

Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)
Letters to the Editor—



"Spilyay Speaks"



Reapportionment, just the word scares the heck out of a lot of people. I'm sure we won't hear the last of that for some time to come. Something to think about very seriously. We will confront the issue again and again. We live in a never ending and changing world. Sometimes we have to give a little or take a little to get along, without violating the standards of this civilized world. Most remarks made today by tribal members are, "Why do we have to change!" Let's leave things alone, we've gotten along this long the way we are. "Which is true, but down through the years, through different channels we have established a sound government, "At least I think so." Sometimes I wonder if we

are on a sound and solid foundation in our present state, divided in districts. And to think we are The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, united as one. We shouldn't have the feelings we do, we should look out for our well being, heck with this mixed up emotion that exists among the people today. . . This cruel world has no feelings for anyone, its dangerous in several ways. If we don't really consider what we do, we could easily become a statistic of the past.

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Deer hunting season is upon us once again and the countryside will be full of Greenhorns on the loose trying to bag their first buck. These eager individuals could become a problem out there with a rifle in their hands. Some even shoot at anything that moves or makes a sound in bushes. It would be a comfort to know that some of these guys took some sort of training on the use of guns prior to the hunting season. One could even endanger his own life with out proper training with the use of firearms.

During hunting season it could be the safest thing, and that is to stay home and watch the soap operas with the women. Oh, well! There's always a good football game on the tube

Indian market features Pitt

The Sante Fe Indian Market featured at Quintana's 15th Anniversary will present a "spectacular showcase" of Indian artists with an artists reception on Friday, September 12 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Artists will also be present at Quintana's on Saturday, September 14 and Sunday, September 14.

Artists featured include Lena Bonne, Zuni Pueblo; Rose DeVore, Jemez Pueblo; Lena Dunstan, Haiida; Conrad House, Navajo;

Nettie Kuneki, Klickitat; Glenn Fontaine, Cree; the Lewis family, Acoma Pueblo; Estella Loretto, Jemez Pueblo; Alex Muktoyuk, Point Hope Eskimo; Gibson Nez, Navajo-Jicarilla; Eddie Omnik, Point Hope Eskimo; Lillian Pitt, Yakima-Wasco, Warm Springs; Carl Quintana, Apache-Cochiti; Geraldine Sandia, Jemez Pueblo; Hazel Simeon, Haiida and; Tex Wounded Face, Mandan-Hidatsa.

For more information contact

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There was this kid who said his parents taught him to swim at a very early age. He said, "Learning how to swim wasn't so bad, it was getting out of that gunny sack that was tough." YIKES

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Teacher: "What are you—animal, vegetable or mineral?" Little boy: Vegetable, I'm a human bean." YIKES

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Girl: Too bad you flunked the test. How far were you from the right answer?" Little boy: "two seats." YIKES

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A wise school teacher who sent a note home to the parents. "If you promise not to believe everything your child says happens at school, I'll promise not to believe everything he says happens at home." YIKES

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Teacher: "I hope I didn't see you looking at someone else's paper, Billy." Billy: "So do I." YIKES

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Spilyay Tymoo welcomes articles and letters from its readers. All letters, preferably 300 words or less, must include the writer's signature and address. Thank you letters and poetry will be published at the editor's discretion.

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Political equality may swallow tribal identity

To the Representatives:

The people of the Seekseequa District, would like to address the persons responsible for the "Voter Opinion Survey Form" regarding the reapportionment issue.

First, the apportionment issue was put on a referendum recently and it failed. Does that indicate to you people how that particular issue is felt about. To our thinking, more people are satisfied with the way voting goes on now, than are not satisfied.

Please do not make the assumption that you people have more wisdom and foresight than the forefathers that established the way we vote, they had good reasons for the way our system is set-up. For one thing, they recognized a person's dignity and integrity; they recognized that it is important to know who and what you are and where you come from. They also knew that the dignity of the Tribe or people meant more than political equality and/or voting weight. We would like to preserve this kind of dignity for our children. We do not wish them as a people to be swallowed up by someone's political equality.

Your suggestion of the Agency District to absorb the Seekseequa voters is one-sided. That door swings

both ways. How about the Seekseequa District absorbs the Agency Voters? Would you people go and register to vote for the Seekseequa District and give up your Agency Vote?

You people representing the Simnasho District and you chiefs better watch out for your districts. If this issue gets by and the Agency District absorbs the south end votes, what is going to stop the

Agency District from rolling over the top of you too? If that happens we'll have to change our identity to something other than the Confederated Tribes because we won't be that any longer.

Further, if the Treaty and Sovereignty rights were indeed at stake the highly paid, highly competent tribal attorneys would surely let us know. That is what we pay them for. If the system has been

alright for fifty years, as was stated in the survey form, then there is nothing wrong with it. If there was now or ever anything wrong with it, we couldn't or wouldn't have survived this long. . .right?

Please take the time to ask yourself some of these questions and when answering them be honest and realistic.

Merris J. Wallulatum, Sr.

Alcohol leaves you with no control

To the Community,

I just wanted to write to the community and say hello again and to sav how I had a wonderful summer. I hope that the worshipping community at the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church and I can be of service to the Community of Warm Springs this fall and winter.

I talked to alot of folks on the reservation this summer. And a lot of that talk was about Alcohol. I want to remind everyone of two basic things that the alcohol in your beer and wine loves to do you when its in your body. First, it loves to put to sleep body parts. Second, and get this, it loves water. Guess which body part inside you has the highest level of water in it?

That's right your brain. So this love to put to sleep and this love to suck up water leaves you a person that is not in control of your life. It is a life with no control. Think about this at the next party you go to.

Presbyterian Sunday Church hours will return to the regular hours of: Sunday School—9:45 a.m. and Worship—11:00 a.m.

Pageant title earned for self, Tribe

To the People,

The Miss Indian America Pageant held at Bismarck, North Dakota on September 2 through September 6, 1986 was a great experience for me. I was able to bring home with me the 2nd Runner-Up Trophy and a banner. I felt real good about that and hope that many of you feel the same way. It has helped me to get ready for the NCAI Pageant and I feel more confident about competing with other girls.

I couldn't have done it without the support that most of you, the people of the Confederated Tribes have given me. I realized that I wasn't only doing it for myself, I was doing it for my family and the people of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. To place in a National wide contest is something I will always remember.

I would like to give special thanks to my family. I would have never had enough confidence without them. They gave me all the love that was needed and all the support as well. On the day before I left they got together and had a dinner for me to wish me lots of luck. I would like to thank them for that and I would

like to thank them for the gifts that they have given me. I want them to all know "I love you all, and I couldn't have done it without the love and support you gave me."

I also would like to thank my Aunt Liza and her family for their support. I would like to thank them for the gifts that they have given me and the encouraging words. Although Liza is my mothers sister, she is just like a second mother to me. So I would like to thank her for all the support that she has given me.

I would like to thank Rodney for the nice Eagle fan that he has given me. On the trip to Washington, D.C. I lost my fan at the Airport in Chicago. And when I got home from my trip to Bismarck I found a box from Rodney, which was a fan that he had made for me. I would at this time like to thank him for that. "Thank you, and I love you."

There was a lot of people in Bismarck to give me all the support I needed while I was there. And at this time I would like to thank them for that. They were: Chief Delvis Heath and his wife Shirley and their granddaughter Lillian, Chief Nelson Wallulatum, Rosie Tom,

Rudy and Anna Clements, Norene and Austin Greene, Aaron and Emery, Jolene and Louisa, and I would like to thank my mother for all her support and love.

I would like to give special thanks to Jolene for being my flower girl during the coronation. With the short notice she did real good. "Thank you."

The following results were like this: Miss Indian America; Audra Alyce Arviso, from New Mexico. Her alternate is Bonnie Bravo, Miss Indian Arizona, from Peach Springs, Arizona. The 1st runner-up was Caroline Martin, Miss Ute Tribe, from Ft. Duchesne, Utah. 2nd runner-up was Lana Rose Shike, Miss Warm Springs, from Warm Springs. 3rd runner-up went to Connie Bread, of Haskell Junior College, Lawrence Kansas. Miss Congeniality was Bonnie Bravo. Most talented went to Rhea LeCompte, Miss Cheyenne River of South Dakota.

Thanks again for all the support that was given to me.

Lana R. Shike
Miss Warm Springs 1986

Gun show slated

The Western States Arms Collectors (WSAC) will sponsor a gun show September 13 and 14 at the gym in Redmond at 10th and Evergreen.

WSAC buys, sells and/or trades fire arms of all kinds. They offer free appraisals. They also welcome Indian artifacts for buy, sell or trade. Displays are welcome.

Any questions can be directed to WSAC at P.O. Box 218 in Gaston, Oregon. Phone 357-8946.

Thanks to all who helped

Dear Sir,

I need to take this time to say thank you to a few people I have neglected for sometime now.

I took a little league team to Kennewick and our team received the sportsmanship trophy, and one all-star. (Ruppert Smith). Those that made the trip were Ruppert

Smith, Mathew Smith, Jonathan Smith, Alex Tufti, Jarrod Sampson, Frank Reese, Jr., Greg Arquette, Jimmy Wyena, Jr., Jason Hintsala, Jim Bob Arthur and Leif Suppah. Thanks for your patience and playing with the team, and the other people who made it possible. Mary M. Smith, Carolyn Johnson and then

the sponsors who helped out. Snuffy Smith, Wissie Smith, Tribal Council, Ross Kalama. All of these people made it possible, and maybe next year some of the players will know what is going on.

The rest of my thanks go out to the time-keepers on the Hood-to-Coast Relay team! Their help is greatly appreciated. I can speak for the team to: Gladys Squiemphen, Valerie Squiemphen and Carolyn Johnson, they recorded everyones time and patiently waited for all the team runners.

We are in the process of planning ahead for next year, and things are looking good! We might even have a strong women's team. Some time this fall a meeting will be held to start a running club. Sounds good.

Jerry Sampson

Government gives Klamaths recognition

By Lenora Kim Starr

Although the Klamath Indians never ceased to exist as a tribe, the United States government didn't recognize the Klamaths as a tribe until recently, when President Reagan signed a bill which returned to the Klamaths their tribal status. The bill was introduced by Congressman Bob Smith and Oregon Senator Mark Hatfield. The government's recognition of the tribe will give the Klamaths eligibility of health, education and welfare benefits.

September 20 and 21, the Klamaths will be celebrating their restoration of tribal status by sponsoring several events. Among them is a traditional powwow and feast to which anyone is invited. The traditional dinner features salmon, venison and beef. Throughout the dinner special guest speakers will

make presentations. Among those speakers invited is Bob Smith, Mark Hatfield, Charles Wilkenson, Professor at the University of Oregon and Elizabeth First who helped the Grand Ronde tribe with the passing of the bill to attain tribal status. Another event will be the co-ed softball tournament. Anyone interested in signing up teams should call Elwood Miller at 783-2219.

Elwood Miller is the chairman of the powwow and also serves as the tribal administrator, council member, fisheries and wildlife technician and is the community's athletic director. He was only a year old when the government passed Public Law 587, terminating the tribal status of the Klamaths in 1954. Miller says that it is difficult to talk about over the phone because of some bitter feelings, but says that people have a notion that when the government gave cash settlements for the 860,000 acres of timberland, the Indians got rich. He continues to say that most of "the money was squandered on lawyers and most of the tribe, 70%, were minors at the time, and did not see the money. It was put into trust and not seen even when they became of age."

Presently there are 2,000 members of the Klamath tribe. Miller said, "we continued with the daily life of being Klamath, we still had our culture, we still fished and hunted."

There are drums from California, Nevada and Washington registered as well as two host drums. Miller says, "Everyone is welcome to help us celebrate."

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Bensell named to Indian Athletic Hall of Fame

Fifty-two years after being named to a college All-American football team, a Siletz man has been named to the American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame.

Seventy-seven year old Arthur Bensell received word this week of his induction into the hall of fame headquartered at Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence, Kansas. Bensell, former chairman of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, played football for Heidelberg college in Tiffin, Ohio from 1932 to 1934. He was twice named to the Associated Press' All-Ohio Conference Football team, and in 1934 was given honorable mention on the Little All-American College team.

Bensell will be honored at a March 1987 induction ceremony at the Holidome Convention Center in Lawrence, Kansas. His plaque will join that of world famous Indian athlete Jim Thorpe, and the Siletz Tribe's first hall of fame



Happy 30th Anniversary, Mom and Dad!

Love, Helena Jones & family
Mina Estimo & family
Sandra Danzuka & family
Ray, Jr., Lawrence & Lana

athlete, Rube Saunders, former Chemawa Indian School football star. Bensell's nomination was prepared by Delbert Bell of Springfield, Oregon.

One of the first Native American college graduates, Bensell was an assistant football coach at Heidelberg College for one year before pursuing a teaching and administrative career which took him to reservation schools across the nation, including North Dakota, Alaska and Minnesota.

Returning to Siletz in the 1950s to manage the family grocery store, Bensell has been active in state and local civic work, serving 12 years as mayor Siletz. He is the only charter member still serving on Oregon's Commission on Indian Services, and in 1978 was honored by the University of Oregon for distinguished service to his community, state and to Native people.

Bensell resides in Siletz with his wife, Ruth.