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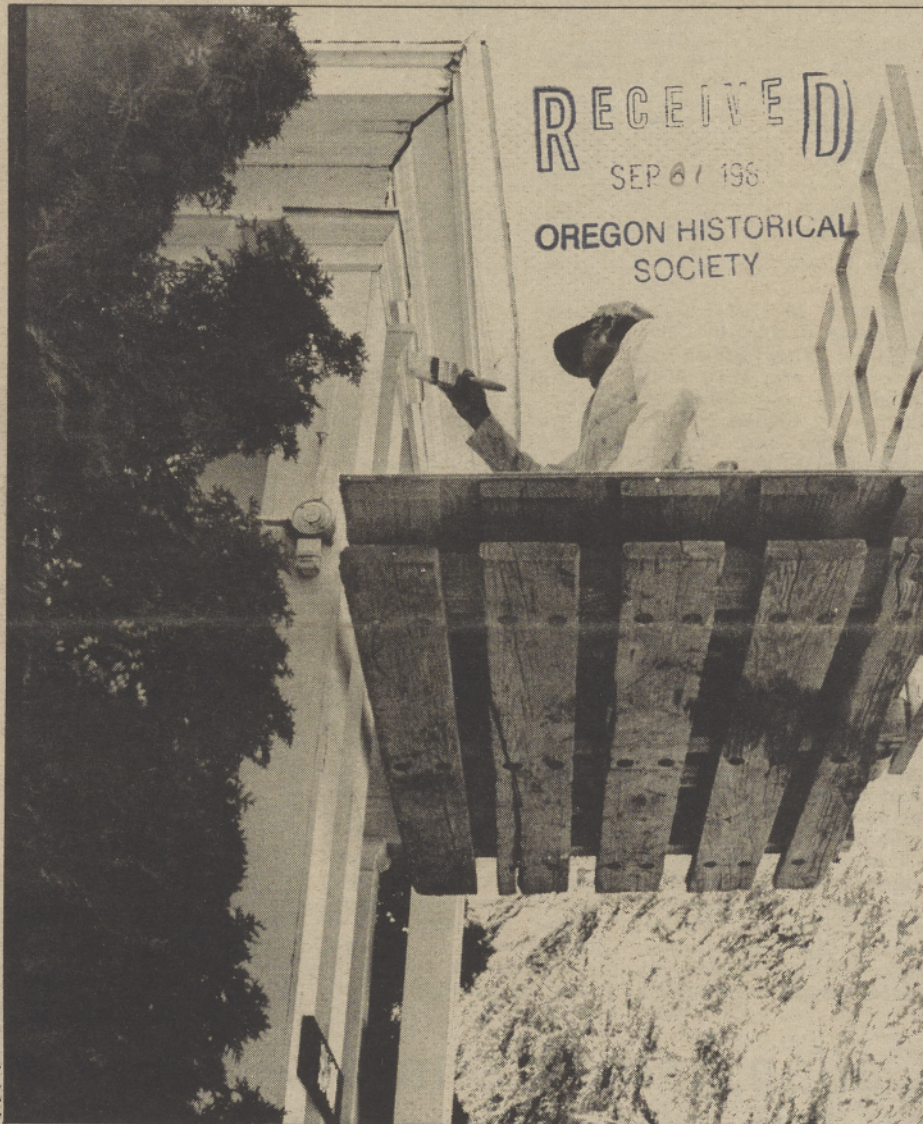
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Spilyay Tymoo photo by Behrend

A FRESH COAT

BIA facilities management employee Tom Begay recently gave the old administration building a fresh coat of paint. Hoisted to the proper height on a fork lift platform, Begay easily painted all the hard-to-reach nooks and crannies.

Weather

AUG.	HI	LOW
11	77	56
12	89	49
13	95	56
14	93	65
15	93	65
15	93	59
16	93	52
17	96	51
18	91	54
19	81	58
20	82	58
21	87	48
22	89	53
23	72	60
24	82	46
25	84	50

Lightning causes 1,000 acre blaze

A lightning-caused fire burned 1,000 acres of grass and brush in the Whiskey Dick area along the Deschutes River. The blaze was reported at 7 p.m. Monday August 22.

There were 130 men who fought the blaze in the rugged mountain terrain which was contained at 6 p.m. Tuesday. The crews came from the Deschutes, Ochoco and Mount Hood National Forests and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Along with the 130-man crew, it took the bomber dropping retardant, two helicopters, bull dozers and tanker trucks to contain the blaze. Damages were minor to stands of Ponderosa Pine in the area.

A base camp was set up along the Deschutes River where mop-up crews worked until Wednesday.

Tribes awarded extended fishing dates by judge

A federal judge Wednesday granted the request of four Indian tribes for expanded fishing opportunities early next month on the Columbia River above Bonneville Dam.

Fishing for the treaty tribes order by Judge Walter Craig will be from noon, August 31 to noon, September 3 in all of zone 6. Additional fishing dates will be from noon, September 7, to noon, September 10 in the Bonneville pool only and from noon, September 4, to noon, September 16, also in the Bonneville pool only.

There is no mesh size restriction.

River mouth sanctuaries are closed.

The ruling by Craig, a senior U.S. district Judge from Arizona, overturns more restrictive regulations which had been set for the treaty tribes—the Yakima, Warm Springs, Umatilla and Nez Perce—by the states of Oregon and Washington.

Craig, who held a hearing in Portland on the matter Wednesday, is assigned to rule on controversies involving the fishing rights of Northwest treaty tribes.

The Tribes contended the regulations set by the states were inconsistent with their treaty rights.

In addition to granting the fishing times and areas requested by the tribes, Craig granted the tribes' request for elimination of the states' requirement that gill-net mesh be no smaller than eight inches. The ruling will permit tribal fishermen to supplement their chinook catches with fish from unendangered runs of steelhead trout, coho salmon and immature chinook called jacks.

Under Craig's ruling, the tribes will gain a third day of fishing in the 130-mile stretch of river between Bonneville and McNary Dams. The three-day

season will begin at noon August 31 and run through noon September 3, rather than September 2 as set by the states.

Craig also permitted the tribes to fish in the entire Bonneville pool, extending upstream to The Dalles Dam, during five days next month rather than for six days in two much smaller areas.

The states had approved a season from noon September 5 through noon September 9 from the Hood River Bridge downstream to Bonneville Dam, and a two-day season from noon September 9 to noon September 11 in the vicinity of the Spring Creek Hatchery. The whole-pool seasons approved by Craig will be noon September 7 through noon September 10 and noon September 14 through noon September 16.

Judge gives immediate ruling

The judge, after hearing several hours of testimony and arguments in the Pioneer Courthouse, ruled immediately in favor of the tribes and remarked, "We'll see how it comes out."

James M. Johnson, an assistant attorney general for the state of Washington, said Oregon and Washington fishing officials would have to evaluate the ruling and decide within 60 days whether to appeal. He said the expedited appeal could be sought if the fish runs turned out to be "disastrously low."

Attorney Howard G. Arnett of Bend, representing the Warm Springs Indians, said the effect of the ruling would be to provide better fishing opportunities but would not result in a substantially higher number of fish for the tribes.

He said he was pleased that for the first time in recent years

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School begins September 7

September 7 is the first day of school. Parents may begin registering their children for school August 25 at the Warm Springs Elementary school office.

The first school assembly will take place at 10:00 a.m. on

September 7 in the Warm Springs elementary gym. This will be a special assembly celebrating the beginning of the new school year. All parents and community members are invited to attend.