

Warm Springs has a Lil' Miss

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Sharon Jones stands patiently while Lucinda Green pins her contestant banner on preceding the Lil' Miss Warm Springs contest.



Judges Ursula Little (left) and Clara Moody(right) intently watched contestants while they danced.



Lyda Rhoan received the crown in the 5 and 6 year old division of the Lil' Miss Warm Springs contest. Second place went to Nesbah Yazzie.

Lyda Rhoan and Sharon Katchia walked away with crowns at the first Lil' Miss Warm Springs contest held at the Community Center the evening of February 2. The contest drew a large crowd of local residents as twelve little girls competed for the two division titles.

Each of the divisions had six contestants. Contestant in the 5 and six year old division included Lyda Rhoan, Nesbah Yazzie, Louise Tuckta, Sherylene Boise, Sharon Jones, Vagelique Jack.

The 3 and 4 year old division included: Sharon Katchia, Zanetta Massad, Yvonne Earl,

Josephine Johnson, Charmaine Tewee and Little Fawn Suppah.

Lyda Rhoan was selected queen in the 5 and 6 year old division. Second place was taken by Nesbah Yazzie. Sharon Katchia received the highest number of points in the 3 and 4 year old division with Zanetta Massad taking second.

The evening began with warm up dances. Adults participated to help the girls to get the feel of things. Many were inexperienced at public dancing. Lyda Scott, Miss Warm Springs, led the girls in some of the dances and helped them throughout the contest.

The contestants were judged on traditional dress and their abilities in dancing the skip dance and the circle dance. They were scored from 1 to 10, 1 being the lowest, and 10 being the highest. A panel of six judges scored the girls. They were Ursula Little, Ellen Squiemphen, Lilly Heath, Clara Moody, Ada Sooksoit and Susan Moses.

Bernice Mitchell acted as master of ceremonies. Rudy Clements, Jacob Frank and the Pine Grove Juniors drummed for the ceremony.

The crowns were contributed by Geraldine Jim and Lyda Scott.



The 4 and 5 year old division crown went to Sharon Katchia. Miss Warm Springs, Lyda Scott, helps with the queen's accoutrements.