

Warm Springs bids farewell to an old friend



Mary Hote Tom 1899-1979

By Donna Behrend

Many people knew Mary Hote. And many people came to the Warm Springs Presbyterian church to bid her a fond and loving farewell. Most are already feeling a void without Mary. Her smile, her familiar laugh and the use of her hands—the mannerisms that endered her to us. Upon hearing about her death October 6, people began to reminisce about Mary's ways.

One young woman remembered Mary for her disciplinarian ways. "I remember the way she threatened us with a belt if we were acting up," said the now-grown woman. If a family needed a helping hand with disciplining their children, they could invite Mary over and she could usually straighten the kids out. Her help was also welcome on cattle rides and at other social events.

Another person remembered Mary for her whistling hearing aid. "She would reach for the control and turn it so it would stop whistling. And then she would laugh."

People could visit Mary while she was parked at Macy's just "towing around." But Mary couldn't talk to folks if she couldn't use her hands to describe one thing or another.

Mary's faith was important to her. As Cal Chinn, former Presbyterian minister here and good friend of Mary's stated "Her life was a life of prayer and worship." She had been an active member of the church for many years. She was also a ruling elder of the church.

Of course Mary meant many things to her many friends. But she symbolized one thing to all—a smile and a kind word. Mary's ways can't be replaced, but she left with us the memories—something one doesn't lose.

Fire Shower for family

Anthony and Anita Davis and their sons were completely burned out of their home in Portland October 5. A faulty refrigerator is believed to be the cause of the fire.

On October 25, 1979, from 7 to 10 p.m. there will be a fire shower at the Agency

Longhouse. They are concerned with getting household items so they can get their lives back into a regular pattern and all gifts will be greatly appreciated. There will also be a money tree for those who would prefer to give money. Refreshments will be served.

Crisis Line — 553-1417

Crisis Line, 553-1417, for short term counseling by the crisis staff, by phone or come into the Alcohol and Drug

Center. The crisis unit staff is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Infant dies at apartments

The sixteen-month old daughter of Andrea Meanus and Gilbert "Gibby" Kalama died, apparently of natural causes, in the early morning hours of Wednesday October 17, at the Tenino Apartments. Officials are calling her death "due to natural causes."

Jareen Joyce Kalama was alive and well when last checked in her bedroom at about 2 a.m. Her mother found her at 7:15 a.m. after Jareen had evidently fallen off her bed

and suffocated in a blanket. Ms. Meanus called the police and an ambulance was dispatched to take the toddler to the Warm Springs Clinic where doctors pronounced her dead on arrival.

Because there was not a physician present at the time of her death, the Warm Springs Police and Bureau Investigator were called in to assist. They found no evidence of foul play and her death was attributed to natural causes.

Review of Branham case denied

U.S. Attorney Bill Youngman reported to Spilyay Tymoo this week that the United States Supreme Court has denied a review of the Merlin Roy Branham case. Branham was found guilty of first-degree murder in the December 1977 shooting death of Jareen Tara Colwash, 16. He

is currently serving a life sentence in the Lompoc Federal Correction Institution in California.

Colwash's half-clothed body was discovered December 18, 1977 on a road behind Alice's Restaurant. She had been shot nine times in the head. Witnesses said that Branham

and the victim had left a party together. After deliberating for 26 hours, a jury found Branham guilty of first-degree murder in a Portland federal court on April 27, 1978. Sentencing was on May 19.

Branham will be eligible for parole in ten years.

Still no arrest in McKinley killing

Official investigation into the August 31 shooting death of Nelson McKinley continues to proceed at a slow pace despite pleas from his relatives for an arrest. No one is being held in custody in connection with the incident.

According to BIA Criminal Investigator Homer White Buffalo, "It's a case where we know who (allegedly) did it." But he was unable to say "for the record" why that person is still free. He did explain that investigators are certain that this individual won't take off and that the person does not represent a danger to anyone else.

White Buffalo said that the BIA and FBI investigations are completed and the reports have been turned over to U.S. Attorney Bill Youngman, who is directing the investigation for the federal government. "Now we're waiting for the grand jury investigation," White Buffalo reported.

But when Spilyay Tymoo spoke with Youngman this week, he again declined to comment. He could say only that the case is still under investigation.

Apparently the tribal government has not yet taken any action to help speed up the investigation. In September

Municipal Branch Manager Rudy Clements spoke with McKinley's relatives about requesting "intensive service on the matter." Clements told McKinley's kin that he would speak with the general manager about writing a letter to the federal authorities inquiring about the case. That evidently has not been done.

McKinley, 28, was hired as a tribal court advocate just a week before his death. His body was brought to the Tribal Police Department shortly after noon, August 31, in a gold 1970 Oldsmobile sedan driven by an hysterical woman. Dozens of people have been interviewed regarding the case.

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DIRECTION SIGNS—Members of a high school art class taught by Robin Gerke have been busy creating and painting designs on the walls. The images are first hand drawn, then projected on the walls with an opaque projector so that the students can trace around the sketches. Stacy Winishut (left) and Roland Kalama have a cooperative effort—Kalama did the sketch and Winishut is helping with the painting.
Spilyay Tymoo Photo by Behrend