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Santa made a visit to Headstart last week. Elvina Coronado was among many children to receive handmade gifts and books from Santa.

Construction changes parking

Breaking old habits may prove to be easier said than done and with the construction of the Warm Springs jail progressing employees at the Old Administration Building are going to have to change their car parking habits. As soon as the lot is prepared, employees will be required to park their cars in the parking lot located across just north of Macy's Store.

With the construction work expanding on the tribal jail two of the streets located at the Old Administration building will change status.

Kota Street has been barricaded and is no longer open to the public for parking and through traffic. Only police cars that will be able to use the street for parking. The street closure starts at the southeast corner of

the Old Administration building. Court Place street, which was formerly a one way street and diagonal parking, has been designated as a two way street. There will no longer be any parking on Court Place. The street will be used for emergency traffic to and from the jail. The public will be allowed to use the street to reach the jail for emergency situations. The public will be allowed to park in front of the jail for a limited time of five minutes.

Parking for employees at the building is designated at the new parking lot just north of Macy's. Parking in front of the building will be reserved for people who have business in the various offices located in the Old Administration building. Those offices are Spilyay, Tri-

bal Court, Natural Resources, Land Operations, Oregon State Extension, Forestry and BIA Roads department.

Certain areas will be labeled within the near future for limited time parking. "It is going to be confusing in the beginning, but as with all new things, people will learn the ropes and the situation should ease as time goes on and people adjust to the change," stated WSPD spokesman Sam Sosa.

The closure and status change of the streets will be indefinite. The streets plans were disclosed to the public early in September by Tribal construction. The closure is due to the construction work being done on the jail. Construction of the jail facility is expected to be completed in September, 1985.

Housing meeting held at Longhouse

It isn't too often that people are asked to openly air their concerns and complaints in a public meeting but that is what the Warm Springs Tribal and HUD housing department asked of its tenants in a meeting held December 11 at the Agency Longhouse. Also on the agenda for that meeting was a presentation by HUD officials on the proposed Mutual Help Home Ownership program which was applied for by the tribe earlier this year.

A brief history of housing on the reservation was given by housing manager Elton Greeley. Personnel from management through the lineworkers were introduced as well as the HUD commissioners.

Well over 175 people attended the meeting. Tenants expressed concern over a number of issues: the increase of dog population and problems that the dogs create in the housing areas; the quality of repair work that is done on tribal housing; that tribal housing, in some cases, occupied by non-tribal members while tribal members are without homes; the expense of heating some of the rental units during winter months; the higher rents that some pay to live in HUD units; treatment of tenants by some housing officials in some cases a lack of respect and understanding; the need for housing to have members do the cleaning and repair work on tribal housing; the question of how the Local Housing Authority commissioners were selected for that board; the need for the commissioners to be people who were HUD tenants; the need for confidentiality by housing employees in their dealings with tenants; lack of housing in Simnasho; a need for housing for people who have just gotten on their feet; a need for a neighborhood watch in housing areas so children can have a "safe home" in case of emergencies; and more knowledge about the proposed Mutual Help Home Ownership program.

The program is a project which allows people to take an active part in the construction of homes that are being built. The homes built will be eventually owned by local people and will move people toward owning their own

home rather than renting.

In some cases, families will put \$1,500 cash into the fund and fulfill one of the obligations of the program. Other families who lack the money will participate by doing work at the home for which they will be credited with an hourly wage. The wage would be applied to the cost of their home. The program takes into consideration that not all of the people will have skills for building a home, so there will be jobs such as cleaning up around the homes for the contractors, but there will be various skill level jobs for people in the program.

Warm Springs housing applied for 63 homes through the program and 20 additional rental units. It is expected that housing will hear from HUD within the next several weeks on their application.

Housing payments will be figured at or around 20-30 percent of the family income. Payments will be evaluated each year so the people will not suffer any hardships in paying. The homes will be built on homesites of the prospective owner's choice. The tribes has home sites in various areas but if people have land that they would like to build on then that is acceptable.

People chosen for the program will be evaluated for need of a home. It is a program that will take people out of the renting picture and put them into their own home.

People who are interested in the program should contact Tribal Housing for more information. At this time, word on acceptance of the program has not been received.

Dividend paid by hydro project

by Donna Behrend

The Pelton Hydroelectric Regulating project showed a substantial profit for 1984. The \$1,416,808 million dividend presented the Tribe by Warm Springs Enterprise board of directors is 19 percent higher than the \$1,194 million budgeted dividend payment is expected before December 31, 1984.

The hydro plant is generating electricity at a much greater rate than expected, said fiscal services manager Doug McClelland.

It was budget that the plant would produce 78,469,000 KWH annually—it actually produced 99,317,000 KWH—a 27 percent increase. Increased production is due to greater water flow.

In addition to the \$1.4 million dividend, \$350,000 has been retained for capital improvements, if feasible, and provide sufficient reserves for almost any operating contingency that could arise. Capital improvements may include fish attraction pumps on the other side of the Deschutes and more meter-

ing devices that would allow the plant to operate more efficiently.

This year's payment will be paid in one lump sum. However, in years to come, 80 percent of the annual dividend will be paid in 11 monthly payments. At the end of the year, the board will be able to declare the remaining 20 percent and any surplus generation revenue.

McClelland stated that "we're way ahead of where we said we were going to be." The dividend paid in 1983 was \$1 million.

Seekseequa district meeting held

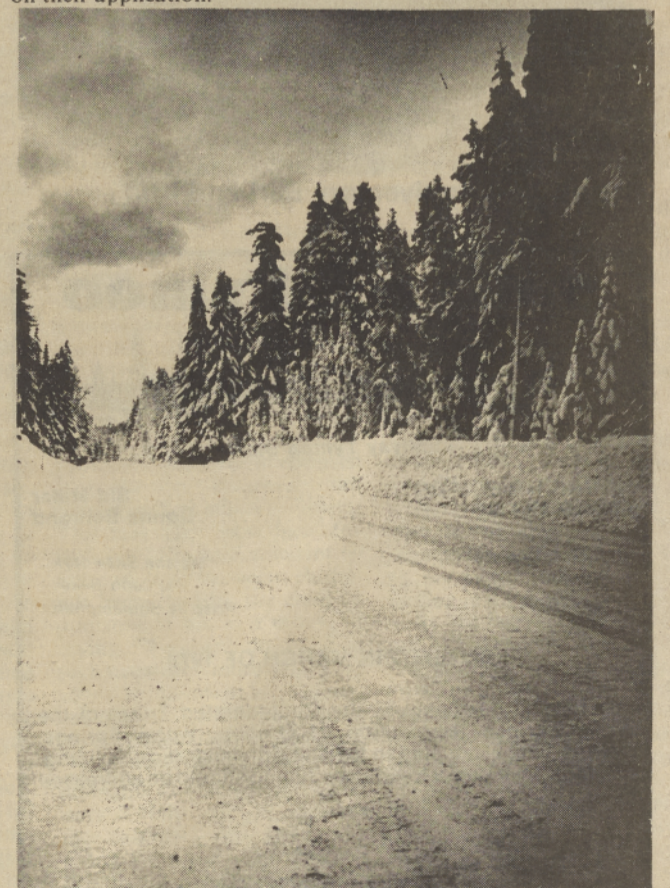
A Seekseequa district meeting was held at the Agency Longhouse on December 12. Seekseequa district tribal council members, Ellen Johnson, Vernon Henry and Chief Nick Kalama were there to give district members an update on tribal issues and to listen to concerns that members had. A dinner was served before the meeting.

Superintendent Bernard Topash attended the meeting to offer any assistance to the peo-

ple from the Bureau of Indian Affairs offices.

Topics discussed were the housing program of Mutual Help Home Ownership; the increase of dog population; the 1985 budget; tribal housing; tribal jobs, the need to have more members placed in tribal jobs; a need for a fire truck or water tanker in the Seekseequa area; needed road improvements to homes in outer areas; and the need for additional district meetings.

Jerry Huff of the Fire and Safety department presented to the people why a fire emergency vehicle has not been placed in their district. The vehicle was available but there was not an adequate storage place for it. Money had been put into the budget for such a building but had been deleted from the budget. It is necessary to store the vehicle where it is kept at a warm temperature so the machinery can work properly.



Mountain passes and roads are proving that winter is here with heavy snowfall, making driving hazardous. Traction tires or devices are often required when traveling so be prepared for those conditions.

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16	36	20	
17	34	28	.01

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—Simnasho Longhouse—December 23 4 p.m.—

A great way to pick up your last minute Christmas gifts!
**Indian Articles, Bead Work,
Wing Dresses, Vests, Baked Goods
Many other items!**

The Lincoln's Birthday Powwow Committee is seeking queen candidates for the powwow to be held February 8, 9 and 10. The queen will be selected on raffle ticket sales. Candidates must be 12 years of age or older.

Happy Holidays