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"Bikeman" draws kids, bikes

by Pat Leno-Baker

With almost the same magic appeal of the fabled Pied Piper, Tom Holme draws the children to him. Just what is this magic spell that he seems to have over most children in Warm Springs?

Nearly two weeks ago, a bus nearly encased in bicycles arrived in Warm Springs. Emerging from the vehicle were Tom and his wife Ellie, a cat named Booga-da-boo and an Irish setter named Benny.

Young people seem drawn to the bus covered with bikes and Tom makes them welcome by taking time to talk to them and setting up bike races in the parking lot located across the Macy's Market for them. Tom is known to most of the kids as "the bikeman."

Tom is one of those rare tradesman who travels to communities that can make use of his services, he is in the business of fixing, buying and selling bikes. In the days of fast cars when time waits for no one, Tom travels throughout the country stopping where and when he and his group want. He is not held to keeping 8-5 work hours five days a week. In fact, he very seldomly has a bad word to say about where he has been or who he has dealt with. He is doing what he enjoys—working with bikes and kids. He stated not everything is nice but that is part of life.

Just what started a man and his wife in the business of traveling across the country in a bus that only gets five miles to a gallon of gas working on bikes? Tom has always been a person to travel. In his younger years he hiked across the United States, crossing the country as many as five times a year. He said then he went on to traveling in a car. In 1968 he and Ellie took an interest in some people who were traveling across country on bikes. To the couple it held a special fascination so they purchased a couple of bikes and started pedaling across the North American



Kids and bikes just naturally go together.

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk

continent on a 3,000 mile trip. He said they started the trip in poor physical shape but by the end of the trip they were definitely in good shape. Their mode of travel became bicycling. But the bikes were for their pleasure and they didn't plan to enter the business.

According to Tom, he and his wife were traveling through Montana and winter was coming. They decided to spend the winter in a park. At the same park were two families who were stranded without work and many miles from their home state of Texas. Between the two families were ten children, and being like all children, they wanted very much to ride the Holme's bikes. Tom and Ellie's bikes were very expensive bikes

made for traveling long distances and not at all the kind of bikes for children. Tom decided he would go to the city dump and see what he could find. What he found was bike bodies and parts. He had to purchase some parts to get ten bikes in working order for the children and that is what he did. He told the parents that they could pay him \$15 for each of the bikes but it was not something he demanded. Still, he was not in the bike business.

Early one winter day he was on his way to the town closest to the park when his Volkswagen bus broke down. He had the bus towed back to the camp area wondering how he was going to get the money to repair his vehicle. When he arrived at the park both the families had packed during his absence but they left all ten bikes in a pile. It was almost like the answer to a prayer, he sold the bikes and repaired his van. Now he was in the bike business.

He and his wife travel through-

out the country at nearly a "snails pace" stopping in towns that do not have bike shops. How long he stays is determined by the number of people who need bike repairs and bike sales.

Not all towns throw open their doors to him and often people are very suspicious. Tom always prepares his way into a community, going to the local police departments to let them know he is in town and that his business is repairing bikes. For each bike on the bus he has papers which show he has legally purchased it. With him he also carries letters of recommendation from various chiefs of police in towns that he has been to.

How long will he be here in Warm Springs? As long as he is busy and until the urge to move on hits him. He said that he would eventually like to build a circuit for his business.

Not all of his stay in Warm Springs has been pleasant for one night someone stole \$800 worth of bikes.

Alcohol/Drug abuse classes

Prevention coordinator Caroline Cruze has scheduled two on-going alcohol and drug abuse education classes for adults and youth beginning in early October.

The first session of adult classes will begin Wednesday, October 8 and continue through November 5. A second session for adults will begin November 12 and continue through December 17. The first two classes will cover the disease concept of substance abuse; the third class will cover blood alcohol level and include the film "Friday Night 5"; the fourth class will feature the film "My Father's Son" and discuss the disease and how it affects the family and the final class will cover psychology of substance abuse and evaluation.

The education classes for youth will begin Thursday, October 2 and continue through October 16. The second session will begin October 21 and continue through

Permits to be issued

The Fire Management staff advises that fire permits will be issued for debris burning, branding, etc. at the Fire Management Office located in the Industrial Park site.

We thank you for your patience during the extreme fire danger and again remind you that campfires are to be confined to the improved campfire sites in designated campgrounds such as the High Lakes area and Dry Creek campground. If you have any questions, please call 553-1146 or 553-1121, ext. 413.

New leave policy proposed

Tribal employees used 27,594 hours of sick leave and 25,272 hours of leave without pay in 1985. For the 457 employees these figures average out to 115 hours per employee. The average for most other corporations is 80 hours annually.

Because of the high number of hours and the great cost to the Tribe for lost work hours Warm Springs management turned to the Warm Springs Wellness Committee for reasons. Management was looking for an incentive program and a policy which would encourage wellness.

Three surveys were conducted by the Wellness Committee. A 49 percent return was seen on the first survey which was included in employees' paychecks. The second survey realized a 40 percent return and went to supervisors inquiring about reasons given for the use of sick leave and leave without pay. The third survey was taken at the time

of insurance changes and dealt, primarily, with questions about prevention and health practices.

Current tribal policy dictates that employees are eligible for sick leave only for non-occupational personal illness or physical disability, quarantine of an employee by a physician for non-occupational related disability and maternity leave.

"This is a very strict policy," explains Warm Springs wellness coordinator Eva Montee. It doesn't take into account family illness other than that of the employee.

The surveys revealed several concerns by employees. Besides failing to allow time to care for a sick child or dependent, present policy does not allow time off for prevention such as doctor or dental appointments. Neither is there time allowed for mental health days and cultural and traditional events. The policy, it was felt by employees, is not used consistently by all supervisors and.

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Livestock Ordinance to be enforced

Effective October 1, 1986, WSTC 345.020, Areas Closed to Livestock, will be strictly enforced. The Warm Springs Community and the Kah-Nee-Ta Complex are closed to the entry of livestock except as expressly permitted. Any livestock found within the Warm Springs Community or Kah-Nee-Ta Complex shall be deemed at large and subject to seizure and disposition as provided in WSTC 345.020.

Owners may redeem livestock seized that are held by the Natural Resources Department by paying a \$25.00 fee per head for impoundment and \$2.00 per head per day for upkeep. During working hours, Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., the fees can be paid at the Warm Springs Tribal Court where the

owner will receive an Animal Release. During other non-working hours owners may redeem their livestock through payment of the fees at the Warm Springs Tribal Police Department.

When an owner cannot be identified, the Court will post a public notice of impoundment and a notice of a hearing to show cause why the livestock should not be sold at public auction.

Failure to appear at the hearing may result in the seized livestock being sold to pay for fines and feeding costs while impounded, and/or for any restitution owing for damages caused by the livestock being at large.

Livestock trespass is a strict liability offense; the only defense is that the identified owner is not the actual owner of the livestock.

State Council opposes #5

Measure No. 5 legalizes private possession and growing marijuana for personal use and will be voted on in the general election, November 4, 1986.

The question to be presented to voters states: "Shall law forbid permits, licenses and criminal penalties for possessing or growing marijuana for personal use?"

This measure would enact a new Oregon law. The law would bar subjecting persons 18 years of age

or older to criminal penalties or to fine or forfeitures, or to permit or license requirements, for private possession or growing marijuana solely for personal use. The law would create a defense to criminal charges under ORS 161.055. The measure provides that if a court declares part of the new law invalid,

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McQuinn timber sold

Four timber buyers bid on the Beaver Cable timber sale held in August. The sale contains an estimated 8,230,000 board feet of timber in the McQuinn Strip.

The high bidder was Columbia Tree Farms, Inc. of Lake Oswego. Their bid was \$175 on ponderosa pine and white pine; \$76 on Douglas fir and western larch and; \$55 on white fir and other species. Those rates will create an estimated \$638,380 for the sale.

With the logging scheduled to start in the spring of 1987 and continue through 1988, work on building roads will begin this year in the Beaver Creek unit.

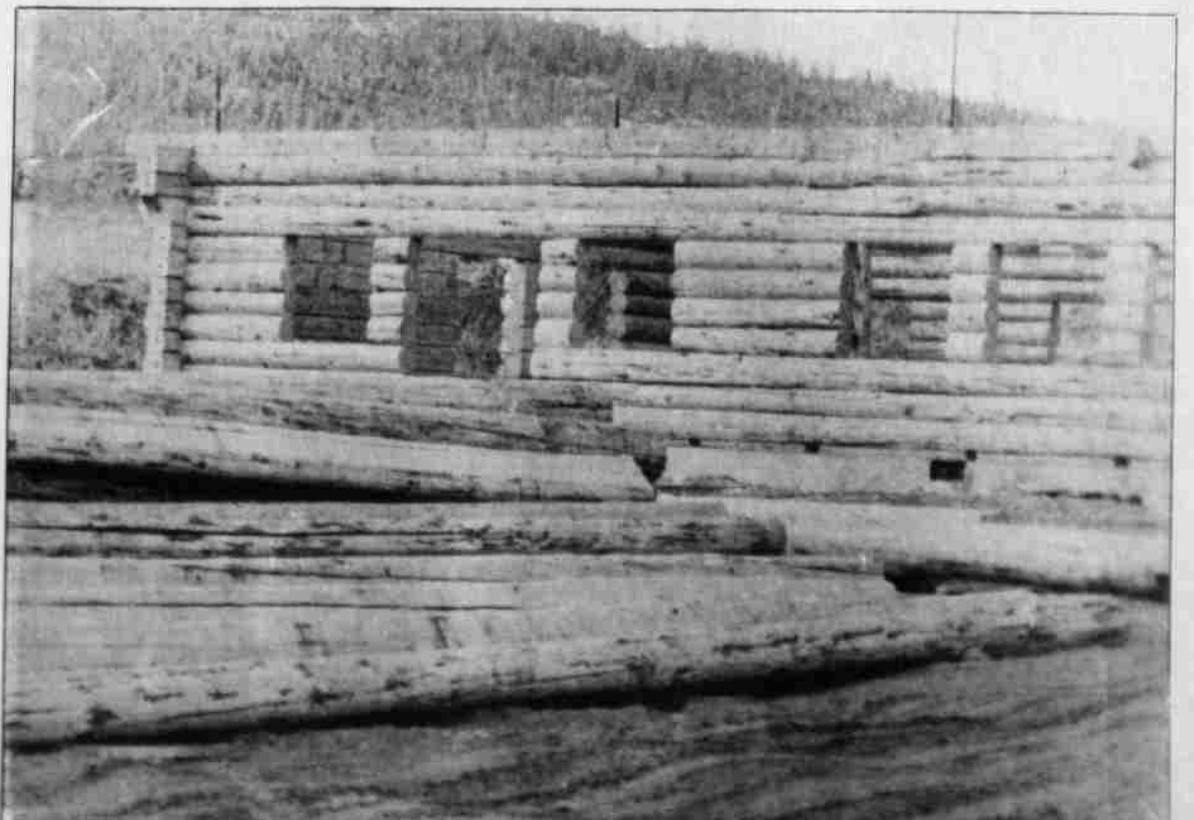
The unit contains eight clearcut and two commercial thinning blocks. The area is located generally on the north side of Beaver Butte. New road construction will assess the unit and a new Warm Springs Forest Products Industry (WSFPI) sale Pipp which is scheduled for 1987.

Prescribed burning is starting on the Warm Springs Reservation.

WEATHER

SEPT.	HI	LOW
10	74	40
11	75	40
12	71	44
13	70	45
14	71	38
15	68	46
16	68	36
17	62	45
18	67	42
19	66	48
20	62	50
21	69	49
22	73	38
23	56	42

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The branch of Forestry started the fall prescribed burn burning program the week of September 15. Approximately 70 clearcut blocks need to be burned. There are 10 to twenty total days that are favorable for burning. With a short season for burning it is required that 4 to 5 blocks are burned per day. It is a large task with weather and personnel being a critical factor for success.



Work on Charley Market in Sinnasho continues. Log structure will house a small grocery store to be open Thanksgiving weekend in November.