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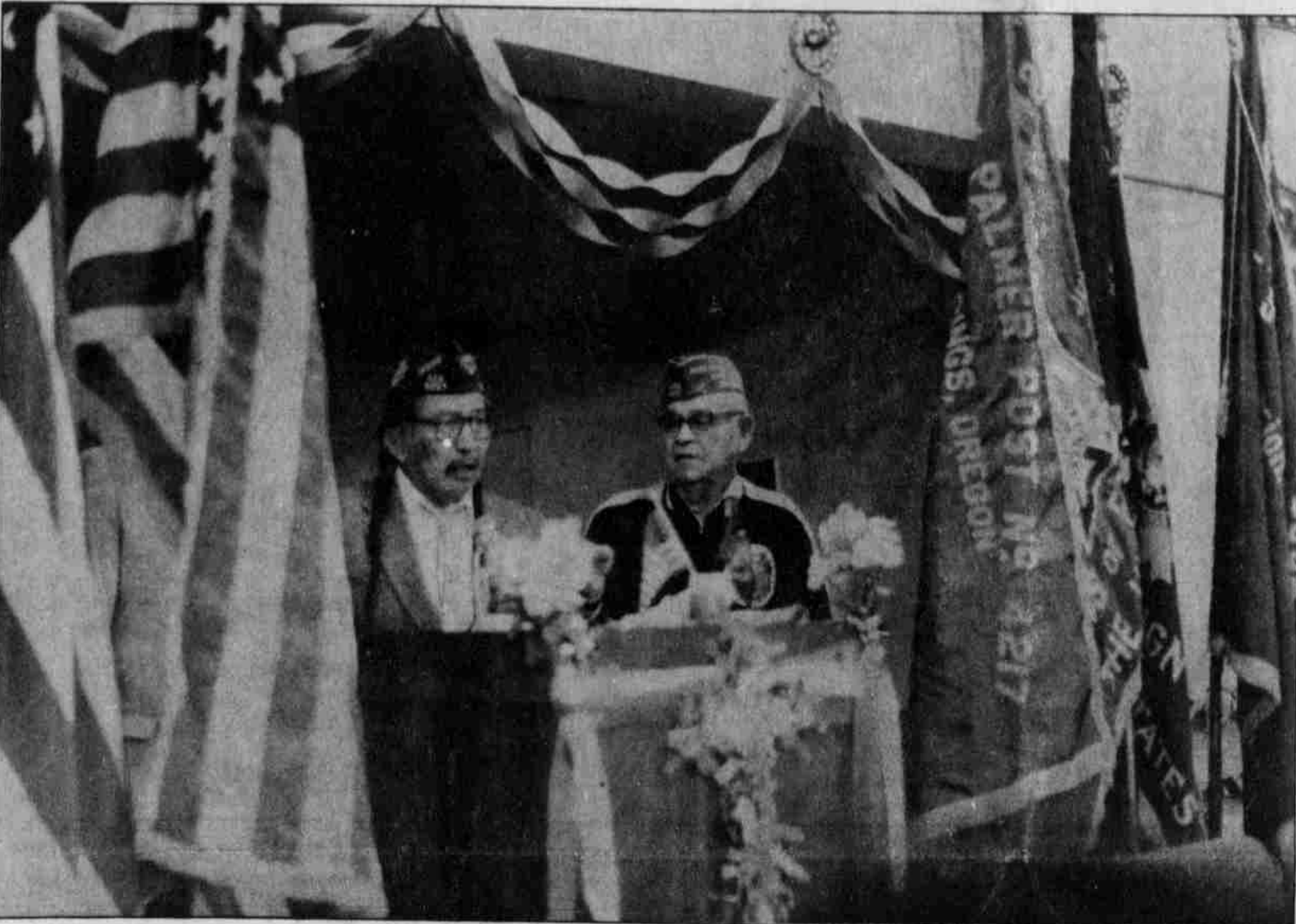
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Pierson Mitchell, Sr. Vice Commander and Alvin Smith, Quarter Master of the VFW Post No. 4217, during the decoration ceremonies at the Toppenish Community Center. The local post was the honor guard for the decoration of Jimmy Selam who received the Bronze Star.

Operating budget subject of general council meeting

The time is right for the people of the Warm Springs community to get together and make Warm Springs a "good place to live," stated Larry Calica, Secretary-Treasurer, at the General Council meeting Tuesday, November 18. Calica told the membership that, in his opinion, it was time to work at putting monies into the people who are not in trouble, instead of putting money into those who are already seeking help from the system. Calica stated that he has been approached "for another jailer, another compliance clerk and another assistant prosecutor." These positions, within the tribal structure, are those that work with people after they are in trouble.

"We have reached our limits" as a government and now "we need support from the community." In Calica's opinion, building a bigger jail or a bigger shelter home is like "stacking" all our resources on those in trouble and it is time to help those people who are not in trouble. In other words, give the help to the people before they ever get into trouble.

He suggested that it is time to get the churches involved in the community and time for the community to get involved in the churches. "Activate the Boy Scouts troop," stated Calica. "Let's get back to the things that made this a good place to live."

People from all the districts met with the tribal leaders to offer

input and concerns on the 1987 proposed budget. It was stressed by the leadership that "it is a proposed budget until the people have input." Warm Springs chief Delvis Heath told the people the purpose of the budget packet is to inform them of what management and tribal leaders have proposed for the upcoming year. He said the tribes need more ways to make more money and that the budget is not going to please everyone but he hoped the people would take a good look at it.

Janice Clements, representative from the Simnasho district, reflected that preparing a budget was a big responsibility and now was the time for the people to share their concerns with Council.

Advice given to the membership by Wasco Chief Nelson Wallulatum was for them to realize the growth of the tribe, the need to continue to protect all rights of the people on the reservation, the importance of keeping the tribal system, and people need to stay with their jobs and to understand the actual cost of what it takes to run the tribal system. He related that "instead of being Indian people with second or third best, we are people with the best and to keep the best we must hire the best."

It was pointed out to the people that they needed to read and understand the "Financial Forecast" on page five of the packet to obtain a good solid understanding of the budget forecast. People need to be aware that each time more information is gathered it updates the forecast. An important factor is that, at this time, the Council is unaware of new revenues but they are constantly looking for opportunities for the tribes.

Tribal member Dennis Starr expressed concern over the change in status of the tribal fish and game division, since it has been deleted and the responsibility is now up to the police department and the people. He related we have the laws but no one to take full responsibility of enforcing them.

Questions concerning the proposed small log operation were asked by several people. Tribal Council chairman Zane Jackson explained that there are not the number of large logs as before and it is time to look at a project to handle the logs we have in the most economical way. Nelson Wallulatum added that in the 40s it was not unusual to see single-log loads. Today, it is not unusual to see 40 logs to a load.

One tribal member expressed concern that the Tribes are presently depending too much on the present resources and he felt it was

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FHA funds available

The Confederated Tribes will be receiving limited home monies from Farmers Home Administration to help very low income families repair their homes.

Funds should become available about November 21, 1986, through Tribal Housing and Credit Office.

To qualify, tribal members must own or be buying their homes and

must meet income requirements. Members who already filled out Home Improvement Grant applications (H.I.P.) will be considered under this program.

Those of you that have not filled out an application should contact your Local Housing Office for application forms no later than December 1, 1986.

Seekseequa District discusses budget, new chief

At the Seekseequa district meeting held November 10 at the Agency Longhouse, Seekseequa Tribal Council member, Karen Wallulatum explained to district residents that the Tribal Council tried to go with just a three percent overall increase in the 1987 tribal operating budget. She stated that only after planning sessions and meeting for five days weekly during the month of October, Council was able to hold the increase to a one and one half percent increase. She related that it was a long, hard struggle.

Seekseequa Tribal Council member Ellen Johnson went through the first two pages of the Tribal budget packets that were distributed at the onset of the meeting. She also presented the present positive statement of the budget.

Tribal budget compliance officer Evaline Patt pointed out and apologized for some errors in the packet. She noted that just two people herself and Ginger Smith, had participated in the preparation of the 78-page budget packet. She stated that corrected budget packets would soon be mailed to the Tribal membership.

During the opening session of the meeting, the Seekseequa people sought clarification to some items on the budget. Questions dealing with the tribally-owned radio station and the increase in its budget were asked at the onset.

Delford Johnson, Tribal Enterprise Manager, explained that the difference was that there are not going to be any grant monies from the government this next year so the projected budget was written without any government grant assistance. But he went on to state the Tribes have a five-year plan for the station and that at the end of that period it is expected that the station will be self-sufficient. The station is looking to develop a market outside of the reservation. It is expected with the addition of a transmitter the market will spend to Portland, LaPine and The Dalles. The radio station budget will decrease in the next five years.

Questions filed by the people dealt with increases in various departments and committees. People asked and made comments on MOIHS, Culture and Heritage, KWSO, Economic Development Projects, phone company, special projects, residen-

tial care, funeral grants, community counseling, senior citizen homes, higher education, employment services, child development, bonus, community center, and a cost-of-living increase for tribal employees.

The budget packet is written so that enrolled members can start on page one and as the packet proceeds it goes from a general picture to an indepth and detailed picture. It also explains how the budget was planned, what anticipated expenses are and the purposes of the expenses.

For the Seekseequa people it was the first look at the packet. Vernon Henry asked that in the General Council meeting which will be held November 18 things be explained, especially staff increases.

The second item on the agenda at the district meeting was the discussion of a Paiute Chief. Karen Wallulatum read the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribes. She noted the election would be by secret ballot. People made comments on what they felt the Chief should be in their eyes. Orin Johnson was asked to explain just how the Chief has been selected in the past. He stated the people gathered

to select someone to represent all of the Seekseequa people. He also suggested that if a person thought of someone they would like then they should nominate that person.

People named as possible candidates were Wendell Jim, Orin Johnson, Wilson Wewa, Jr., Karen Wallulatum and Vernon Henry. It was noted by Ellen Johnson that it was a time for discussion and not a nomination.

Wilson Wewa, Jr. made motion to set at the earliest date possible for nominations for Paiute Chief. Carol Wewa seconded the motion and the people passed the motion. It was determined that the meeting would be held during the first week of December.

Thanksgiving Mini-Powwow November 27-29 Agency Longhouse



Timber!

A freak accident at the intersection of Hollywood and Tenino just recently during which a logging truck trailer broke causing the turnover, spilling logs on the sidewalk near the Community Center. If the front stake hadn't broke the whole truck would have overturned.

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Papagos awarded \$30 million

President Ronald Reagan has signed a bill authorizing the federal government to pay the Tohono O'odham Indians (formerly Papago) in Arizona \$30 million in order for the tribe to replace nearly 10,000 acres of reservation land that has been flooded repeatedly since 1979.

The Gila Bend Indian Reservation Lands Replacement Act allows the U.S. Interior Department to begin paying the tribe in \$10 million allotments over three years beginning in 1988. It is one of the Reagan Administration's largest land settlements with an Indian tribe.

"This settlement goes a long way to affirm the President's message to Indian country that he is willing to deal with tribes on a government-to-government basis and to enter into negotiations for the settlement of claims rather than litigating these issues for years in court," said Ross Swimmer, the Interior department's assistant secretary for Indian affairs. "It reflects a commitment of this administration to all Indian people

that their issues are considered seriously and steps are being taken to address those issues through negotiations," Swimmer added.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1960 built the Painted Rock Dam on the Gila River 10 miles downstream from the Gila Bend Reservation. In 1964 the federal government acquired by eminent domain an easement for occasional overflow onto the reservation. While government studies throughout 1960's and 70's stressed the infrequency of overflow, substantial rains in 1979, 1981, 1983 and 1984 produced major flooding on the reservation.

A 1983 Bureau of Indian Affairs report found that it would be overly expensive to rehabilitate the flooded lands, which had no protection from future overflows. An additional study concluded that there were no public lands acceptable to the tribe in exchange for the flooded land.

The Gila Bend Act allows the tribe to purchase up to 9,880 acres of private land to be taken into trust by the Interior Department.

"While this has been a longstanding issue for the Tohono O'odham people, it is good that we have brought it to a compromised settlement," Swimmer said.

Public Notice

All interested persons are hereby notified that a summary of the 1986 Revenue Sharing Budget for the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon is available for public inspection.

The Budget Summary and the Documentation necessary to support the summary are available from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at the Tribal Accounting department.

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