

Agency District Candidates

Rita Squiemphen

Tribal Members:

I want to thank those who encouraged me to run for Tribal Council. I wouldn't do it without your backing. If elected, my first priority will be to emphasize the hiring of more tribal members. I feel that we are drifting further away from one of the Tribe's most important objectives and that is the issue of training tribal members for jobs now held by non-members. If we are to better the living standards of tribal members, we must first hire them in order for them to earn an income that'll sustain a comfortable standard for them. I see jobs advertised which are out of reach for most tribal members because of educational requirements. I feel that tribal members should be afforded a chance to try these jobs. We have members who have years of work experience and have learned from the ground up on the job. To serve our Indian people's needs, there is no substitute for good solid experience. People who have lived a reservation life, serving people now living on the reservation makes sense. Over the years Tribal Council has used a selling point during referendums that an enterprise would create employ-



ment for more tribal members. I would like to see this become more of a reality.

I'd also like to see the issue of Tribal economy addressed. Since our income is considerably lower than usual, I'd like to see everyone in the organization who has authority to approve money, tighten the tribal belt a couple notches. Let's not spend money we don't have or expect to have.

We have to think about the well-being of our children and grandchildren. We don't want to get to the point of living from year to year wondering where the next per capita payment or operating expense is coming from.

As you all know, Warm Springs Forest Products Industries is one of our most

important enterprises. Last year 81 million board feet of lumber was supposed to be run through our mill. I see our log decks being sold and hauled away to other mills, presumably at a lower market price. This does nothing for Tribal income. Maybe we should be taking a closer look at foreign markets. I say if we can't run 81 mbf through our own mill, then **don't cut it**. If the annual allowable cut is decreased, I believe contracts should be awarded to tribal member logging companies. But let's not give it away.

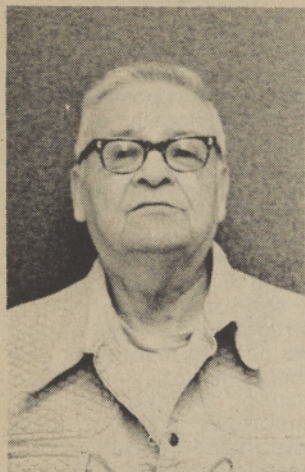
My whole campaign seems to be centered around economy. When any non-member supervisor or manager travels on Tribal business, a subordinate tribal member/employee should accompany that person to learn about issues which affect us as a Tribe. I feel that only one or two people should be delegated to represent us, again from an economical standpoint, as well as educational. In other words, let's handle tribal funds as we would our own personal funds. It is our money as a Tribe. The only difference between our money and my money is we, as individuals, aren't authorized to say how it is to be spent. We have elected a Council or hired an employee to act in the best interests of the Tribe. When money is spent foolishly, it

doesn't hurt us immediately as a Tribe; but when it is spent needlessly for longer periods of time, our future generations will surely pay the consequences for our present overspending.

I'd like to see the issue of police harassment addressed. Members have reported that there are instances in which citations are issued by certain police officers for minor violations. Some of those who are cited have not had previous citations. The normal procedure off the reservation is to give the person a verbal warning, thus giving that person the benefit of the doubt, plus an opportunity to correct the problem. I feel that since there is a large increase in requests for jury trials, that this is an indication of the need for a task force or special committee to investigate the situation.

We are a democratic people and hopefully we'll stay that way. We decide what's best for us. It's been said Warm Springs is slow at making decisions; but that's us—we have developed this funny habit from our fathers and grandfathers. It's called thinking.

In closing, I'd like to say I am proud to be a member of the Confederated Tribes. We are one tribe, so let's work together for betterment of living and working conditions on this Reservation. I wish all the other candidates good luck.



Alvin Smith

I have finally consented to be a council candidate after being asked several times by both young and old tribal members.

I was born on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. The oldest son of Fred and Lucy McCorkle Smith. I attended public school here at Warm Springs.

During WWII I served with the Aviation Engineers as a heavy equipment instructor and built airports in California, Northern Africa, Italy and France.

Counting the time I served in the army I retired with 43 years government service working with Forestry,

Irrigation, Utilities and Roads Department. My line of work was operation of heavy equipment, and the maintenance of 3500 miles of reservation roads.

The last 19 years of my employment I was Roads Maintenance Foreman in charge of six men, all the heavy equipment, and the maintenance of 3500 miles of reservation roads.

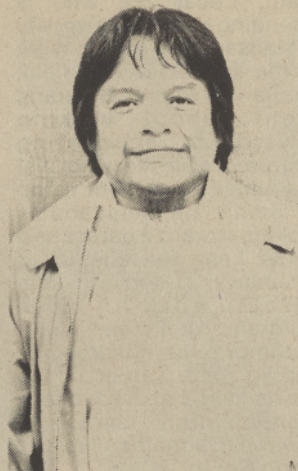
On the tribal level I have served on the Land Use Committee and the Water-board.

Secretary Watt said the President would appoint a nine-man committee to study natural resources on Indian Reservations and quantify our water. If we do not use our surplus water we will have to give it to non-Indians. I believe I could come up with more ways to use our water.

I know of other resources on the reservation that we can develop to put on a paying basis to the tribe.

I don't believe the people are fully informed of the situation on the reservation because of lack of reports. Everyone should be aware of the facts, especially where our water is concerned.

My final statement is, I will represent to the best of my ability every enrolled member of our three tribes.



Buford Johnson, Jr.

I am Buford "Biff" Johnson, Jr., born 48 years ago in "He-He" Mill, and raised in the "Miller Flat," "Sidwalter Flat," and the "Agency" areas. I have been married to Nancy Sam Johnson since March of '56. We have a family of four: Reatha Sue, 14; Elmina, 12; Rhonda Lee, 10; and Otis James, 9.

I graduated from Madras Union High School in 1953, and have a Technical of Arts Degree in Electrical Technology from Lower Columbia College, graduating in 1963, Longview, Washington. I also have a Journeyman Electrical Card

from the State of Oregon.

I worked and lived in Longview, Washington for approximately 18 years, and represented the "Native American Indians" on the Minority Board at Lower Columbia College for several years. I was on the Executive Board for 11 years for a union with a membership of 1,800 people (AWPP). I served as a Union Shop Steward for nine years to present, and resolve grievances of Union members to management.

I was appointed three years ago by the Tribal Council to serve as recommending body to Tribal Council as a member of the "Land Use" and the "Range, Irrigation-Agriculture" committees.

I was recommended by Tribal Council to run on the November 4, 1980 ballot to be a District Director (which I am now) on the "Soil/Water Conservation District" board (SWCD) of Jefferson County.

If elected to Tribal Council, I will keep a level, open mind to all situations and be willing to listen to all Tribal members and problems and inputs on Tribal policies—and if at all possible, help resolve or implement these problems or inputs.