

Warm Springs pays tribute to veterans



The ladies auxilliary led the Veteran's Day parade procession. Ada Sooksoit manages the American flag easily.

As flag bearers led the grand entry into the Agency Longhouse followed by a formation of veterans and the ladie's auxilliary, dancing to the chanting of local drummers and singers gave pride to those who were in attendance.

Through the drum beats and chanting echoed the names of all the veterans as they were read aloud over the sound system, veterans from all wars. This was Veteran's Day, or "Armistice Day" as it was originally known.

The Indian people are proud people. This is shown throughout Indian country as each year Veteran's Day is set aside and observed with the highest respect. Respect for all of those who were willing and ready to answer the country's call.

Reading the names of all veterans was council member Bernice Mitchell. Names of veterans of Indian wars, World

Wars I and II, the Korean and Viet Nam wars. Names were also mentioned of those who are presently serving in the service today.

Bernice went on to say, "Today we rejoice for what our boys have done. They went forth to fight for our country so we can live the way we do. To live free, have freedom of speech, freedom of religion, the free life we now live. We also know that if our boys should be called upon again they would be ready. The young and the older ones, they will be ready to answer the country's call. We have never let the United States government down even though they have let us stand alone at times."

The Veteran's Day activities started with a parade which assembled near the school. The procession made its way through the campus area to wind up at the Agency Longhouse. Leading the

parade carrying the colors were Claude Smith, Sr. and Alvis Smith, Sr. followed by a formation of veterans.

There were several Indian floats, cars decorated with Indian regalia with people riding. There were several entries on horseback dressed in Indian attire. Miller Ford provided trucks for the parade for those who didn't have a ride.

The veterans dinner of roast beef, ham, turkey, salmon and the trimmings drew many relatives, friends and guests to honor all veterans. During the ceremonies a moment of silence was observed for the dead. It was a time to share with friends a good relationship. There were several visiting VFW personnel from Prineville and Redmond.

This all happened on a bright sunny but brisk day November 11, 1982.



Pierson Mitchell receives a pin for his membership in the Warm Springs V.F.W. Elliot Palmer Post 4217 for 30 years from district 10 commander Woodrow Smith, Sr.

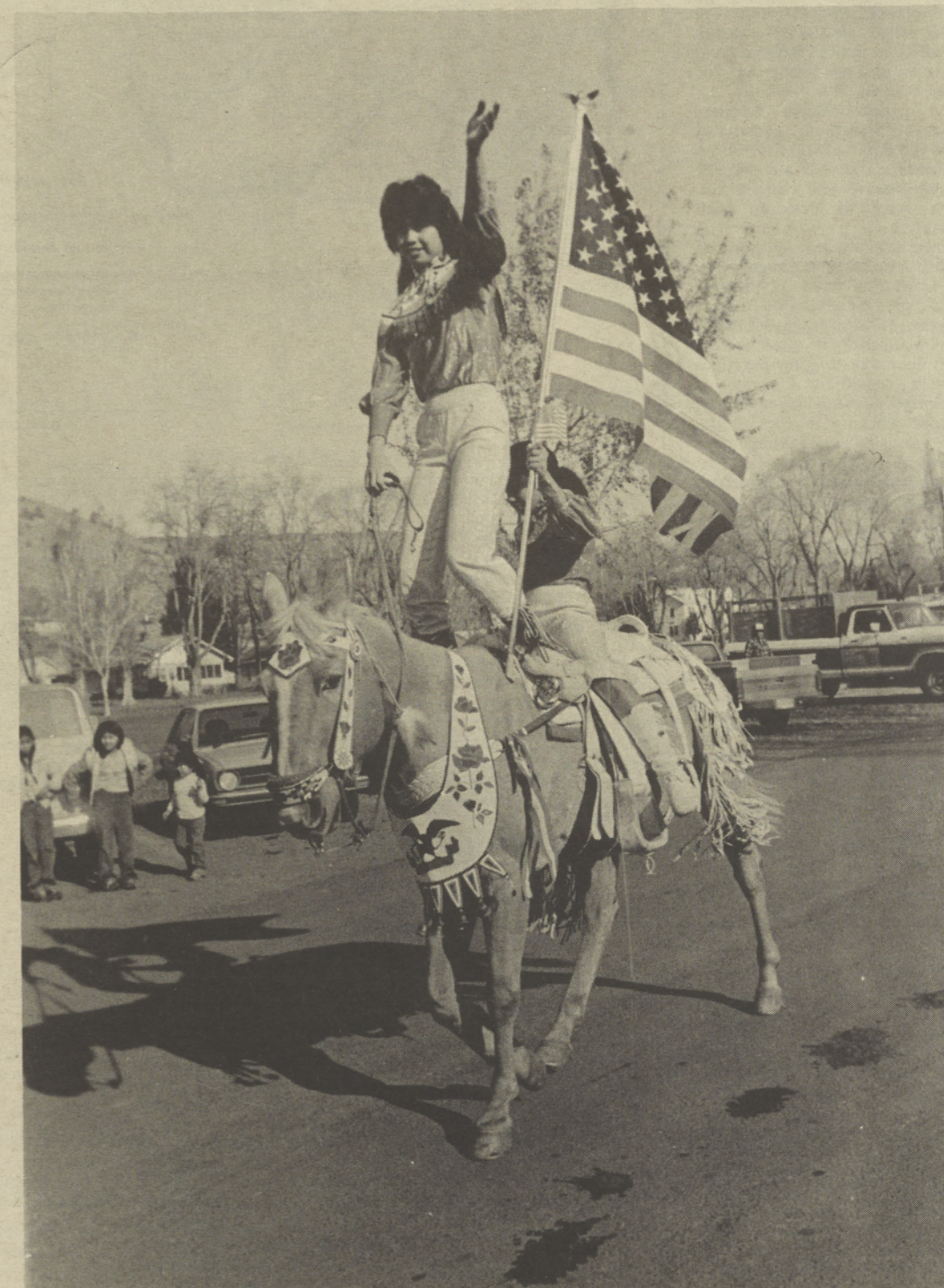


Flag bearers proudly march in unison carrying the red, white and blue.

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A salute to the flag opened Veteran's Day ceremonies at the Agency Longhouse



Trick rider Eliza "Hot Dog" Greene was among parade participants honoring veterans on November 11.