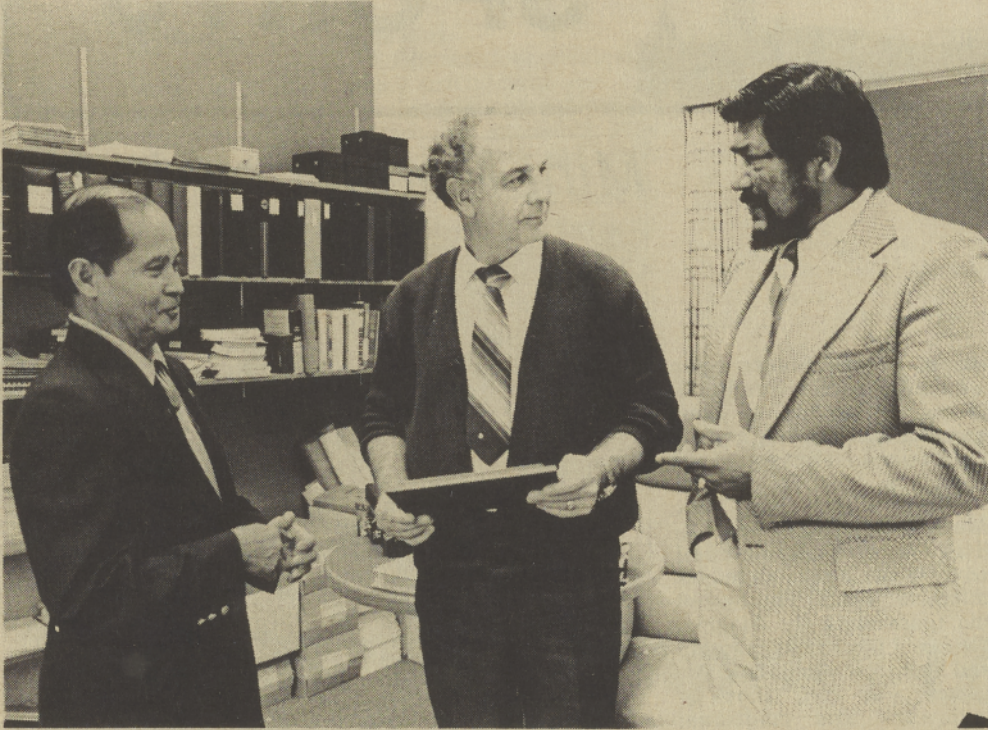


Improve your speaking ability

Indian News Notes

by

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IN APPRECIATION—The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs has been assisting the Warm Springs Toastmaster's Club since the club's beginning in 1976. Current Toastmaster's president Andy Lucas (left) and past-president Charles Nathan (right) presented a plaque to Warm Springs fiscal manager Doug McClelland in appreciation for the Tribe's support.

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk



learning how to speak in front of groups of people. Today, both old and new members continue to grow in that ability.

Current president of the Warm Springs' Toastmasters Andy Lucas feels that the value of Toastmasters extends into business situations as well as personal situations. He maintains that Toastmasters

Since 1976 the Warm Springs Toastmasters Club has been encouraging tribal personnel to increase their communications abilities by

"helps an individual in communication and in knowing how to run an organization." He also

mentions, "It gives that individual the confidence of communications with people in business as well as social activities."

Lucas goes on to say, "Even I, a social director or a resort, have improved my ability to use gestures and body movement while speaking." He says his rate and volume speaking when telling a story or speaking has also shown improvement, "Now I have more confidence in my job because of Toastmasters."

Lucas recently received a trophy at the Bend district speaking contest for Best Club President Table Topics in humor. Another accomplishment during his presidency has been an increased membership for the Warm Springs club.

Current members of the Warm Springs Toastmasters, Chapter 2293 include: William Hoptowit, Carmen Pinkal, Charle Nathan, Jeannie Neuman, Winono Strong, Jerry Strong, Francine Sanders, Caroline Cruz, Kathy Tuhn, Marsha Shewczyk, Antoinette Wolfe, Bob Goodrich, Radine Calica, Gary Heckman and Andy Lucas.

Members who have returned to school include: Don Courtney, Pam Keo, Spencer Keo, Donna Converse and Kris Converse.



4-H EXTENSION AGENT—Doris Brackett is often seen around the community and at 4-H activities since beginning work at the Warm Springs OSU Extension office. And when home economics agent Pennie Albrandt is out of the office, Doris will be happy to answer home economics telephone questions as well.

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Interior Secretary Watt meets with NTCA and NCAI leaders in Washington: Interior Secretary James Watt met with the board of directors of the National Tribal Chairmen's Association January 27 and addressed the annual executive council meeting of the National Congress of American Indians January 28. Both meetings were held in Washington, D.C.

At the NTCA meeting, Watt agreed to participate in a conference with Indian leaders to discuss ways of improving reservation economies. NTCA president Phillip Martin, chief of the Mississippi Choctaw Tribe, suggested the conference which Watt endorsed. Watt asked Assistant Secretary Ken Smith to work out the details of the conference. Watt told the tribal chairmen that he would meet and work with the elected tribal leaders in Indian country—but would not deal with non-elected staff members of Washington-based Indian organizations. "In my travels throughout the country I have met with elected tribal leaders and I will continue to do so," Watt said.

At the NCAI meeting, Watt informed the group that Assistant Secretary Ken Smith would be a member of the Minerals Management Board, supervising the new agency created to stop theft and underpayment of royalties for oil and gas produced on federal and Indian lands. The Secretary told the Indians that the soon-to-be-announced 1983 budget cuts would affect BIA administrators and give Indian people on reservations the dollars. He said the budget cuts would hit BIA central and area offices primarily. He added that stable tribal governments could further reduce BIA administrative costs by contracting for tribal operations of programs.

He concluded his remarks, answering a question about continuing dialog, by saying: "I think we have a responsibility to go to you in Indian country. Indian people should not always have to come to Washington."

Smith tells Oklahoma Indians area offices will be consolidated: Interior Assistant Secretary Ken Smith ended speculation about the possible consolidation of the two area offices in Oklahoma. He told tribal leaders that the total number of BIA area offices would be reduced to about six—and that there would definitely not be more than one in Oklahoma. He said that final decisions about the precise number, location and jurisdiction of the area offices would be made about March 15.

Smith said that the consolidation of offices will reduce "administrative costs and overhead, but it will not reduce the Bureau's efficiency or effectiveness in serving Indian tribes." He explained that developments in communications and the increased use of computers have changed the "way the Bureau does business" and the need for geographically close regional offices. He said that computerization will allow a great decentralization of functions to the agency level and that the area offices of the future will have some different functions and a new role in the management structure.

He said he expected to give certain area offices lead roles as service centers in forestry or water issues or other fields of expertise. "Instead of having technical experts isolated and scattered in several area offices, we'll have a service center team in forestry—in the northwest, perhaps. Oil and gas specialists, perhaps in Oklahoma. Range management people in the central plains area."

Smith said there would be similar, appropriate changes in the central office to reduce administrative costs, including the reduction and consolidation of central office units for more efficient management. The Assistant Secretary attended the quarterly meeting, January 21, of the United Tribes of Western Oklahoma and Kansas.

Judge says signing of fish closure order was a mistake: A court order allocating half the Puget Sound chinook catch to Washington Indian tribes this year, regardless of the impact on sport fishing was described by U.S. District Judge Walter Craig as a "clerical error" and withdrawn.

The order was signed by the judge January 4. State and tribal officials agreed that an immediate 50-50 allocation, as required by the order, would mean closing the sound to non-Indian sport fishermen for six to nine months this year. The threatened closure angered thousands of anglers. Joe Dunn, Craig's court clerk, said the judge inadvertently signed the order just five days after signing a contradictory order giving the state more time to make additional arguments in the case.

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