

9th Annual National Indian Timber Symposium

A tour of the Quinault Indian Reservation kicked off the 9th annual timber symposium. Leaving Seattle, at 8 a.m., Sunday April 29, the first stop was a visit to the Tribal Shake mill which was built in 1974. The mill has operated successfully for a number of years, until the forest industry took a big drop and the demands for forest products became low. The Tribe has also ventured into the logging business. This is a small step in the economic development direction; one that the Tribe plans to succeed in some day. The Quinault Tribal Seafood Enterprise was one of the stops. The Fisheries Division has made major steps in developing the Tribes Fishing Industry.

The Bureau is definitely committed to a policy of sustained yield forest management. In most respects, the management of Indian forest is directed toward the same objectives sought in management of a public forest. Land conditions, old growth, Western Redcedar and Western hemlock make up the vast majority of the Old Growth forest of the reservation. Old Growth occupies about 25,000 acres of the original 189,000 acres of the reservation. Historic cutting patterns left much of the remaining Old Growth on low site land because of its historical importance. Slash and brush occur on nearly 75 percent of the reservation. Many sites recover through seedling or hand planting, nearly 45,000 acres still have little or no tree stocking. Most slash and brush is on former Western red cedar sites and delay of 25 to 100 years can be expected before many of them are again occupied by forest stands.

There were over 200 participants in the Ninth Annual National Timber Symposium, representing 43 timber Tribes. The theme of "Timber management and Indian concept since time immemorial." A full three day agenda of speakers, workshops and special entertainment in stock for the attendees.

Tom Imerson, Field Director for Mark Hatfield and who is headquartered in Portland was the representative for Hatfield. Imerson stated that Hatfield has been working with Indian Forestry problems for a long time. He was instrumental in getting the McQuinn strip back for the Warm Springs and he had a lot to do for the restoration of the Siletz Tribe. There has been many issues concerning Indian Forestry Hatfield has been involved with. A major issue settled was the Wilderness Area's. The potential for that litigation was important to the fisheries resources.



The Intertribal Timber Council Board of Directors for 1985, from (left to right front row): Truman Picard-Colville; Edward Claplanhoo-Makah; Mike Clements-Warm Springs; Virginia Harrison-Yakima; Gary Morishima, Quinault; (left to right back row): Roger Van Houten-Nez Perce; Ron Wolfe-Tlingit & Haida; George DuCharme-Salish and Kootenai; Darin Turner-Passamaquaddy; Robert Deer-Menominee; Robert Billie-Navajo (Not pictured).

The tightening federal budgets that have now become legendary have changed the focus in Washington to hanging onto what you've got rather than trying to spend it said Mark Phillips, ITC Information and Research Specialist, Washington, D.C., if hanging onto what you've got is the new theme for the federal budget, then this is the gripping season in Washington, D.C. The FY 1986 appropriations process is in full swing on Capitol Hill and for the timber tribes, it is particularly time to be trying to hang on to what you've got. The appropriations cycle for FY 1985, Congress made substantial and long-needed increases in the BIA Forestry Program. Specifically, \$3.3 million were added to the special long-term Forest Development program, and the accompanying special Timber Sales Administration program was given an increase of \$800,000 to bring it up to its customary level. Additionally, FY 1985 saw the start of what is supposed to be a long-term initiative to provide Tribes with the proper inventories and management plans that are the very foundations of modern forest utilization.

Now, almost before those program increases have actually reached the reservations, the BIA is proposing to start reducing them. Phillips said, FY 1986, the BIA Forestry budget has lumped those three programs together into a single new category called "Field Operations" and has cut them by \$1.7 million.

In the ITC testimony before the house Appropriations Subcommittee for the interior on April 3, Mike Clements brought this to Congress's attention and requested that the cuts be restored so that the programs can continue at their rejuvenated FY 1985 level.

John Fritz, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior presented a letter to Mike Clements the President of the ITC, from Donald P. Hodel, The Secretary of the Interior, of words of encouragement and praise for what the ITC has accomplished. Fritz in his presentation went on to say that a big step has been made with the recent trip to China, of the Indian delegates, not only for timber but for all products. After 12 years of negotiations there finally is a break through in the trade market. Fritz went on to say that when working on the budget process to be presented to those in Washington, D.C., you should have a truly good business plan of how the funds are to be used. You are competing with a lot of other programs, Health, Education and many more that are recovered by the government. Have a good inventory and plan, if you don't have the sales than you don't have the inventory. You should have alternatives in your business plan. Plans for other interests but have a definite plan. Competition has to be focused upon, see what your position is in today's economy. Quality, quantity, what you are doing, when you are doing it for the

market sector. That's what needs to be seen by officials and Congressmen in Washington, D.C. when budgets are in process.

The Intertribal Timber Council is pleased to sponsor the Second Annual Earle Wilcox National Outstanding Forestry Employee of the Year and the Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) Awards Program for 1985. This awards program was initiated by the ITC Board of Directors in 1984, as a method to show appreciation and recognition to individuals who are and have made significant accomplishments in the management of the Indian forests. The recipients of the 1985 National Earle Wilcox/ITC Regional Awards: For the National Outstanding forestry Employee of the Year, Daniel Swaney, Forester—Forest Products Marketing and Silviculture, Bureau of Indian Affairs Branch of Forestry Resources Planning, Portland, Oregon. For the Eastern Region, James I. Pace, Assistant Eastern Area Forester, BIA, Arlington, Virginia; Lake State Region, Marshall Pecore, Forest Manager, Menominee Tribal Enterprise, Neopit, Wisconsin; Northern Region, Thomas Corbin, Forester, Tribal Sales Officer, BIA, Lame Deer, Montana; Southwest Region Anthony V. Ingolgia, Forest Manager Hualapilla Indian Tribe, Peach Springs, Arizona; Southwestern Region, Albert N. Palmer, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Northwest Region, Robert "Bob" Harned, Forest Manager, BIA, Warm Springs, Oregon; Northwest Region William B. Donaghu, Supervisory Forester, Forest Development Officer, BIA, Warm Springs, Oregon; Northwest Region, Michael Kupka, Assistant Forest Manager, BIA, Olympic Peninsula Agency, Hoquiam, Washington; Northwest Region Harry McCarty, Consultant Forester, retired BIA employee, Eugene, Oregon.

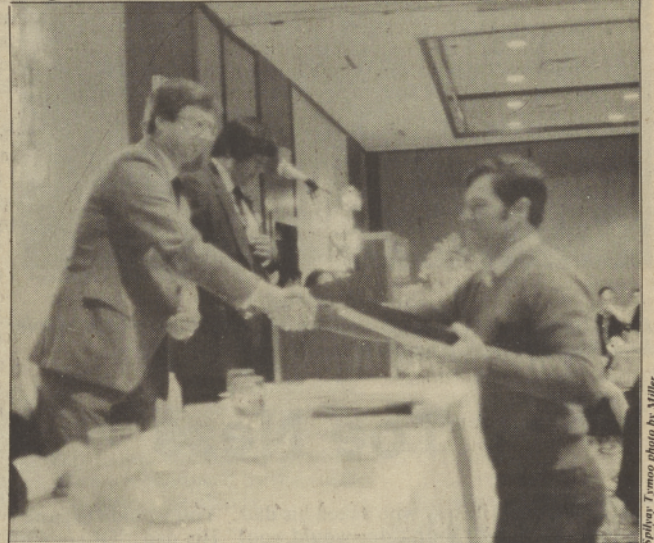
Mike Clements was re-elected to be president of ITC, George Bowchop was elected Vice-President, Truman Picard-Treasurer and George DuCharme-Secretary. Next year's third Annual



Bernice Mitchell, Council Person, presenting Mark Phillips, Lobbyist, Washington, D.C., with a buckskin jacket for appreciation of a job well done. Delbert Frank Vice Chairman, tribal council at right.



Earl Wilcox memorial award recipient, National Outstanding employee Northwest Region, Robert "Bob" Harned, on right Forest Manager, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Warm Springs, Oregon, receives the award from Earle Wilcox, Jr.



Earl Wilcox memorial award recipient, for Outstanding employee, Northwest Region, William B. Donaghu, right, Supervisory Forester, Forest Development Officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Warm Springs, Oregon.

National Indian Timber Symposium's first option site is Kah-Nee-Ta, Minneapolis and the

third Anchorage. The last two sites will be considered for future Symposiums.

Run to raise money planned

The Alternate Ways to Eliminate Poverty (AWTEP) committee will sponsor a relay run

Saturday, May 18. The run will have two starting points; one at Warm Springs in the parking lot at Macy's store and the other

starting in Sun River. The event will start 6 a.m. and finish at the Deschutes County fairgrounds between 3 and 4 p.m.

Pledges are being taken on the 100 mile run. People interested in giving pledges can call 475-2284. People interested in giving pledges can call 475-2284. People interested in taking part in the run can contact Dr. Jack Woll, his home telephone is 475-6391 and his business number is 475-3930. Woll will classify each runner as only those classified as professional runners will run the route on the main highways. Others will run in designated areas.

The run is being held to raise needed money for a number of social service organizations in the Central Oregon area. The AWTEP committee has set a goal of raising \$200,000 to assist social services.

Those who will benefit from the monies are: Bend Rescue Fraley Lighthouse for Women, Harvest Field Mission, L.I.F.T., Jefferson County Community Food Bank, Nazarene Day Care, F.I.S.H., Sisters Food Bank, Bend Aid, Madras Child Care Center, L.F.S.-C.O. and the Warm Springs Tribal Assistance Group Home.

Last year following "the dumping of the homeless street people in the Central Oregon area by the Rajneesh the coffers of many programs were exhausted so this is one way to raise monies to assist the programs and everyone is asked to help."



Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk

CALLING FOR PLEDGES—Pledges for the A.W.T.E.P. run set for Saturday, May 18 are being solicited by telephone. Volunteer workers Viola Governor takes time to telephone community members.



Stop in and Browse...

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk

Turning a hobby into a business is the dream that many people have. Ruby Torrez took the dream one step further and opened Ruby's ceramics and gifts. The arts and crafts shop opened Wednesday, May 1. Items on sale are ceramics, flowers and art objects. The shop is located in Madras on the corner of 5th and D Street, next to Evergreen Chapel. Ruby will continue working at Kah-Nee-Ta full time. She has hired help to run her shop when she is obligated to her Kah-Nee-Ta job.