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"Sonny Santa"

Santa made a brief visit to Day Care children who had trekked to the Presbyterian Church last week. With stockings all hung with care, a warm fire blazing and a tree brightly decorated, Santa and the children had a chance to talk about all the things they hoped to receive for Christmas. This "Sonny" Santa also works as a tribal prosecutor in his spare time. Spilyay Tymoo Photo by Behrend

Tree decorating contest brings out spirit

TO: All Tribal Departments
 FROM: Tribal Management
 RE: 1979 Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Contest

We would like to announce that we will again have another fun and informal Christmas Tree decorating contest this year. As you know, last year the Day Care Center won honors in the contest and Planning the year before. There will be four categories this year:

- Small Tree Category (three feet and under)
- Large Tree Category (over three feet)
- Most Original Category (handmade decorations with Christmas lights acceptable)
- Charlie Brown Tree (use your imagination)

There will be one place in each category (plus a prize) with the trophy going to the winner of the Most original Tree Category. Presently the trophy is at a jeweler's shop being engraved but will soon be available for all to see. Judging of trees entered in the contest will take place by our anonymous judge during the

week of December 17-21, 1979, with the winner to be announced at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 21, 1979.

Carol Muniz will be calling all departments prior to the week of the judging to find out who is entering their trees.

Winners of the tree decorating contest are: Original-Housing department; Charlie Brown-Family and Children's Services department; Smallest-Tribal Court and Largest-Natural Resources.

Gerard resigns post

Assistant secretary for Indian Affairs Forrest Gerard recently submitted his resignation to be effective January 19, 1980. Gerard was assigned to the position in September 1977 and he was the department's first assistant secretary responsible for Indian matters.

Gerard listed "personal reasons" as his reason for resigning and he intends to

return to private business with a lobbying and consulting firm in Washington D.C.

Gerard is a member of the Blackfeet tribe and is from Browning, Montana. He has five children, three of whom or which will be in college next year.

According to staff assistant Tom Beaver, no decision has been made who will be the next secretary.

Brunoe chosen as resort Resident Manager

It was announced earlier this month by the Kah-Nee-Ta Board of Directors that Garland Brunoe, 32, will become Resident Manager of the Resort beginning January 1, 1980. This is the first time a tribal member has entered top management in the resort's 18-year history.

Brunoe agreed to assume live-in responsibilities at the resort. It will be a homecoming for Brunoe, who left the resort's management training program earlier this year to work with Wood I Systems, out of Vancouver, Washington.

Brunoe will assume his training under a new general manager, expected to be hired by January 31. The manager's office was left vacant December 1, when Bill Pauli resigned. Al Bagley, also a tribal member, will continue as acting resort manager until Brunoe comes on board, at which time Bagley will return to his assistant managerial position.

In his new job, Brunoe will be poised for the top slot. "The general manager will come in to train and assist the resident manager for a period of time until he and the board feel his is qualified to take over," said Ed Manion, the tribe's enterprise manager.

A similar arrangement exists at the mill, where Bob Macy was named operations manager last year. Manion expects Brunoe's training to

take two to five years. Brunoe's return coincides with the beginning of a \$1 million renovation that will close Kah-Nee-Ta for two months. "I couldn't have timed it any better," said Brunoe, who views the down time as an opportunity to readjust.

But Kah-Nee-Ta is familiar territory for the new resident manager, who was assistant manager for 1½ years until he left in March. "I have warm feelings about going back," said Brunoe. "I had good rapport with the employees."

It was the board's feeling that a tribal member would work well with Indian employees, who make up 35 percent of the resort's work force. Brunoe agreed, saying he would have "a little bit better empathy" than a non-member. "I won't have to go through culture shock," he added.

Brunoe was born and raised here and he said he will leave the "traffic and pollution" of urban living behind. "I knew I'd come back," Brunoe said. "I didn't think it would be this soon."

The new resident manager and his wife and child will be moving into the manager's house along the Warm Springs River. He will be on call 24 hours a day to oversee operations at the sprawling resort.

This story was adapted from an article which appeared in the Oregonian December 15, 1979 written by Cynthia Stowell.

Permit required to pick up wood at mill

The existing permit system presently used to obtain fire wood at WSFPI has caused confusion among tribal members, employees and police.

There have been several incidents involving workers who pick up fire wood after work and tribal members. "Everyone must have a permit," says Operations Manager Bob Macy, "including tribal members." Macy says the tribal members are questioning the permit system.

The permit system is used to gain control of wood within the mill because some people were picking up lumber, 2" x 4", cores and logs. Also, Logging Manager Hank Palmer uses the permits to estimate future use of wood and how much material may be used in years to come.

The free permits can be picked up at the WSFPI personnel office between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and can be used only on weekdays.

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