

# Social schedule active for Miss Warm Springs



Miss Warm Springs, Lenora Starr, works on a yarn god's eye to use in her display at the Miss Indian Northwest pageant to be held May 14 at Portland State University.

Spring time brings with it a barrage of social activities for the reigning Miss Warm Springs, Lenora Starr. Representing Warm Springs demands appearances at numerous meetings and conventions, sometimes more than one on the same weekend.

With this active schedule Lenora is meeting many people and learning new things about herself and her culture. She explains, "I knew I had brown skin and was an Indian. Now, I've learned about myself. I feel good about myself."

Since the beginning of her reign Lenora has gotten to know her culture much better, learning from elders Laura Stwyer, Ada Sooksoit and Liz Rhoan. Eva Montee has helped her, too, in learning the Lord's Prayer.

Recently Lenora's position as Miss Warm Springs has taken her to the Oregon Indian Education Conference in Eugene, Oregon, the Health Board tenth anniversary meeting in Portland and the Native American Youth Conference in Seattle besides assorted powwows and pageants.

Upcoming events that Lenora will attend are the Miss Indian Northwest pageant,

May 13-14 in Portland; Tygh Valley Rodeo, May 21-22; activities associated with Oregon Indian week, May 26; White Swan Tiinowit Rodeo and Powwow, June 11; Rose Festival, June 13; Pi-Ume-Sha, June 24-26. Her schedule of activities continues throughout the summer and fall months.

Upon completion of her reign as Miss Warm Springs Lenora will be attending the University of Oregon school of nursing to pursue a registered nursing career. Until then, though, Lenora will represent Warm Springs as best as she can, learning all that she can at the same time.

The Miss Indian Northwest pageant in which Lenora will compete begins at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 14 at Portland State University in Lincoln Hall Auditorium.

Friday night ceremonies include a banquet, fashion show and entertainment at the Thunderbird Restaurant. Rudy Clements will act as master of ceremonies. Tickets are available from Anna Clements.

In conjunction with the pageant a powwow will be held that evening. Dance contestants must register before 7:00 p.m. May 14.

## American Indian Day May 13

May 13 has been designated American Indian Day, according to a House Joint Resolution signed by President Reagan January 12. H.J.R. 459 was introduced by Representative Bobbi Siedler, of California and 157 co-sponsors in April of 1982.

Similar resolutions were introduced in the Senate by Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii and in the House by Representative Cecil Heftel of Hawaii.

Stated the House Resolution: "Be it revolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress

assembled that the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating May 13, 1983 as American Indian Day." The resolution also called "upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities."

A spokesman for Representative Siedler told Spilyay Tymoo the date of May 13 was selected because the first National Intertribal American Indian Organization was founded in 1913 on that date and the Society of American Indians (SAI) itself designated May 13 as American Indian Day.

## Policies and issues workshop

# Smith gathers budget information

There was a one-day "Policies and Issues" workshop held by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, on April 29, in the Sheraton Inn at the Portland Airport.

The one-day budget consultation was headed by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior Ken Smith and also present were a few members of the Bureau's Central Office Staff. Secretary Smith emphasized this to be for tribal input into decision-making process and area office staff was present to answer

questions of the tribal leaders. Matters of concern that were discussed were: (1) status of summary of the BIA; (2) review the President's Indian Policy Statement; (3) road construction; (4) the jobs bill; (5) short program reviews; (6) establishing 1985 budget priorities.

Tribal leaders and representatives from throughout the northwest were present to voice their concerns on issues they face on their reservations and to encourage and strengthen tribal government, also improve economic conditions

on the reservations.

It was indicated by the representatives that, "we should look into the future to discover a target. If we know what the target is, it's easier to develop strategies, through this we would have ammunition to speak with. Many times we don't know what that target is."

Education plays an important role in Indian country and steps should be taken to improve the education conditions because the dropout rate among the Indian students is very high throughout the country. Studies show children with preschool or early childhood training were honor students as compared to those who did not have this opportunity. Recently, early childhood services have been completely eliminated. A question was raised on funds used for attorneys or solicitors causing a shortage in that area.

Education fund cuts were made by Congress and not the Administration. This affected scholarship, closure of boarding schools, the consolidation of schools to reduce the overhead expenses. It was stated that Smith needs advice from Tribes as to where to cut or add to the budgets.

Smith said that he was here to listen to issues of importance to the tribal leaders and representatives which are beneficial and helpful. In a letter to all Indian leaders Smith said, "On many occasions, during the past year, we have drawn on discussions which we had with tribal representatives at workshops and decisions have been made on what we heard."

The daylong workshop was quite fruitful and along with information to be gathered by Smith in other area's of the country will be instrumental for Smith back in Washington.



Assistant Secretary of the Interior Ken Smith

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