

# Superintendent Jim Cornett retires

After 28 years with the Bureau of Indian Affairs nine and one half of those years in Warm Springs, Superintendent James D. Cornett is retiring. His seemingly abrupt decision was made as a result of a law passed by Congress in December which would increase retirement benefits for those eligible if they were to retire with a 45 day time period.

Cornett said he "was thinking about retiring. When the bill was passed I decided maybe it was a good time to get out." He has been eligible for retirement for the last three years but had no desire to do until this time, he stated.

According to Cornett, it will be three months before a new Superintendent for Warm Springs can be appointed. During the interim Land Operations Officer Ray Welch will be Acting Superintendent. Welch has been with the BIA for 31 years and has been in Warm Springs since June 1974.

Cornett began work with the BIA in September of 1952 in the Soil and Moisture Conservation activity of the Bureau at Fort Peck Indian Agency in Poplar, Montana. In 1954 he was promoted to Agency Supervisory Soil Conservationist. In October of 1956 he was transferred to the Blackfeet Indian Agency.

In July 1962 Cornett transferred to Zuni Agency, Zuni, New Mexico as Agency Natural Resource Officer. During his term at Zuni agency he was designated as Acting Superintendent for a period of 21 months. In June 1966 Cornett was transferred to the Fort Totten Agency, Devils Lake, North Dakota as Superintendent and was then transferred back to Zuni in May 1968.

In October 1970 Cornett transferred to the Albuquerque Area Office in New Mexico where he assumed the position of Area Natural Resource Officer. In August 1971 Cornett was asked by the commissioner on Indian



Affairs to accept the position of Superintendent of the Warm Springs Agency.

Albany, Oregon is the site of Cornett's new home. He and his wife Wanda recently purchased a home which will be available to them in April. The Cornetts will store their furniture and go on vacation until they can occupy their new home.

Eventually Cornett said he would like to build his own home. He has plans which when modified will be suitable to him and he knows where he would like his owner build home located.

Speaking for his wife and himself Cornett said, "We've really enjoyed Warm Springs. Basically our friends have been here on the reservation. That's where I play golf. We have very little association off the reservation."

Cornett's praise for the work of Tribal Council is constant.

He says, "I think they've done great. I've never seen them do anything that wasn't good for the Tribe."

Mentioning the growth of Warm Springs economically since he's been in the area Cornett says, "I would hope the tribe would continue to develop these economic enterprises."

The phase of his work that Cornett is particularly proud of while in Warm Springs is the contract made with Bonneville Power Administration for payment of timber loss in areas where a power line prevents growth. "This is a new concept. We're not going to get beat over the ears in the future," he says.

During retirement Cornett says, "I intend to remain active both mentally and physically. The pre-requisites to good health are remaining active and accepting new challenges."

# New bill contains no limitations on tribal fishing

**Portland**—When the President signed the Salmon and Steelhead Management and Enhancement Bill (S. 2163) on December 22, the new law changed the entire character of fisheries management on the Columbia River. According to representatives from the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC), the scope of the act is so sweeping that currently contemplated plans for Columbia River Fisheries fade in contrast.

Brand new opportunities are now available for conservation and enhancement of salmon and steelhead of the Puget Sound and Columbia River drainage basins. Thirty-two million dollars is earmarked for Columbia River enhancement. A new management structure sets out procedures for tribal co-management at every level.

As well as enabling the tribes to work more closely with state and federal fishery agencies, the new management structure must promote harvest strategies and regulations which encourage increased tribal investments in salmon and steelhead production.

Passage of the bill in its current form is a victory for the tribes, because unlike earlier drafts it contains no limitations

on steelhead fishing by tribal fishermen. It does provide, however, that both commercial and recreational fishermen, along with the treaty tribes, will have "a reasonable opportunity to participate in the benefits of salmon and steelhead resources development."

The legislation is another sort of victory—for everyone involved in fisheries improvement—because it emphasizes implementation. Strict requirements for agreement and action on implementation before enhancement funds are disbursed may eliminate some of the previous frustration caused by plans that never get beyond the planning stage.

Another unique feature of this legislation is its provisions for controls on the ocean harvest. The ocean fishery is largely the cause on continually depressed in-river runs. Now the Pacific Fisheries Management Council's regulations must be consistent with the management structure and enhancement plans developed for in-river fisheries under this new act. The law also establishes a buy-back program for Washington ocean fishermen to encourage a reduction in the ocean salmon fleet.

# Cornett dinner scheduled

A buffet dinner in honor of Mr. & Mrs. James D. Cornett, to recognize his retirement from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, will be held on Saturday, January 24 at the Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge. For the past nine and a half years Mr. Cornett has been Superintendent of the Warm Springs Agency.

Time: 6:30-7:30  
No Host Cocktail Hour  
7:30 - Buffet Dinner

Reservations for dinner will be made upon receipt of \$11.50, which will include a buffet and

gratuities. Those desiring to contribute toward a gift should include an additional amount. Money should be sent to Mrs. Dorothy Burgess, Branch of Facilities Management, Warm Springs Agency, P.O. Box B, Warm Springs, Or. 97661, to be received by Tuesday, January 20. Please make check payable to Mrs. Dorothy Burgess.

Those desiring over night lodging at Kah-Nee-Ta can enjoy a special TAR rate being offered by Kah-Nee-Ta, upon request. Kah-Nee-Ta's telephone number is 553-1112.

**FOR SALE**  
A singlewide two bedroom trailer. Can be seen at lot No. 1, Dry Creek trailer court. Washer, air conditioner and a woodburning fire place. Call...553-1545 before 4 p.m.

## Spilyay Tymoo

Coyote News

---

\*\*\*\*\* SPILYAY TYMOO STAFF \*\*\*\*\*

MANAGING EDITOR ..... Sid Miller  
 ASSISTANT EDITOR ..... Sandy Rangila  
 PHOTOGRAPHIC SPECIALIST/WRITER ..... Donna Behrend

REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHERS

Olney Patt Jr.                      Roger Stwyer                      Marsha Shewczyk

TYPESETTER ..... Priscilla Squelempen

---

FOUNDED IN MARCH OF 1976

Published bi-weekly by the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon. Warm Springs, Oregon 97761. Located in the Old Administration Building. Any written material to Spilyay Tymoo should be addressed to:

Spilyay Tymoo  
 P. O. Box 735  
 Warm Springs, Oregon 97761  
 Phone 553-1644 or 553-1161, Ext. 274  
 Subscription Rate \$6.00 per year



### Tax Workshop

The Tribe is once again offering a free tax workshop for all tribal members and employees. CPAs from the accounting firm of Coopers and Lybrand will be at the Adult Learning Center February 12 and 13. Make appointments at the Adult Learning Center in the Community Center, 553-1428. Millie Wallulatum took advantage of the workshop held on January 15 and 16.

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk