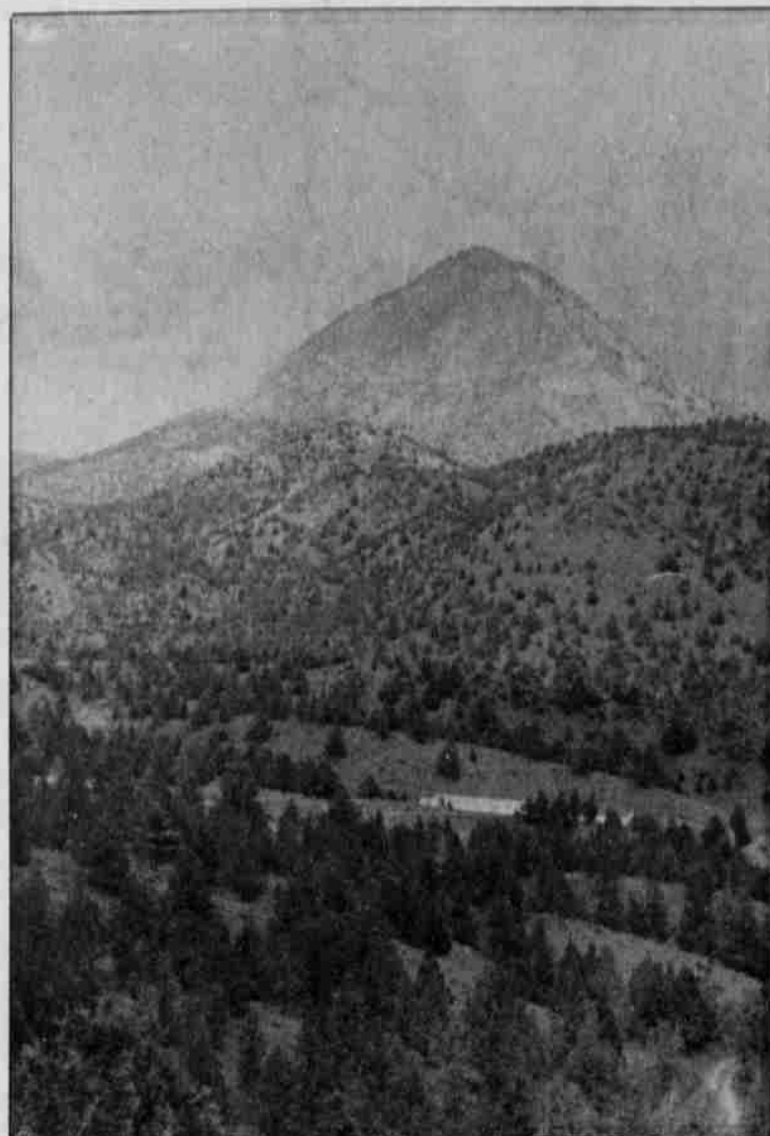


# Times of gaiety and hard ship relived on tour



The entire group posed for a picture during a pause at the Painted Hills rest area near Mitchell, Oregon, just before returning home from the first of a three day tour taken through early day camp sites of the tribes in the ceded area.



This photo of Heart Mountain, known to the Tribes as "Lu Lu-Kush," where there was a camp site near the base of the mountain. The tour went through Gateway, Antelope, Shaniko and on up to Willow Creek. The third and final day the group traveled through Maupin, Sherars Bridge, Dufur, The Dalles, and on down the river through the fishing sites to the Cascade Locks. Time was against the tour as there wasn't enough time to spend at every

There are times when things tend to slip from the minds and are lost forever. Well the Culture and Heritage Committee scheduled a tour on April 14, 15, and 16, 1986, which covered the Ceded Area, to hear stories before they are lost.

and fish at their accustomed grounds. Years ago the tribes use to migrate into the plateaus and mountains at certain times of the year. In the spring there were several types of roots that were put up for future use along with the spring salmon runs. During different times of the year other types of roots and fruits became available. In the mountains the berries were the main crop for the women to gather while the men hunted.

while others harvest roots and berries as part of their life style. Native foods are slowly dying away and to preserve them they should be documented so it will never be lost for ever.

To name a few Matilda Mitchell, Nettie Showaway, Orin Johnson, Jessie Arthur, Mrs. Anderson, Caroline Tohet, Linton Winishut, Louise Hellon. There were several others who made the tour. Many stories were told about all areas along the tour route, times of gaiety and hardship. It was no picnic in those days when everyday counted in preparation for the winter months. Stories told of their experiences within these areas during their childhood.

## Students to present testimony to lawmakers

Lawmakers have asked Native Americans students for input regarding the passage of a bill which will help prevent alcohol and drug abuse among youth. Four Madras High School Indian students will present testimony in favor of the passage of House Bill 1156, "The Indian Juvenile Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Act."

testimony. Sponsored by the Johnson O'Malley Committee and Tribal Education Committee the students were selected as delegates to the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) conference during which time the hearing will be held. They were selected based on academic and personal achievements.

tribal government relations and contemporary issues related to social, health and educational development.

and preparation for this testimony was enlightening. The information included these findings: Approximately 40 percent of Indian students may not complete high school with their class. Some may complete an equivalency program later.

Among tribal members between the ages of 19 and 27, only 17 percent are employed, 10 percent are enrolled in training, and 73 percent are unemployed. We recognize that some of this age group are committed to domestic obligations, others may have grown up.

tion community under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Education of All Handicapped Children Act.

### Apportionment meeting set

At the request of many community members seeking more understanding of apportionment the Warm Springs Education Committee and Tribal Council has organized an educational meeting on that subject. The meeting, set for April 24, will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Agency Longhouse. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

his expertise on the treaty, the Wheeler-Howard Act and the Constitution and By-Laws. Input from the elders on the traditional and historical ways of selecting council members is encouraged and the meeting will be officially documented.

Formulation of the bill requires the Secretary of Interior and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to consult with and solicit comments on interested Indian Tribes and Indian individuals and Indian organizations in developing the agreement.

"Alcohol and drug abuse remains at epidemic proportions within most Indian communities, no family has been spared the agony and hurt that it causes. Substance use and abuse often fuels a vicious circle that entraps and controls many lives, it is an addictive escape that can become a way of life. We can see the effects all around us, the lack of hope, and feelings of powerlessness to bring about change or improvements. We are grateful to know that there are concerned people such as yourselves who are willing to help us and our community become all that we are capable of being or doing.

The average age of death in 1985 was 32.05 years. In 1985, off reservation residential treatment served 70 people (three were under the age of 18) at a cost of \$539,125.

"Drug and Alcohol abuse is a major concern of our peers, both Indian and non-Indian. Substance abuse by itself is only a symptom. We request that Congress and the Administration pursue an interagency initiative to work cooperatively on solving the causes. A conceptual approach has been included with our statement. The approach can be expanded to establish a Federal interagency planning forum to ensure the best utilization of badly needed but diminishing financial resources working together we can make a difference.

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Following is the testimony to be presented by Tony Stacona representing the youth of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs:

"Good Morning Mr. Chairman, Members, and Staff.

"My name is Tony Stacona, with me today are Alvis Smith, III, Stacey Leonard, and Lisa Briseno. We are enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, and are currently enrolled in Madras Senior High School. We want to express our gratitude to the members of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, other esteemed members of Congress and UNITY for this opportunity to testify on the Indian Juvenile Alcohol and Drug Prevention Act, HR-1156. We also want to convey to you the appreciation of our fellow students, our people, our school, and our Tribal government for giving us this opportunity.



Education training manager Jody Calica instructs students prior to their trip to Washington D.C. where they will present testimony on the Indian Juvenile Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Act.