

# Two long-time clinic employees retire



Madeline and Theda were honored with an honor dance at the retirement celebration held at the Agency Longhouse. They have 64 cumulative years service between them.



Madeline received many gifts from friends, relatives and co-workers.

by Donna Behrend

What does one do with one's time when one is no longer employed? (By choice, of course!) Two Warm Springs clinic employees with 64 cumulative years service are now discovering what it's like. Both Madeline McInturff, with 35 years, and Theda Whalawitsa, with 29 years, retired September 28.

Madeline began working prior to 1949 as a janitor, mopping, cleaning and caring for the building. After nearly two years, she left to care for her children. In 1949, "Miss Head," said Madeline, "asked me to come to work just until they could find someone full-time. I worked temporarily for 35 years."

The clinic, as we know it today, was a hospital and it was Madeline's job to deliver food trays, change linens and serve as a nurse's assistant. Madeline later was encouraged by fellow staff members to attain nurse's aide certification, which she did by attending weekly training sessions. "As a nurse's aide, I did everything a nurse did—including giving shots and working a regular floor shift," Madeline said.

Then, in the early 1950s, the status of the 20-bed unit was changed from hospital to clinic, and for quite a while, said Madeline, doctors would come from Tacoma for a month at a time. "I can't begin to remember all the doctors who were here." According to Madeline, Dr. Haskell was one of the first full-time doctors to serve at the clinic. "Most all of the doctors were young and would stay for two years."

Madeline accredits much of her knowledge to the doctors and former Warm Springs R.N. Helen Weigand. "I learned so much from them."

The smiling retiree said her decision for retirement wasn't easy as she hemmed and hawed for two or three years before finally signing her resignation. "Something would always come up that would change my mind."

Possibly because the decision to retire was so difficult it is making it even more difficult to live a life without a job to go to. "I have to learn how to live without going to work. Sunday nights are the worst. I've got to learn."

Theda on the other hand, is having no difficulty at all adjusting to her retirement life.



Spilyay Tymoo photo by Behrend

Theda was aided by daughter Karen while opening her gifts.

Shortly after retiring, Theda and her family were hit with colds. "It felt like I was on sick leave," she said. "I'm enjoying my retirement. I've been so busy, I haven't had time to think about work."

Theda served as a dental assistant at the clinic since 1955 under 18 different dentists. She will no longer be there to help put in fillings, clean teeth or make dental impressions.

Through the years, Theda received training to keep her dental assistant certification current. "I let it lapse once—only by accident," she said with a laugh. Right now, Theda and her

husband Larry, are "working in the woods" gathering fire wood for the winter. Theda is also doing some gardening, digging and replanting spring and summer bulbs. They will eventually do some traveling, but first, they, "have to get caught up with the work" around the house.

Both Theda and Madeline were honored at the Agency Longhouse and at Kah-Nee-Ta for retirement dinners. Many friends, relatives and present and past co-workers joined in the celebrations.

Our congratulations and best wishes go to both Madeline and Theda in their retirement.

## Stand against Measure No. 2

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New limits are placed on all levels of government by prohibiting any increase in tax rates, special assessments or the imposition of new taxes that increase government revenues unless at least 50 percent of all registered voters participate in the election and a majority approves it. It also restricts governmental entities to increase charges only to the extent that the fees defray the cost of administering the service.

This measure does not preserve essential services such as police, fire, etc. General obligation bonds are also subject to the fiscal and voting limitations of the Measure. Mentioned is the issue of Social Security although the state has never considered taxing Social security benefits.

According to a statement issued by the 509-J school board, "numerous legal and financial questions about this measure remain unanswered. . ."

## Halloween contest scheduled

It is that time of the year to look deep into your closet for something to wear at the annual Employees Halloween Costume Contest which will be held at the Administration Building in the main lobby on Wednesday, October 31 at 3:30 p.m.

Categories for the costume contest will be super heroes, video arcade characters, space

creatures, gangsters, and most original. First and second place winners in each category will receive a prize, yet to be announced.

Employees from Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Warm Springs Elementary and the Confederated Tribes are welcome to compete in the annual contest.

# Book provides account of W.S.

"The place that you have mentioned I have not seen. There are no Indians or whitemen there yet, and that is the reason I say I know nothing about that country. If there were Indians and whites there, then I would think it was a good country."

Chief Mark—excerpt from The People of Warm Springs

by Marsha Shewczyk

Anxious anticipation is over with the delivery of 550 copies of **The People of Warm Springs**. Bound in white with a pictograph design of three people representing the three tribes on the cover, the book about the Con-

federated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation takes 80 pages to tell its story.

A total of 2,250 copies of the Warm Springs profile have been printed and distributed to book stores by the book's designer Rudy Milpacher from Portland. Two hundred and fifty of that

total are special edition copies containing a dedication to former Warm Springs Chief Amos Simtustus.

Contents of **The People of Warm Springs** includes discussion of the people, the reservation, the treaty with the United

States, early reservation years, self-determination and the tribes today. Also presented is lifestyle and subsistence of the people, and their government.

Accompanying the text photographs are spread throughout the book. Reprinted photographs of old scenes are interspersed with photographs of current enterprises and modern photographs of family artifacts, handwork and costumes.

The creation of a book on the Warm Springs people was no simple undertaking. The Culture and Heritage Committee decided, over two years ago, that it was necessary to accurately document Warm Springs history and its people to avoid misinformation presented at that time by means of a two page profile handed out about the people. According to Culture and Heritage Department director Nina Rowe the document was very inaccurate.

The Culture and Heritage Department and Committee working with Rudy Milpacher helped organize photo sessions, select old photos and talk to the Warm Springs people. They also spent much time reviewing the text and drafts through each stage of production. The result is a "thorough" study of the Warm Springs people says Rowe, "I'm really happy with it."

A copy of the contents of the book is available for viewing at the Culture and Heritage Department.

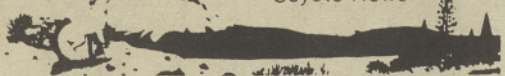
Copies of the book are currently available at the Information Center and Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge Gift Shop for \$29.95. The Purchasing Department will eventually have them for sale. All proceeds will be deposited in an account to defray the cost of publication.



Grant Wahleneka identifies faces from the past for Melissa Wesley. Old photographs cover some of the pages from newly published book, **The People of Warm Springs**.

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