

1981—A year marked by change and new direction



Members of the community bid farewell to Ken Smith at a special dinner following his confirmation as the Interior's Department's Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs.



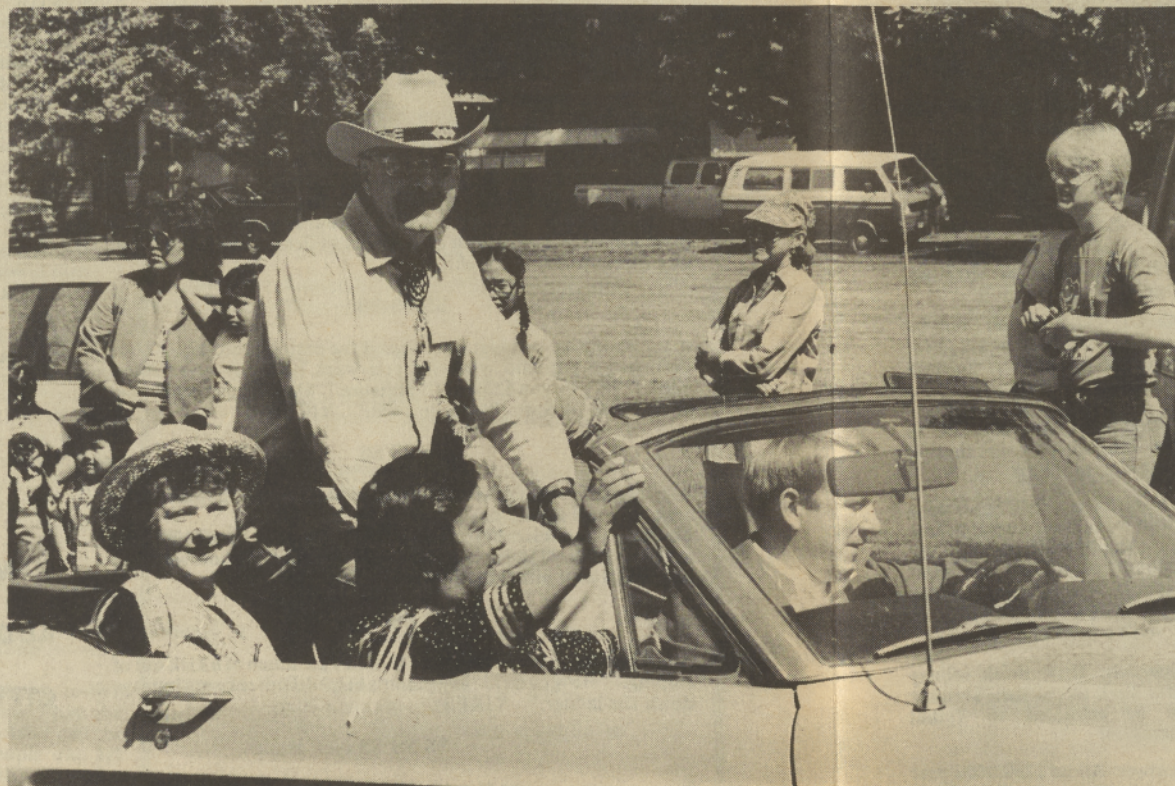
New Secretary/Treasurer, Ralph Minnick



Children, the strength of the future, are taught swim survival at classes conducted in the Kah-Nee-Ta Village pool.



Trudee Clements, 1981 Miss Warm Springs, represented the Tribes well. She earned the title of first runner-up in the Miss Indian America pageant, she was first runner-up in the Miss N.C.A.I. contest held in Anchorage, Alaska, and at Tomah, Wisconsin she was first runner-up in the Indian Day Princess contest. She was also chosen Miss N.A.I.C.A. by the National American Indian Cattleman's Association. She will hold the title for one year.



It was the first time a governor joined in on the Pi-Ume-Sha celebration. Oregon's Governor Vic Atiyeh rode in the Pi-Ume-Sha parade and visited with folks at the Pi-Ume-Sha grounds. He was here for a rest and even did a bit of fishing.



Work on a much needed enlarged tribal garage complex was begun in 1981

The year 1981 was one of change and new direction for the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation.

When Ken Smith was sworn in May 14 to the position of the Interior Department's Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, he had to resign the position of General Manager here. He had held that position for over ten years. People expressed pride that he was chosen for the top BIA post, but there was also sadness because it meant he would be leaving the tribal organization and be gone for four years.

Upon Smith's departure, Tribal Council approved a management reorganization plan which separated business activities from community services and divided the General Manager/Secretary Treasurer job into three positions. Ralph Minnick was appointed Secretary Treasurer, Ed Manion as Community Services Manager, and Doug McClelland as Fiscal and Control Manager.

Early in 1981, Superintendent James Cornett retired after serving nearly ten years at Warm Springs. A few months later Meritt

Youngdeer, an Eastern Cherokee from North Carolina, was appointed new BIA Superintendent here.

Because of poor economic conditions in 1981, Warm Springs Forest Products Industries experienced a tense year. But unlike many other Oregon mills, WSFPI continued operation without any shut-down. On the positive side, Robert W. Macy was appointed General Manager of WSFPI, the first tribal member to hold that position at the tribally-owned forest products complex.

Equine Infectious Anemia, a horse disease spread by flies, became a serious problem on the reservation and in surrounding areas. Funds amounting to \$232,000 were expended in an effort to rid the reservation of this problem. Horses that tested positive had to be destroyed. The Miller Flat, Dry Creek and Webster Flat areas were hardest hit.

Total tribal enrollment in 1981 jumped to 2,438. There were 94 newborns enrolled but, sadly, there were 14 deaths — mostly the result of car accidents.