

RECEIVED

SEP 16 1982

OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

U.S. Postage
 Bulk Rate Permit No. 2
 Warm Springs, OR

25¢

Spilyay Tymoo

Coyote News



VOL 7 NO 17

WARM SPRINGS, OREGON 97761

SEPTEMBER 10, 1982



The Mutton Mountain fire shown here at its early stages raging out of control as flames and smoke went rolling upward on Shaniko Butte. The blaze kept fire crews busy day and night as it burned 7,700 acres of range and timberland.

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Miller

Fire sears 7,700

It was a battle between men and machinery against high winds and flames as a fire blackened about 7,700 acres of sage, grass and timberlands on the northeast section of the Warm Springs Reservation.

Local fire crews responded to a fire call on Friday and were unable to contain the raging blaze as flames rose as high as 15 feet destroying everything in its path.

A spotter plane flew in and out of the steep canyons directing the bombers which were dropping retardant on the hot spots. Cats and pumper units were also on the fire line but the winds and rough terrain were in the fires favor which made it impossible to stop.

Special fire crews were called in and teams from the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other speciality crews were on the fire line by Saturday. An all out effort kept the crews busy day and night at times in dangerous conditions because of the steep

canyons in that area.

A base camp was set up at nearby Simnasho school and longhouse where very tired firefighters were able to take a hot shower, get a hot meal and a well deserved rest. Tired firefighters were sleeping on the floor of the longhouse in leanto's and even under the stars. With the crews coming and going there was a never ending cycle for the personnel who were doing the cooking and kitchen chores.

The fire was contained on Monday and controlled later that day and some of the special crews were able to leave the area. There were still some hot spots that need close watch for a while longer. Mop up crews will remain in the area keeping everything in check.

With seven bulldozers, nine pumper trucks, three tanker planes and several speciality fire crews along with local fire teams and loggers the fire was finally controlled. The cause of the fire is still unknown.

N.C.A.I.

Watt to address general assembly

Secretary of the Interior James Watt is scheduled to address the general assembly of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Convention, on the afternoon of September 27, which is being held in Bismarck, North Dakota. The convention will run from the 27th through October 1, 1982.

Watt's address will be of major interest and concern to all tribes as the Secretary of the Interior is the key position in all Indian Affairs. This will give all tribal representatives attending

the convention an opportunity to have an open exchange during the question and answer session to follow Watt's address.

The United Tribes Education and Technical Center (UTETC), is the host organization for the convention, Senator Edward Kennedy has expressed personal interest in attending the convention. It was 13 years ago Senator Kennedy was at the dedication of the United Tribes Education and Technical Center. Also it was nineteen years ago his brother, Robert Kennedy, appeared at NCAI's 20th Annual Convention held in Bismarck.

Also confirmed to address the Convention is Kenneth Smith, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, and Dr. Everett Rhoades, Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

From the local area, the Governor of North Dakota, Allen I. Olsen, and the Mayor of Bismarck, Eugene Leary will participate in the opening ceremonies of the convention.

In addition, Congressional staff, tribal, and federal representatives will participate in major panel discussions focusing on such areas as BIA

Realignment, Timber Administration Fee, Housing, Media, International Sovereignty, Trust/Litigation, Legislation, Water Rights, Statute of Limitations and Mineral Leasing/Land Use.

The nine NCAI issue committees—Housing, Trust Responsibility Litigation the convention. Each for discussion, deliberation, Preference, Education, Economic Development and Health—will convene during the convention. Each Committee will develop reports for discussion, deliberation, and vote by official tribal delegates during the Eighth General Assembly.

The issue committee reports become NCAI's working documents for the coming year, setting work plans for legislation and policy initiative that will benefit the tribes.

Why we meet is obvious to some, but what we hope is understood by all, is that only by strategizing and sharing our thoughts and ideas that we will strengthen our communities, both reservation and urban.

In addition, a variety of special events are scheduled each evening of the convention week and will include a parade, pow-wow, native feast and dances.

The first day of school

"Scissors, pencils, ruler, crayons, eraser, paper, let's see, did I forget anything?" For all the kids a new class room, a new teacher and in the making, new friends as the halls of the Warm Springs Elementary school were buzzing on the first day of school.

For many this was a new experience being away from home for the first time. Ed Roley, school counselor said the youngsters were just a great group of kids and seemed to accept everything in stride.

The first student body assembly on the opening day was just a little bit unusual. Instead of the pledge of allegiance, Indian drum beats echoed through the halls along with chants of ancient traditional ceremonial songs from singing of tribal elders.

The group was invited by the school for the opening day school program, revealing a

part of the Indian culture as being a part of the people through the life we live and learning to comprehend the teachings of our "Great Father."

During the assembly the entire school staff was blessed with the Indian honor song. A sacred ritual of the Tribal Customs for honor and respect.

Following was the introduction of the new school teachers along with all of those who are returning for another year.

One of the main concerns and goals is to improve the attendance of the school children, also to improve the relationship with the community and for everyone to have a better understanding and to resolve any problems that may arise during the school year.

Parents are encouraged to visit the class rooms at any time during the year to see the progress that is being made.

Weather

August	HIGH	LOW
24	94	52
25	96	58
26	92	54
27	89	48
28	89	47
29	77	58
30	74	51
31	82	45
SEPT.		
1	93	57
2	80	66
3	79	47
4	85	47
5	96	53
6	86	51
7	90	53
8		

See pages 5 through 8
 for photos of adoptees
 Referendum October 12