

TV crew selects Warm Springs for series

by Sandy Rangila

The Warm Springs Reservation was highlighted one evening in a five-part TV news series during the economic development portion of a progress report on American Indians.

The series was aired the week of January 25 on WCCO TV, a CBS affiliate in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Although the series was not seen nationwide, video tapes of the program will be sent to Warm Springs sometime in February, according to reporter Mike Walcher.

Walcher and cameraman Bob Fischenish were here Jan. 14 and 15 to interview several tribal leaders and to shoot some footage of the hydroelectric project, subassembly plant, WSFPI, new tribal housing, the hatchery and Kah-Nee-Ta.

Warm Springs was selected for the economic development segment "because development is further along here," Walcher said. "Indians in Minnesota are just starting to become aware of the importance of it. The Chippewas (Ojibwas) just started a couple of years ago," he explained.

Walcher said that, for the program, they were interested in a tribe using fairly modern research and technology. "We've been to Pine Ridge, for example, where the unemployment rate is 85-95 percent. There are some very bleak places. This is a nice contrast here," he said, referring to the Warm Springs Reservation.

He also said he was interested in what other tribes could learn from Warm Springs.

It just so happened that, on Jan. 14, Ken Smith (former General Manager here) was passing through the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. Another reporter connected with the series interviewed Smith while he was there.

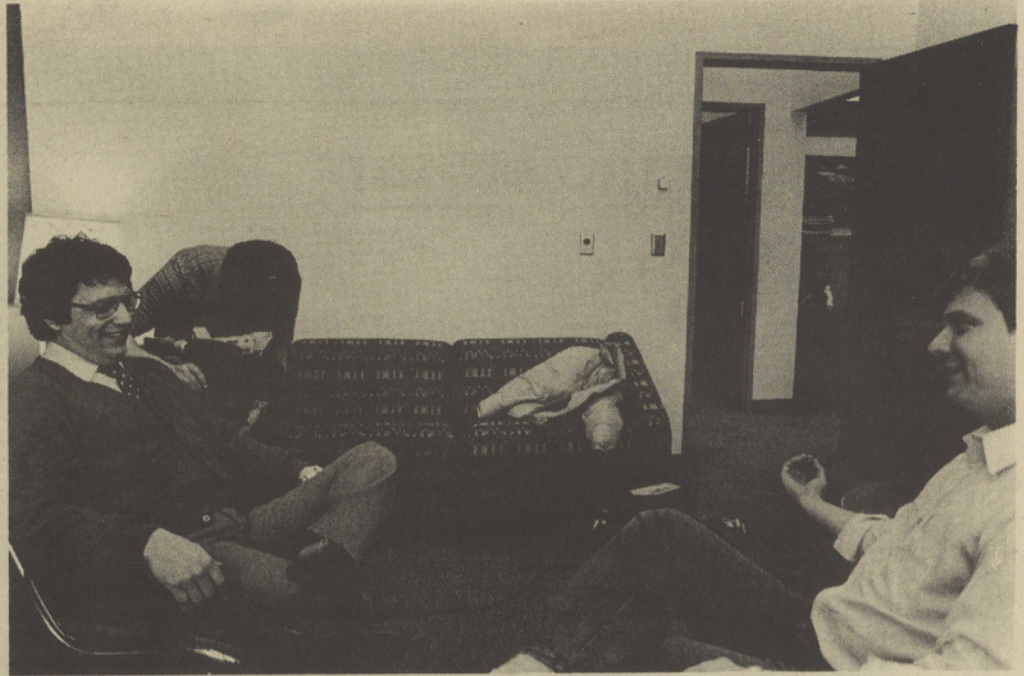
Prior to a filmed interview with Ralph Minnick, Warm Springs Secretary/Treasurer, Walcher offered some of his impressions of Warm Springs. "What I've seen is stability of leadership," he stated firmly. "I'm also impressed with the magnitude and scope of what's been done here," he remarked, referring specifically to the hydro project.

He said that he also has questions about "the cultural and heritage thing." He wondered if there is a conflict here with cultural values and all the economic development. "What identity is possible — or is that a mute point?" he asked.

Walcher did express disappointment that Delbert Frank, Sr., Tribal Council Chairman, was out of town and unavailable for an interview on Jan. 14 or 15. It was Frank who Walcher originally contacted nearly a month ago about doing the Warm Springs coverage.

The series was aired over a five-night period. The first night was devoted to an overview, particularly of Indians in Minnesota — both urban Indians and those at Pine Ridge.

The reporters laid out some of the most pressing problems, as they saw them, said Walcher. Among those were housing,



IN THE HOT SEAT — Ralph Minnick, Tribal Secretary/Treasurer, was interviewed for a TV news series by reporter Mike Walcher of WCCO TV, a CBS affiliate in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Warm Springs Reservation was chosen for the economic development segment of the five-part series which began the week of Jan. 25. Walcher and cameraman Bob Fischenish said video tapes of the program would be sent to Warm Springs sometime in February. The men spent two days here interviewing and shooting footage of the hydro project, WSFPI, new tribal housing, the sub-assembly plant, tribal offices, the hatchery and other installations on the reservation.

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Rangila

jobs, alcoholism, culture and identity.

The second night was A.I.M. night — both pro and con. Filmed interviews with Dennis Banks, Russell Means and the Belcourt brothers were aired. "Where is A.I.M. and what has it done?" was questioned.

There were also interviews with anti-AIM people from

South Dakota, both Indian and non-Indian people.

Economic development on the Warm Springs Reservation and Minnesota's White Earth Reservation were contrasted the third night. "The White Earth Reservation has a lot of problems," Walcher noted.

The focus of the fourth night was on education and public

versus alternative schools. Also touched upon was formal education in relation to Indian culture.

The fifth night was devoted to a summation of the week-long series.

In addition to the video-tape, which will be sent to Warm Springs, Walcher said he would send to Spilyay Tymoo a transcript of some of the interviews conducted here.

Cubs end hibernation

The 1982 Cub Scouts the first week in February. A cub scout must be seven years old and must have completed the second grade, or be 8, 9, or 10.

The activities of the scouting program are aimed at promoting parent and community involvement in building an ideal community member and individual. Scouts will learn the Law of the Pack, Promise, and Meaning, as well as participate in fun games and activities.

This year's volunteer leaders are Wilma Picard, Den 1, and Julie Mitchell, Den 2. Den 1 will meet Monday, Feb. 1 from 3:30-4:30. Den 2 will meet on Wednesdays beginning February 3, at the same time

weekly scout meeting will be held in the 4-H/Scout room in the basement of the Boys Dorm.

Dens 1 and 2 consist of six scouts each. The scouts who have pre-registered will be notified at school or personally as to their den assignment. Additional dens will be formed as needed. Volunteers indicating interest in forming new dens are Jeanine Kalama, Mary Ann Meanus and Judy Kalama.

There is a small registration fee, yet most activities require little or no cost. Parents, adults, and children—waste no time in getting involved. The person to contact for volunteering or registration is William Moses, Cub Master, at 553-1170.

Delbert Frank

Reappointed to committee

John F. Collins, Mitchell; David P. Helfrich, Vida; and Delbert Frank, Sr., Warm Springs, have been reappointed to three-year terms on the Oregon Scenic Waterway System Committee.

Gov. Vic Atiyeh named the three members to their third consecutive terms on the committee. Their terms officially began Dec. 22, 1981 and end Dec. 21, 1984.

Duties of the nine-member committee include advising the state Department of Transportation regarding the continuing growth, development and use of the Oregon scenic waterway

system. The system consists of designated sections (without dams or impoundments) of eight Oregon rivers including the Deschutes, Illinois, John Day, Minam, Owyhee, Rogue, Sandy and the Clackamas.

Frank is Tribal Council chairman for the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation. In addition, he is serving on the Health and Welfare and Fish and Wildlife Committees for the Tribal Council. Frank is also a member of the Council's Alcohol Advisory Board.

Collins, a cattle rancher in Wheeler County, is a Wheeler

County commissioner. A member of the Fossil Masonic Lodge, the Mitchell Lions, and the Prineville Elks Club, he graduated from Benson High School, Portland, in 1933.

Helfrich is owner/operator of Dave Helfrich River Outfitters, Inc., Vida, and has spent over 30 years guiding on Oregon rivers. Currently he is a delegate to North American River Outfitters, and a member of the Oregon and Idaho Outfitters and Guide Associations. Helfrich is a 1950 graduate of McKenzie High School.

Toe Ness

There was this guy who walked into a psychiatrists office with a chicken on his head. "You need help!" said the doctor. "You bet I do," replied the chicken. "Get this guy out from under me" YIKES

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There was this guy who was so conceited that he joined the Navy so the world could see him. YIKES

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The policeman was questioning the shaken young woman. "Please ma'am, could you give us description of the man who made you submit to his surprise kiss?" The woman though for a while and then said, "I'm sorry, officer, but whenever I'm being kissed, I close my eyes." YIKES

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