

EIA testing ending

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Equine Infectious Anemia is almost a thing of the past on the Warm Springs reservation. After September 30 it will, hopefully, be history, a time to be remembered. It will be remembered particularly by those who have lost much of their stock to the disease.

All testing for the disease on the reservation will be completed by the September 30 date, at which time funding for the program will be depleted.

Only a small number of wild horse stock remain to be tested. There are still 20-40 horses roaming the area between Sidwalter and the south end. The timber is keeping the ride boss and his crew from rounding-up and testing these animals.

Another small herd of approximately 40 head remain to be tested in the Mutton Mountain area. Here again, the terrain and timber is making the round-up difficult.

The helicopter hired for the round-up has been utilized throughout most of the EIA program which began at the end of 1981. Round-up of the still untested stock may have to be dealt with in another way in the timbered areas where horses can hide and it is impossible to fly in close.

Besides these two areas where the horses will be rounded-up, tested and then sold as uncontrollables a third testing is scheduled for stock located in the Tenino area before the end of September.

Ride bosses are still essential in the rounding-up procedure as they have been throughout the program. Cooperation between several bosses is necessary to clean-up before the program can be completed. The remaining horses wander from one end of the reservation to the other.

The majority of horses tested have been removed from the reservation since inception of the EIA program. During 1981, 1628 horses were sold. Since January 1982, 200 more have

been sold. According to extension agent Clint Jacks there are still 600-700 horses still remaining on the reservation.

Funds for the EIA program will run out about the same time all the horses have been tested. One-hundred thousand dollars has been budgeted for 1982 through September for men and equipment. Ninety thousand dollars has been budgeted for use of the helicopter. Approximately \$232,000 was spent in 1981. Dr. Travis McGuire at Washington State University in Tacoma felt that the Warm Springs people had no other choice but to approach the disease the way they did, relates Jacks.

Dr. McGuire has done most of the research on Equine Infectious Anemia. Even to this date no one knows what it is, according to Jacks. Conditions in the Pacific Northwest are suitable for its existence and transmission as those on the Warm Springs reservation are well aware.

The first testing on the reservation proved the disease to be widespread with 17 to 30 percent of the stock proving positive. The second testing after eliminating stock proving positive resulted in only 1% having the disease. The disease will be completely eliminated at the conclusion of the program.

After the final testing at the end of this summer the reservation should be free of EIA. Only approval from Tribal Council and the Oregon Department of Agriculture is then necessary to have the self-imposed quarantine lifted. "We should be asking that the quarantine be lifted in October," Jacks concluded.

Jacks hopes that in the quarantine lifting agreement a condition for spot checks on equine stock for EIA will be included to keep something like this from happening again. It is then that Equine Infectious Anemia will become and remain a thing of the past.

Going to Madras. . . Jacks leaves after eight years

After eight years at Warm Springs extension agent Clint Jacks will be moving his office to Madras. His work with Warm Springs will not stop with the move, however. He will still be in charge of the program at Warm Springs but from a distance.

Oregon State University which directs the extension service "wants to maintain a strong contact with Warm Springs," Jacks emphasizes. That will still be part of his responsibility, and the responsibility of Jacks' replacement in Warm Springs.

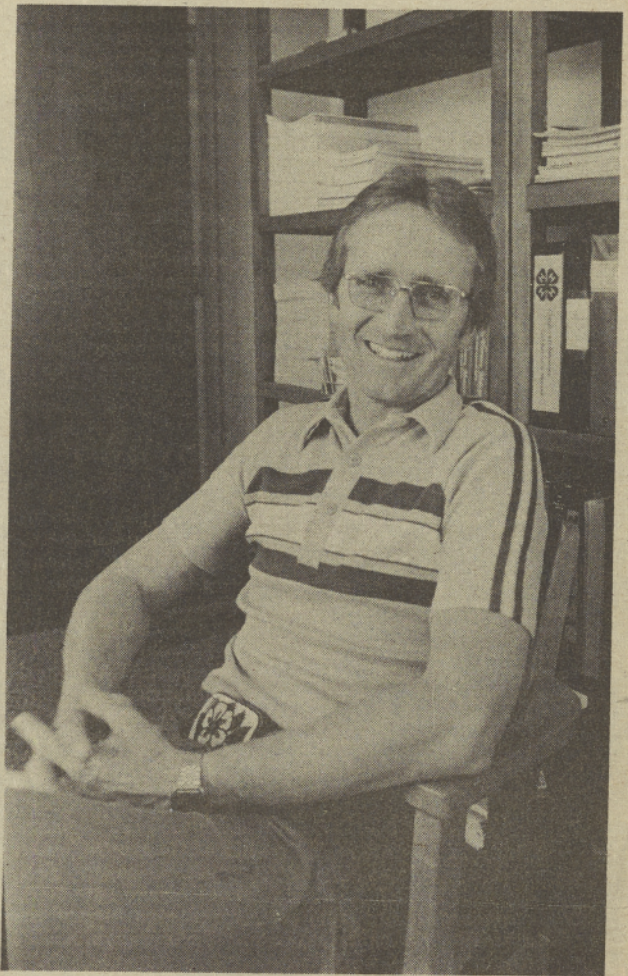
Jacks has been working with the extension service in Oregon for eleven years. Prior to his arrival at Warm Springs eight years ago Jacks spent one year in Umatilla county and two years working in Deschutes County.

His move to Madras takes place as the result of agent Ron Mobley's transferring to Medford to fill a vacant position. Jacks was asked by the extension service administration to fill Mobley's post as he was familiar with this area.

Since his first days at Warm Springs Jacks has seen many changes both in the tribal organization and in the Warm Springs extension service. Both have grown in maturity along with size, Jacks comments.

He says, the extension program "has grown from an isolated program to one that is an integral part" of the community. "It is a service that the tribal government provides."

The extension service provides information to community members ranging from answering consumer questions to dealing with agricultural problems. Oregon State University operates the



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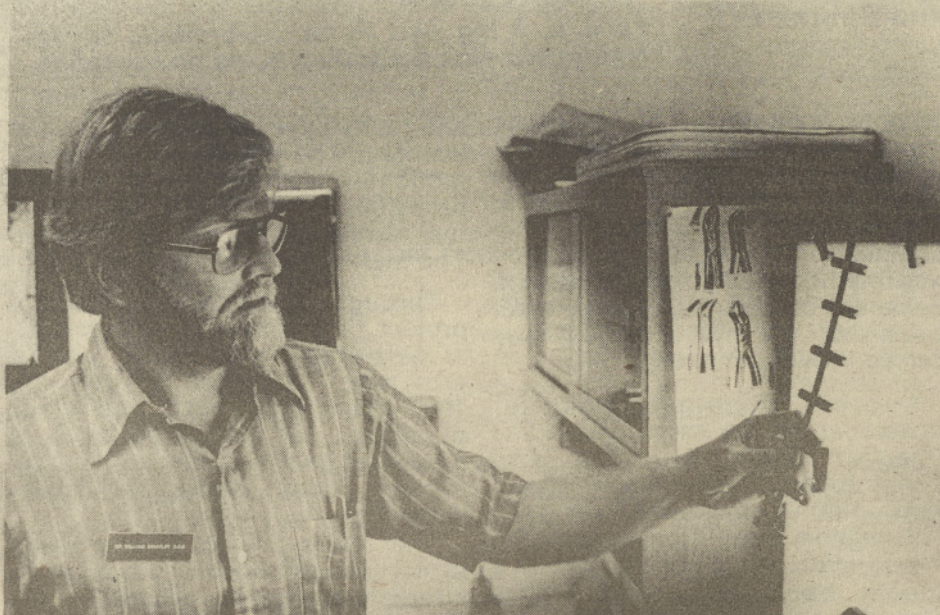
program through local agents for the community and provides technical knowledge. Looking ahead Jacks sees "the tribes tapping into the resource to a greater extent."

Jacks points out that community support and ownership of the extension service program has increased since he first came to Warm Springs. "That is the way it

should be." The extension program should be based on local need and desire if it is to fulfill its function.

Jacks replacement in Warm Springs, Lee Hamilton, will arrive August 1. Jacks will be working with Hamilton through August and September until he is acquainted with the work to be done and with the area.

W.S. clinic has new dentist



Dr. William Scholdt began working at the Warm Springs dental clinic June 1. Scholdt came to Warm Springs from a five-dentist dental clinic on the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota where he served as chief of the dental clinic. The new dentist says emphasis will be given to family dental

Committee formed to aid college

"The friends of the College," a 20-member citizens steering committee to direct the college's August 10 budget election has been formed. Former Bend mayor Dick Carlson will chair the group, which includes citizens from Bend, Redmond, Madras, Sisters and Prineville.

"I don't have to tell anyone here how important the college is to this community," Carlson said at the Friends of the College initial meeting Friday.

"We're fortunate in having a lot of support behind us. Fact is, when times are tough, we need the college more than ever. Some people may not use it right now, but down the road when their children are ready to start college or they need to change careers or get job training, they'll really miss not having a college. We can't afford to let it die. COCC is to valuable to these communities. I can't imagine a healthy Central Oregon without a college."

"Our job is to tell people, hey, you do matter. your vote

college so they can make an intelligent decision."

COCC is seeking approval of the \$4.2 million tax portion of a total operating budget of \$7 million for the current year.

In May, voters rejected an "A" levy of \$4,340,069. Since then, some \$289,000 has been pared from the "A" levy request.

COCC has no tax base and must seek voter approval each year to continue operation. If the "A" levy is approved, the full amount will be eligible for state tax relief.

"The Friends of the College" plan a variety of activities including musical and athletic events, and a person-to-person campaign.

"Personal contract makes the difference," Carlson said. "One out of 8 Central Oregonians has taken a class here at the college and so many more have attended college sponsored events. It's this kind of personal involvement that makes this community what it is. With time, effort and energy we'll pass our budget and see that COCC keeps adding to the