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The Squiemphen barn at Sidwalter was recently destroyed by fire as a result of children playing with matches. Spilyay Tymoo photo by Don Gold

Squiemphen barn burns

An early afternoon fire, apparently started by children playing with matches, destroyed a barn at the Sidwalter residence of Earland Rita Squiemphen on Saturday, Sept. 19. The Squiemphens were away at a rodeo in Shurz, Nevada when the fire consumed their barn.

The fire was reported to the Warm Springs Fire and Safety department at 3:41 p.m. by patrolling police officer Chris Still.

Priscilla Squiemphen, who was staying at the Squiemphen home while her parents were away, said she attempted to telephone for help, but because a neighbor had left the party-line phone off the hook, she had to drive to a place where she could make the call. She said, "I had to drive clear to a neighbor's house because a phone at another residence on our party-line was left off the hook."

After she reported the fire, Priscilla returned home. She said, "There was nothing we could do." Twenty tons of alfalfa and oat hay plus approximately 200 pounds of pellets was destroyed along with the pole barn.

Firefighters doused the flames with 4600 gallons of water. By the time they arrived at the scene of the fire the barn was almost completely destroyed, according to responding firefighter Bill Carter.

The distance between the fire and the station in Warm Springs, along with the long, steep grade out of Warm Springs, caused response time

to be over fifteen minutes. Carter says, "The only way we're going to save a structure is if we catch a fire in the early stages — before it begins burning hot."

But "with the grade and the distance the rural response time will always be 15 minutes. Frustrations go through your head when you can't get that tanker to go any faster up the hill."

The only solution to that problem, according to Fire and Safety officer Ray Rivero, is to have a station and equipment along with a volunteer fire department in the area. Carter feels that fire suppression should be addressed as a number-one priority. "Fire is one of the most devastating things that can happen to anyone," he commented.

A meeting to discuss fire protection in the Sidwalter area was held at a Sidwalter residence on Sept. 24 with Fire Chief Jerry Huff attending. Huff informed residents that a small BIA pumper would be available to them if they could provide housing for it. The pumper would be loaned to the Sidwalter area during the off-season, Huff said. It would need to be stored in a garage that could be heated.

Huff says getting the pumper "would be a start." Because of the response time for firefighters to reach the Sidwalter area, "fire protection is basically up to the homeowners for the initial attack," Huff says. Volunteers from the area would be necessary to man the firefighting equipment.

Parvo virus killing local dogs

Parvo-entertitis a viral disease which may be fatal to old dogs as well as puppies. It has recently been diagnosed as the cause of illness in some dogs on the reservation. It has been fatal in a few cases.

"We've seen four or five dogs from Warm Springs in the last week," Dr. Boggs of Madras Veterinary Service in Madras commented. "There's no telling how many people don't bring their dogs in for treatment," he says.

If puppy shots are administered to a dog the Parvo vaccination is included in a series. A booster must be given annually.

The Parvo virus is passed on

in the feces of dogs, according to veterinarian Boggs. It could remain in the stool for up to six months infecting dogs which come in contact with it.

An infected dog will show symptoms of the disease after an incubation period of six to nine days. The animal will appear listless and won't eat. As the disease progresses the dog will suffer dehydration, vomiting and diarrhea. Death could result within three days after the symptoms become evident. Dr. Boggs says, "We're saving some of the dogs. If people bring them in as soon as symptoms occur the dog has a chance to be saved."

Isolating the dog with the

virus doesn't seem to be effective. Dr. Boggs says some of the dogs brought in live outside the populated portions of Warm Springs. "It is a serious disease," Dr. Boggs emphasizes.

Parvo is new disease in the United States. It appeared two years ago and spread across the nation at epidemic rates, says Boggs. A year ago there was a serious occurrence of the disease in the Madras area. There was difficulty in getting enough vaccine. Since that time the vaccine has become readily available. If administered properly it will prevent the occurrence of Parvo. At this time a dog's life may depend on it.

Credit issuing emergency loans only—"Money is tight"

by Donna Behrend

Like many lending institutions across the country, the tribal credit department is no longer able to lend money to borrowers as easily as they once were. The economic crunch is on and the credit department has not escaped the pinch. Inflation is the major cause, and has placed an unusual demand on credit funds.

Though they're not in financial trouble, says credit manager Bob Finch, they are "out of money" and are not accepting loan applications over \$500 and for emergencies only. "We will continue this way until another referendum is presented," says Finch. Curtailment began Monday, September 14.

The credit committee, comprised of Brenda Scott and Anna Clements, will be presenting to Tribal Council in October their proposal for another referendum. The proposal may also include other subdivision related matters.

Since the \$2 million referendum in 1978, which voters overwhelmingly approved, the credit program has grown \$3½ million. "What money we have is committed," says Finch. Housing and large business loans have "gobbled up" a major part of the funds.

Not unlike 1978, business has been curtailed, but Finch hopes that "while we're down we can still be effective and that people will continue to make their payments. The office will

be open for other business. "We're very interested in helping people work with their delinquent loans." The delinquency ratio is just over 4% and has been climbing steadily over the past few months. However, says Finch, "the majority of the people are paying their loans, and they are diligent if they are having problems."

The credit department is unique within tribal administration, being one of the few self-sufficient departments out of 61 departments. They depend entirely on interest earnings from the repayment of loans to pay the staff's salaries and operating expenses. The balance of the interest if returned to the general credit fund for relending purposes.

Their budget is not part of the tribe's annual operating budget.

Lending agencies on the outside have many different ways to collect bad debts, the most drastic being repossession

and/or foreclosure. The tribal credit department, along with tribal attorney Howard Arnett, have repossessed several automobiles that have been financed through the credit department.

Vernon Tanewasha missing

Vernon Tanewasha, a Roads Department employee, is reported to have fallen into Sherar's Falls while fishing from a scaffold Thursday evening or Friday morning. He is still missing and presumed drowned.

The fact that his car, with keys inside, was found at the fishing site and that his scaffold chair was tipped over has led officials to believe the worst. Also, it was noted by an individual that he was fishing

without a rope or lifeline.

An intensive search began on Saturday and is still in progress. The search effort, coordinated by Warm Springs police chief Jeff Sanders, is being conducted by numerous local police personnel, Wasco County officials and many Warm Springs friends and relatives.

A Wasco County jet boat, a local craft and a helicopter are being used in the search for Tanewasha, 38.