

## Plane lands in Comedown's yard



**TEMPORARILY DOWNED**—Pilot David Fisher (right) shelters himself from rain under the wing of his small plane after landing at the Comedown ranch on July 2. A ranch employee Donald Waldrip joins him in his wait.

*Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk*

Foul weather can change the best laid plans especially when it comes to flying a small plane. To a pilot in a small Piper Cub with only a 150

horsepower engine adverse conditions in the air can be frightening. Winds can toss a plane around as if it were a balloon.

This is precisely the reason David Fisher and his 14-year-old son Quent decided to land their small plane in the front yard of the Albert and Carol Comedown ranch on Sidwalter Flat. It was just too difficult to see through fog and the weather was too rough.

The Comedowns were a little surprised to look out the window of their home and see a plane in their yard. After finding out the reason they continued on with their normal routine for the day.

Fisher's original plan was to fly from his home in Walla Walla, Washington to Roseburg, Oregon where a family reunion was to be held. Fog decreased his visibility and the weather was getting worse. He saw a nice straight road; the Comedown driveway, and landed on it.

"I'm just going to wait it out," was Fisher's comment. "It's easy to rationalize thinking you can make it," he explained, but as a safety precaution he brought the plane down.

If necessary Fisher would call his brother in Roseburg to come for him and his son. As it turned out Fisher was back in the air after a three hour wait during which time it rained heavily and then cleared up.

Workers at the ranch said, "he bounced out of here," says Carol Comedown. Fisher took off down the road bouncing the small plane and on the third bounce he stayed in the air and was once again on his way.

## College looking for Indians

The Weber State College Business School is looking for American Indians interested in pursuing a bachelors degree in business administration.

The Educational Foundation of American has funded the business school to start a program to help Indian students successfully achieve a degree in areas such as accounting, marketing, finances and other related fields.

The students in the program will have advisement, tutoring, seminars, and co-op experiences available. Small classes will be made up of Indian students alone.

Indian business men and women will also visit students to discuss current issues and opportunities, and an Indian law class will be included to familiarize students with important issues that affect Indian people.

Students wishing to apply must do so early if they expect to receive financial assistance. Fall quarter at Weber State begins September 27.

For further information contact Craig Brandow at (801) 626-6851, or write: American Indian Business Program, 2907 Counseling Center, Weber State College, Ogden, Utah 84408.

## Folk Festival August 13-15

The Salem Folklore Community will be holding its Second Annual Folk and Bluegrass Festival August 13-15 in Salem.

The festival will feature continuous concerts of American and international folk music and dance including bluegrass, hillbilly and string band music. Ethnic dance performances will be staged along with instruction for beginners.

Besides music, folklore crafts and exhibits will be part of the festival. There will be booths with food from all over the world, demonstrations by spinners, quilters and weavers and storytelling.

A children's concert will also be staged with a small zoo where children can touch animals. Children will also be able to make crafts and join in

other activities designed especially for them.

As of this date no Indian performances are scheduled. However, chairman of the festival Mike Horner is interested in having Indian dancers at the festival. People demonstrating Indian crafts and skills are also encouraged to attend.

Participation in the festival is voluntary. Anyone interested is asked to contact Mike Horner at 859 Liberty St. N.E., Salem, Oregon 97301. The telephone number is 362-5271.

Admission fee for the festival is \$2.00 for the nighttime events. All events during the day will be free.

The festival will be held at the Mission Mill Museum located at 260 12th Street S.E., Salem, Oregon.

## Smith announces new assignments for area directors

The Assistant Secretary of the Interior Ken Smith announced new assignments for four Bureau of Indian Affairs area directors, all members of the Federal

Government's senior executive service. These appointments are expected to become effective in early August. The new assignments are: Sidney Mills, the Albuquerque

area director, has been named director of the Bureau's Office of Trust Responsibilities in Washington, D.C.

Mills, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, has been director of the Bureau's Albuquerque area office since 1978. Prior to that he served for three years as the executive assistant to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C.

A Navy veteran, Mills entered the Federal service in 1973 in Aberdeen area office where he served as the supply and contracting officer and as acting deputy director. He had previously been purchasing manager for the Great Western Sugar Company; merchandise control manager, Creative Merchandising, Inc.; and purchasing manager for

Sundstrand Aviation, all in Denver, Colorado.

Vincent Little, director of the Portland Area Office replaces Mills in Albuquerque. A member of the Mohave Tribe, he has been director of the Portland Area Office since March, 1977.

Little began work with the BIA as a teacher at the Phoenix Indian School in 1957. He was an enrollment officer and tribal operations officer at the Western Washington Agency from 1963 to 1967. He then worked as assistant superintendent at the Hoopa agency in northern California.

A U.S. army veteran and a graduate from Arizona State University in 1957, he received a Master's degree there in 1961.

Stan Speaks, director of the Anadarko, Oklahoma area

office is the new director of the Portland office. A member of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma, Speaks was appointed area director at Anadarko in 1975. Previously the acting superintendent of the Intermountain Indian School at Brigham City, Utah. He worked in Indian education programs with the Bureau of Indian Affairs from 1959 to 1975. He is a graduate of Northeastern State Collage of Oklahoma where he earned a Master's degree in education.

Maurice W. Babby, Oglala Sioux, director of the area office at Sacramento, California, goes to Anadarko as director of that office. He had been director of the BIA's office of administration in

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## Toe Ness

There was this girl who ran up to this police officer and said, "that man on the street corner is annoying me." The police officer, "I've been watching everything here and he hasn't even looked at you." The girl, "Isn't that just annoying?" YIKES

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There was this magician performing in this small town when he heard there was a talent scout in the audience so he decides to do all of his best tricks, pulling rabbits, birds and flowers out of his hat and the whole bit. For the final trick he threw a blanket over himself and disappeared. The next morning he called the agent and asked, "What did you think of my act?" The agent, "I'd only make one change, the trick where you vanish, you should do that first." YIKES

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CONFUCIOUS SAY: "Lipstick on collar more dangerous than lipstick on lips." YIKES

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It is said, "The ability to lie differs markedly among people. For example, a short-armed fisherman isn't as big a liar as a longarmed one." YIKES

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Paul Revere was making his famous ride and yelling, "The British are coming, the British are coming, all men prepare to fight." He continued his ride shouting the same thing along the way. Passing this one lone house he shouted, "The British are coming, all men prepare to fight." An answer came back, "My husband is away and will be gone for the rest of the week." Paul Revere. . . "Whoa-a-a-!! YIKES

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