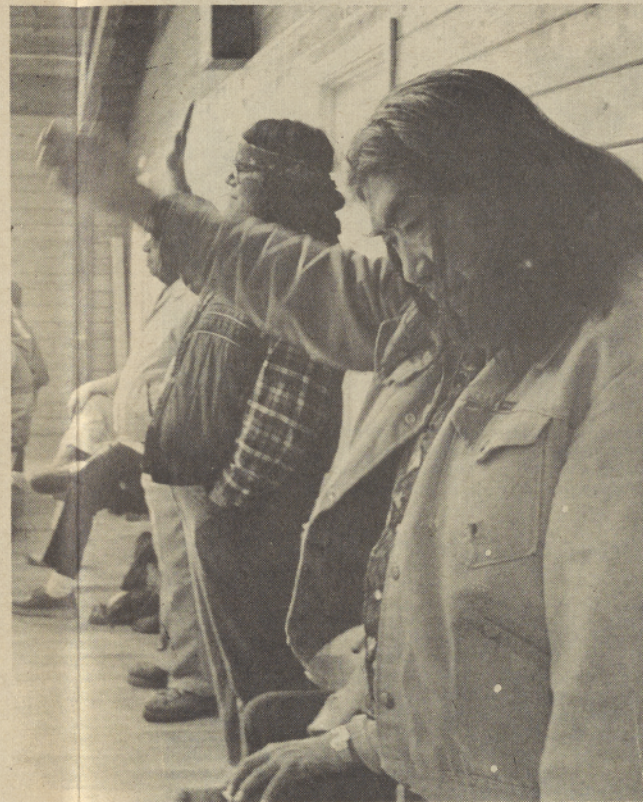


Reverence shown at traditional Root Feast ceremonies



Circling the longhouse food preparers and servers place the bounty of food on Tule mats set up for eating.



Raising his hand Lasco Gilbert ends a song of prayer during ceremonies at Root Feast.



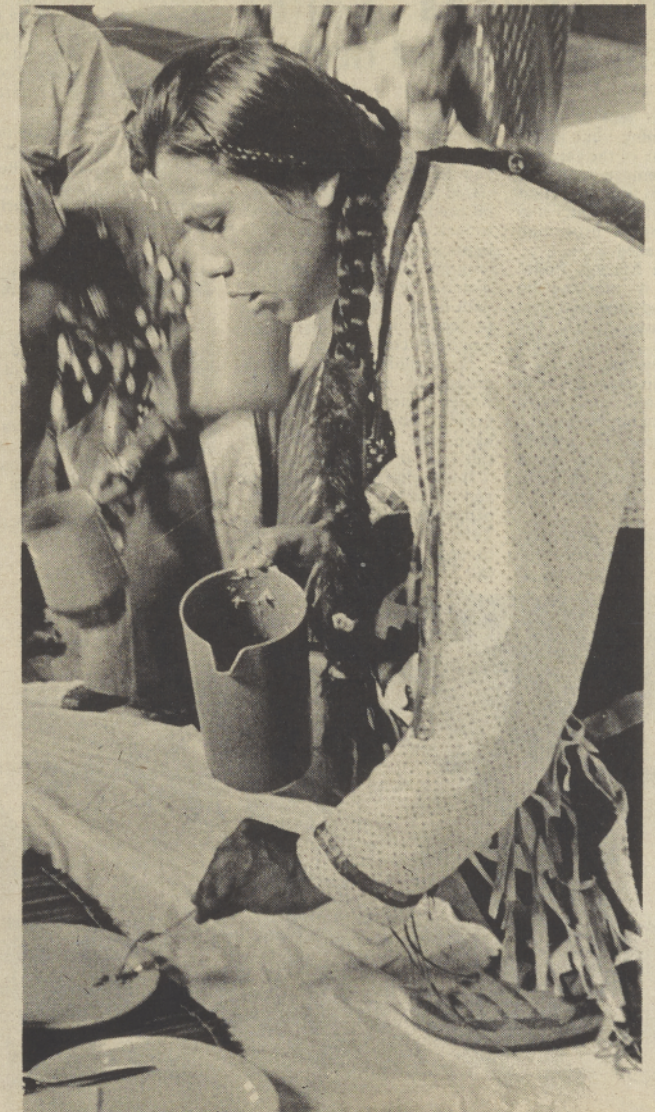
After prayers the people at the Agency Longhouse share the Root Feast meal with friends and guests.



In preparation for the feast Janice Clements cleans Luksh



Florine Allen, Katie Johnson and Ellen Henry prepare the table at Agency Longhouse. Preparation for the Feast involves many people working together.



Three roots, Piaksi, Xaush and Luksh, are served on each plate along with the traditional foods of salmon and huckleberries at the Simnasho Longhouse Root Feast celebration. Custer Wallulatam puts small portions on each plate.

Spilyay Tymoo photos by Marsha Shewczyk and Pat Leno