

# New B.I.A. Realty officer hates red tape

by Sandy Rangila

After a scant three weeks on the job, new Realty Officer Dan Newman is already trying to figure out a way to cut bureaucratic red tape. Newman was hired to fill the vacancy left by Harlow Nasewytewa who now works at the B.I.A. Area Office in Portland.

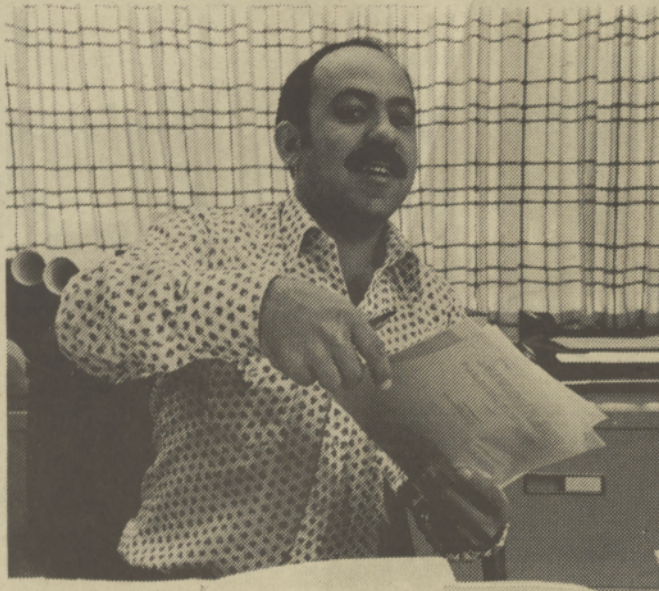
Newman is in the process of orienting himself with the reservation's realty program, acquainting himself with recent changes in the law and studying all the new regulations.

It appears to Newman that those new regulations will mean more paperwork. And the idea of additional paperwork irritates him. "I'm all for getting rid of or cutting B.I.A. red tape," he stated flatly.

He said he plans on carrying out Harlow's program. But if he can make any changes that will benefit the tribes, or if he can find a way to expedite transactions, he'll make those changes, he said.

The friendly, down-to-earth 36 year-old Newman says, "Our doors are always open for dealings with problems — even problems not totally related to realty matters. We can refer an individual to someone else if need be," he remarked.

He urges people to come to the realty office and "talk with



Dan Newman

us first to see what they can do with their land. We can offer advice about getting appraisals, etc., before people just sign their land way," he said.

Regarding the two Land Purchase Budget referendums that went down in defeat last year, Newman said that brings a halt to land purchases right now. "There's only so much money left in the purchase budget."

"I think people are upset with purchases of big chunks of land off the reservation," he

stated. "People should have a say as to where their money is going. We must take a good look at this."

Newman and two other staff members have scheduled a flight in April to look over the reservation. From what he's seen so far, the reservation looks similar to the Taos, New Mexico area where he worked the past year-and-a-half as a realty specialist for the B.L.M. (Bureau of Land Management). "Of course there are big elevation differences," he noted.

Prior to his job in Taos, Newman (who is Confederated Salish and Kootenai) worked on the Flathead Reservation as a range technician. He was there for four years.

Newman is originally from Ronan, Montana which is about 40 miles west of Missoula. He accepted his current post in Warm Springs because he wanted to get back to the northwest. He's now only 12 hours from home and relatives.

So far, Newman has been impressed with the management and efficiency here. "The whole corporation is a tight organization," he observed.

Among other things, Newman and his wife Jeannie are dog fanciers. When Harlow's family lived in the campus house on the corner, there used to be one cat named

Nunie who sucked his paw and ran away a lot. Now there are three large, healthy dogs including an Airedale who was bred for bear-fighting.

Newman noticed that, since he keeps the animals tied up, they are easy prey for teasing by kids who are waiting for the school bus. He urges kids not to tease the dogs, especially the brown Airedale. Better that the bear-fighter be your friend, especially if he should ever get loose. "He could be very dangerous," Newman warns. "It's not good to tease any animal."

As far as his job as realty officer is concerned, he said he will have to watch and see how things go. He said he will help process cases, help the Tribes in any way he can, and try to improve the paperwork process. "We'll do all we can to improve things," he concluded.

## Waheneka on historical board

Two Oregonians have been appointed and five reappointed by Gov. Vic Atiyeh to the state Historical Records Advisory Board.

Grant Waheneka, Warm Springs, and Cecil Edwards, Salem, were named to three-year terms on the board. George Garson, Jr., Corvallis, Louis Flannery, Sherwood, Michael Hanley, IV, Jordan Valley, Glen Mason, Eugene, and Caroline Stoel, Portland, were reappointed to the board.

The board served as a central advisory body for historical records planning and for projects developed and carried out under the program in the

state. Duties of the nine-member board include sponsoring surveys of the condition and needs of historical records in the state and publishing the results of the surveys, reviewing historical records projects proposed by insitutions in the state and soliciting or developing plans for historical records projects to be carried out.

Waheneka, Warm Springs, succeeds Doris Bounds, Hermiston, whose term ended. The new appointee is a member of the Land Use Committee and the Cultural and Heritage Committee of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

## No spring chinook fishing at Sherars

There will be no spring chinook fishing on the Desuchutes River this year. This decision was made by the Warm Springs tribal council after hearing a Natural Resources report which revealed that spring runs have been depleted to near extinction.

In response to the report, Warm Springs Tribal Council Chairman Delbert Frank wrote a letter to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife director John Donaldson, advising him of the Council's decision to halt all spring chinook fishing on the Deschutes. "Due to the

present state of the Deschutes River spring chinook, and unless new data is presented to indicate that the runs are stonger than anticipated, we will close the entire Deschutes River and its tributaries to fishing by our tribal members for spring chinook for a period from April 1, 1981 to June 21, 1981."

Continuing, Frank wrote, "We request and expect that your commission enact regulations prohibiting all spring chinook fishing by all fishermen who come within its jurisdiction. Only by this decisive joint action can we

expect to preserve this resource."

Donaldson replied to Frank's letter, stating, "Your letter fosters a spirit of cooperation between the Tribe and ODFW which will provide substantial benefit not only to the resource, but ultimately to Indian and non-Indian fishermen alike."

This council decision has been supported by Donaldson and the Jefferson County chapter of Northwest Steelheaders. It also appears that the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission will agree with the council's recommendation.

## Volunteers needed at Simnasho Firehouse

The Simnasho fire hall facility is now complete and nearly ready for occupancy. People interested in protecting lives and property in this area are urged to contact the Warm Springs Fire and Safety office at 553-1634.

There are openings for fire fighters, ambulance attendants and drivers. No experience is necessary and training will be

provided. Qualifications for the positions are: 1) must be 18 years of age or older, 2) be in good physical condition, 3) must be willing to serve your community as fire fighter or first aid-type person and 4) be dependable and honest. All listed positions are on a volunteer basis only.

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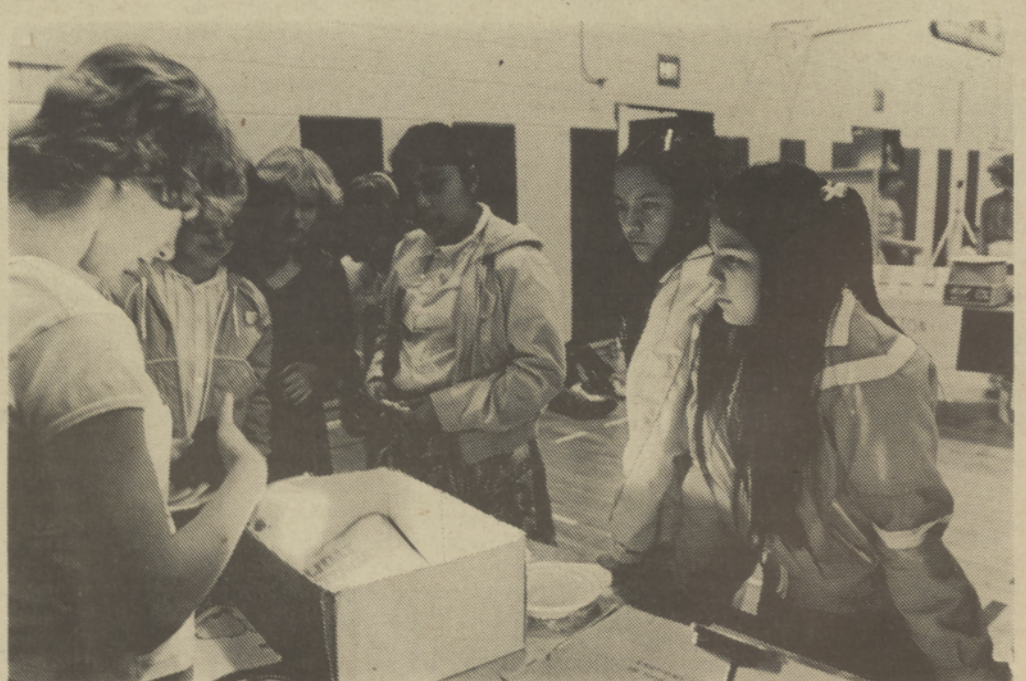
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Visitors to the Madras Junior High School science fair included the sixth grade class from Warm Springs elementary giving them a taste of what might be doing next year. 172 projects were on display, 28 of those by Warm Springs students.

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