ta road when a 1969 Oldsmobile sedan, driven by Diane Davis, 18, allegedly pulled out in front of him. The Graybael pick-up struck the car, went into the

ditch, and rolled once.

Graybael and his three passengers were taken to the clinic where they were treated and released.

Davis and her passenger, Darla Davis, 19, were not injured in the mishap and no damage was done to their car.

No action has been taken and the investigation is still underway.

Burglaries slow down

Only two burglaries were reported over the weekend of September 15-16, considerably less than the 23 reported in the last two months.

Entering through a window, someone took \$2.00 cash and five miniature hard liquor bottles from the trailer of Bertson Simtustus at the new trailer court.

Someone also broke into the Ray Shike residence in West Hills. Found missing were \$60 in pennies, \$60 worth of bottles and cans sitting outside, and one fifth of tequila.

Both burglaries are under investigation and juveniles are suspected.

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