

VFW Auxiliary coming to Kah-Nee-ta Indian News Notes

by Vince Lovett
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The National President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vona Houtz (Utah), is going to visit the State of Oregon, arriving in Portland on November 11. On her busy schedule she has included a visit to Kah-Nee-Ta and Warm Springs, which is indeed a great honor, said local Post Commander, Woodrow Smith, Sr.

She will be in Warm Springs about 6:30 p.m. November 13, accompanied by State Commander Koe Nishimotoe and his wife; State Department President Helen Guthrie; National Assistant Conductress Edna Face; Past department President Loise Schaeffer; State Senior Vice President Anna Dale Bohannan; State chief of Staff Jan Halverson; State Guard Jeannette Bell; State Assistant Guard Margaret Ball; and State Assistant Conductress, Sue Baxter.

These people have confirmed their date of arrival, but the list is not complete as others are still in the process of making arrangements. Post and Auxiliary members from Prineville, Redmond, Bend and Madras plan to be in attendance.

A number of members in the Elliott Palmer Post and Ladies Auxiliary thought it a good idea to have an evening meal

honoring Veterans on November 13 instead of the usual November 11. Also planned for after the meal, which is being donated by the Confederated Tribes, will be

dancing for people's enjoyment.

Any donations of pies or cakes to the Veteran's Dinner will be appreciated, according to Smith.

Veterans Remembered

To the veterans,

I am taking this portion of the tribal paper to dedicate this poem to all our Veterans. Perhaps this small gesture will convey my sincere gratitude for the time that you spent away from our families in order for

our families to stay together.

I know this to be a very painful truth.

To my husband-you are to be commended for your heroic deeds.

Respect and love,
Charlotte Y. Herkshan

REMEMBER THE MEN WHO CAME HOME!

by Alice E. Chase

They fought on land and in the air,
On battleships at sea.
They went wherever they were sent
To meet the enemy.

They left behind them all the things
They treasured and held dear
And learned to steel themselves
Against their loneliness and fear.

They fought in many different wars,
Some well before our time.
And millions of them lost their lives
Before they reached their prime.

On Veteran's Day we honor them,
Our brave heroic dead,
But what about the men who lived
And made it home instead?

Still carrying their battle scars,
Yet trying hard to find
Some vestige of the world they knew
And had to leave behind.

They aren't seeking medals.
Praise doesn't pay their bills.
They want a job to go to—
A way to use their skills.

What better time than Veteran's Day
To recognize their needs
And show our willingness to help
Not just with words but deeds?

So as we pause to honor
Our brave heroic dead,
Let's pledge support for those who fought
And made it home instead!

From the high school counselor

Indian Club busy raising funds

by Ron Pinkham

I would like to thank the Perry Greene, Wilbur Johnson, Sr., Art Mitchell and Chesley Yahtin, Sr., families for their assistance with homecoming activities. The Indian Club sold fry bread at the homecoming

game as a fund-raising activity. I thank all students who were able to assist in the making of fry bread and with the sales.

All students eagerly worked toward selling as much of the fry bread as possible. The club has also been asked to sell cake and candy at the cross-country

meet November 3. So we would like the community to support the Indian Club by buying the goodies.

November 2 is the end of the first quarter. Therefore, quarter grades will be given to parents on Friday, November 9. On this day, called Parent Conference Day, a parent picks up quarter grades and visits their child's teacher to discuss the student's academic progress. Parent Day hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Indian Club would like to raise money by having a chili feed and some basketball games. The men and women's teams will play the Indian Club on November 15. The reason for all this fund-raising is for the Northwest Indian Youth Conference at Kah-Nee-Ta which the Indian Club will be sponsoring in May.

Remember, the Lamanite Generation will be putting on a concert November 30 at the High School. The Indian Club will be selling tickets for this concert. Come and enjoy the concert.

TOE NESS

THERE WAS THIS executive who was interviewing a lady applicant for a job. As he looked the application over he remarked, "I see on the form that your birthday is April 17, what year?" "Every year," she replied. YIKES

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CONFUCIUS SAY: "When lady say 'no', she mean 'perhaps'....when she say 'perhaps' she mean 'yes'...but when she say 'yes', she not a lady!" YIKES

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A CONCERNED FATHER BOUGHT these pills with a safty lid so his little son would not be getting into them. One day the father was having a hard time opening the bottle when his little son said, "Dad, you are supposed to turn the lid to where the arrows match up, then it will open." YIKES!

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AT THIS DOCTOR'S OFFICE the nurse goes into the doctors office and said, "The first patient is ready and waiting in the outer office." The doctor said, "I'm not ready for the first but I'm ready for the second patient." The nurse said, "What's wrong with the first patient?" The doctor said, "I don't know, that's why I'm ready for the second." YIKES

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THERE WAS THIS HUSBAND who was visiting his wife in the hospital. She was on her death bed and was about to expire when she said, "You know, I've just got to confess. I haven't been true to you. I have been seeing another man each time you were out of town and you are on the road quite a bit. I hope you will understand. Don't tell anyone and please forgive me!" The husband said, "you don't have a thing to worry about, I won't tell a soul, and I forgive you, because it was I who poisoned you." YIKES

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SENATE COMMITTEE SEES INDIAN PREFERENCE WORKING TO DETRIMENT OF INDIANS:

The Senate Appropriations Committee, reporting on the appropriation bill for the Department of the Interior and related agencies, expressed strong criticism of the Indian Preference Act. The following is from the report: "The Committee has no reason to dispute the intent of the Indian Preference Act, but it fears the law is being misapplied to the point that it is retarding the delivery of Indian services.

"In its zeal to implement Indian preference, the Bureau has in some cases allowed positions to go vacant in the absence of a qualified Indian applicant. In other cases positions have been filled with unqualified or underqualified Indians. And there are instances where the placement of Indians in certain programs has created conflicts of interest. The result of this misapplication of a well-intentioned law is a breakdown of employee morale and an undermining of program efficiency in the Bureau.

"Although this problem is all too evident to Indian leaders as well as Bureau and departmental administrators, there is a decided reluctance to discuss it publicly. Apparently there is an even greater reluctance to do anything about improving the situation. The Committee calls on both Indian departmental leadership to address the problems stemming from Indian preference publicly and candidly.

"Indian leaders in particular should become involved, for it is the Indian people who suffer most from misapplication of the law. Clearly, no law or policy that fosters mismanagement should be defended or ignored. The Committee believes Indian preference can work to the benefit of Indian programs as well as individual Indians only if it is prudently applied.

"A thorough and open appraisal of Indian preference regulations and policies will, the Committee is certain, develop badly needed remedies without impairing Indian involvement in Federal programs. The Department should pursue those remedies and, if necessary, propose legislative changes to implement them. Again, the real measurement of success should be the delivery of benefits to the Indian people."

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE PUSHES BIA FOR EFFECTIVE PROGRAM FOR EDUCATING HANDICAPPED:

Approving \$7 million for special education programs for the BIA, the Senate Appropriations Committee said they would "expect to see a swift and positive response to the GAO recommendations" (in a 1979 report on the Bureau's implementation of the Education of all Handicapped Children Act.).

The Committee directed the Bureau to develop and submit within six months a program plan which would include: Major program goals and specific milestones; Provisions for adequate identification and evaluation needing special education; Roles for the Indian community; and a cost-effective comparison of management and program alternatives.

MELCHER, MC GOVERN EFFORT TO RESTORE \$10 MILLION CUT FROM EDUCATION FUNDS FAILS:

Senators Melcher and McGovern spoke in favor of an amendment to restore \$10 million for the operation of Indian education programs to the BIA budget as approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee. The Committee had slashed the school operations budget by the \$10 million as "general savings resulting from the initiations of direct formula funding and consolidation of off-reservation boarding schools."

McGovern argued that the \$10 million should be restored because "there is no money saved under the formula—it is merely redistributed." The Senator described the reduction as "an across-the-board slash in all Indian schools without regard to their present level of funding . . . it would certainly be pennywise and pound foolish to try to save a few dollars at the expense of the education of Indian children . . .

"So I hope instead of going forward with this \$10 million across-the-board slash, the Committee will give the Bureau of Indian Affairs an opportunity to complete the study they now have underway to determine which schools are overfunded and which are underfunded, and then make some selective judgements rather than this kind of . . . indiscriminate cut."

Senator Melcher said that the cut would mean a five percent reduction in funds at a time when there should be a 10 percent inflation rate increase to keep the schools at existing levels. The restoration amendment, however, was not accepted.

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