

Power failures hit community

Where were you when the lights went out on December 13 and 15? No doubt many local residents remember because of the inconvenience of being without electricity for hours.

On Sunday, December 13, the power in the Warm Springs area went out around 4:00 p.m. due to a line that fell from a power pole. The fallen line was located just east of Macy's store. Ron Fox, spokesman for Pacific Power and Light Co., stated that the difficulty in restoring the power arose when the repairmen found the area of the break located in a "brumble patch." The inaccessibility of the area, due to undergrowth, delayed repairmen in getting to the line. An access road had to be cleared before the men could get to the line.

An attempt was made to reroute power into the community through a line on the west side, but was unsuccessful due to the heavy power load of the area. Some areas of the community had power restored with four hours but for others it was a 12-hour wait.

The outage on Tuesday, December 15, was the result of freak winds in the Round Butte-Culver area, according to Fox. The winds blew over two power poles and subsequently a mainline was broken. The PP & L repairmen



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were able to patch together the wire so service was restored within four hours.

Suggestions for assisting

your power company in restoring power after an outage has occurred can be found on page five.

Program nears completion—

Employment dropping at dam

With the concrete work winding up at the Tribe's hydro project at Pelton Reregulating Dam, some 50 workers have been let go over this past month. From a high of 157 people on the A.S.C. Constructors payroll in November, there are now just slightly over 100 and the number is dropping.

"We'll be through placing the concrete in a month," said Robert Moore, resident

engineer. "After the concrete work is done, personnel will consist mainly of mill wrights and electricians to finish the job," he said.

"We will probably lose 50 to 60 (more workers) in the next month," he predicted.

From late January to the first of June, A.S.C. will most likely maintain a work force of 50 plus when, after testing, the project becomes operational.

Tribal members voted to

approve funding for construction of the \$30 million powerhouse May 15, 1979. Groundbreaking ceremonies took place April 22 of this year following extensive excavation and preparatory work.

When the power plant becomes operational in June, it will generate 81 million kilowatt-hours of electricity which the Tribes will sell to P P & L.

BIA awards— Employees recognized

Administrative personnel at the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Warm Springs took the time to recognize some of their local employees during an incentive awards presentation on December 10. Employees gathered at the forestry warehouse where Warm Springs Superintendent Merritt Youngdeer and BIA program analyst officer Anne Higgins opened the ceremony.

An added attraction in the early stages of the awards ceremony was a speech from retired Warm Springs superintendent Jim Cornett. He worked for many years with some of the people who were honored at the ceremony. It was fitting that he was present, people believed.

The first to be recognized were new employees in various departments of the bureau. They included: Merritt Youngdeer, superintendent; Dan Neuman, realty officer; Brian Spears, range conservationist; Bill Elliot, criminal investigator; Cheryl Patterson, roads secretary; Robert Harned, forest manager; James Campbell, forestry technician; Kurt Wiedenmann, forester; Paul Hoffhine, forestry technician; John Kelly, forester; Ronald Pelock, forester; Margie Workinger, clerk typist in forestry; Eugene Keane, forestry technician; Greta Kalama, calculating machine operator in forestry.

Time was set aside during the ceremony to recognize and remember two people who were long time BIA employees. In memory, Vernon Tanewasha's work experience with the BIA was reviewed along with that of Byron Patt.

Vernon Tanewasha worked as an engineering equipment operator for 12 years. For the past 20 years Byron Patt worked as civil engineering technician. The loss of these two men was felt by many.

Awards accompanied by checks for varying amounts were then presented to those who special contributions to the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Warm Springs.

Forester Paul Brna was presented with a certificate of recognition for his plan for individual safety awards for

forestry branch employees.

Non-recurring special achievement awards were given to three foresters. Robert Bolton has functioned in the temporary position of forest manager for a three month period. Ray Welch, acting superintendent at the time, stated, "Robert has performed a creditable job of oversight of ongoing activities within the branch....Overall Mr. Bolton assumed an extremely complex task and yet, and by the application of perseverance and good judgement has transformed a bad scene into a tolerable situation."

"Mr. Bolton worked closely with the enterprise logging superintendent and was able to successfully represent the bureau's interests and also foster an atmosphere of improved communication and accomodation."

A special achievement award also went to Richard Inman for his work pertaining to the installation and use of a computer. Besides getting the machine installed and functioning, Inman's largest contribution came in implementation and reprogramming of engineering programs.

The third special achievement award went to William Appgar for his work on the Warm Springs forest inventory analysis. The project involved over nine months of sustained performance at a high level in order to produce the final 406 page report which was approved by Tribal Council on June 16, 1981 and by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on July 17, 1981.

Special achievement awards for quality performance went to forester Franklin Marsh; forester Jean Rogers; forester Bill Donaghu; forester Michael Cunningham; maintenance foreman Pete Courtney; civil engineering technician Dick Souers; highway engineer Don Schmith; soil conservationist Dean Elliot; agency special officer Mark Werner; program analyst officer Anne Higgins; social service representative Pat Kahmann; education Carroll Bankston; and education technician Mary Anstett.

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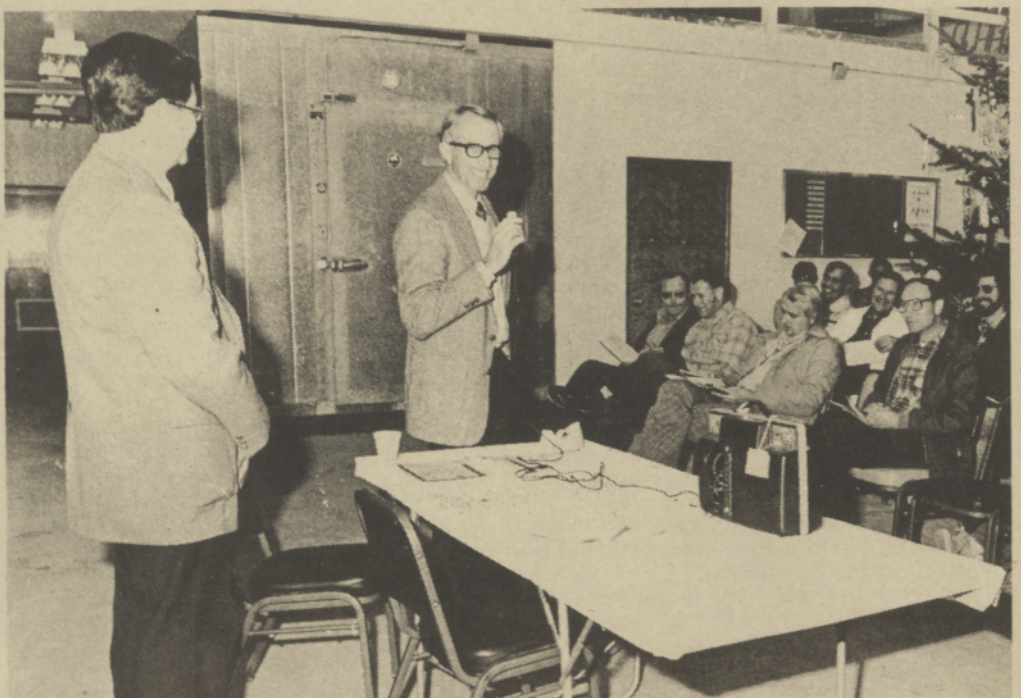
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a Happy New Year
and a safe holiday.



AWARDS CEREMONY—Warm Springs superintendent Merritt Youngdeer and former Warm Springs superintendent James Cornett open ceremonies at the BIA Incentive Awards Presentations. Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk