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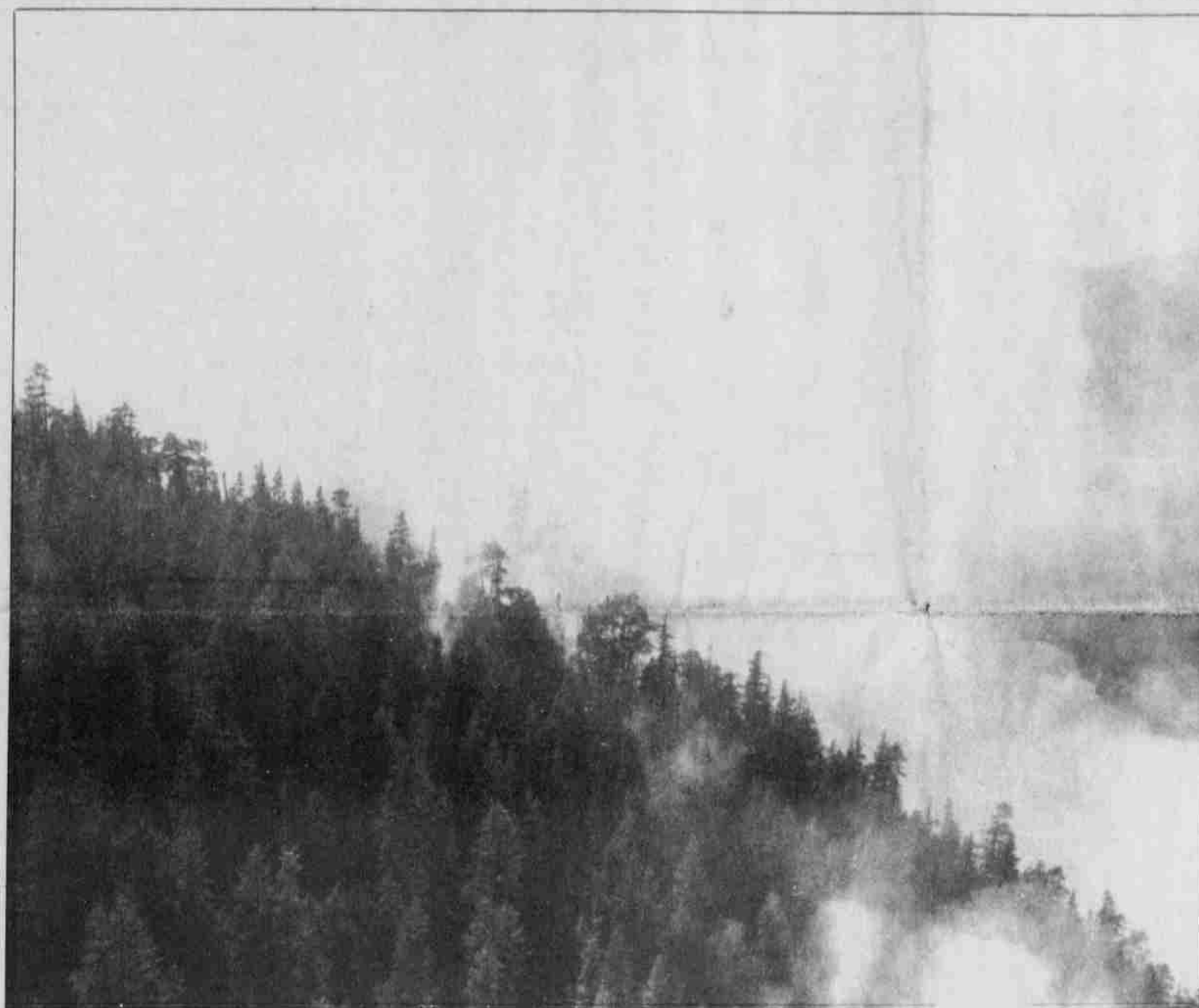


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## Concentrated firefighting efforts help protect resource



The Whitewater fire burning uncontained in the early stages of the burn, at the present time the 190 acre fire has been controlled. The Twin Butte fire was to have been contained by Wednesday and controlled by the weekend and out by next week.

Forest fire, range fires and more fires were all ignited by a thunder and lightning storm that passed through the area Monday, August 31. Just like the other fires in the Northwest, there wasn't enough manpower to go around. The Bureau of Indian Affairs fire crews were going every direction and spread out pretty thin.

Throughout the first night the Canal Fire on the Sidwaller Butte was visible for miles, like an inferno raging out of control, burning underbrush and scattered groves of ponderosa pine. It was one of the larger reservation fires. The next day, spot fires were visible causing crews to split up in smaller groups in order to cover them all. Many were about a half an acre in size but needed attention. Every available means was used to fight the fires before crews from other areas started arriving to relieve local fire-weary crews who were on the fire line for hours and hours.

It was a well-coordinated effort with the mill crews, loggers and the mill crews battling the flames in terrain where only men could go. The mill closed down for a time to aid in the fire fighting, all loggers and log truck drivers were on the fire lines also. As fire crews started to arrive, a base camp was set up in the Potters Pond area shutting men through the kitchen continuously while others were getting much needed rest under the pine trees.

Photographing with an infrared camera proved invaluable. The photos were viewed by the head men from all the crews during daily briefings to plan their strategy for the next move on the firelines. All the hot spots showed up clear with the infrared camera, giving the men a better chance to see where the fires were the hottest and needed the most attention.

Four major fires and another 40 smaller fires have burned over 1,300 acres of reservation land by September 9, according to Bob Harned, Bureau of Indian Affairs forest manager for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Two of the major fires, the 120-acre Canal fire and the 225-acre North Butte fire, were contained relatively quickly, while the 737-acre Twin Butte fire escaped being controlled. Crews continue to battle this blaze. The 190-acre Whitewater fire was recently brought under control.

Since the lightning storm, a total of 700 people have been working to bring the blazes under control. Those working on the fires include 227 Bureau of Indian Affairs personnel coming from the Olympic Peninsula, Spokane and Yakima reservations in Washington, the Paiute Reservation in Burns, Fort Hall, Idaho and Northern Cheyenne and Crow reservations in Montana; 80 Native Alaskans, 186 U.S. Forest Service employees; 139 local loggers and mill workers; 39 persons from the Job Corps Training Centers of White Swan and Colville, Washington; 22 National Park Service employees; and two Washington Department of Natural Resources employees. An additional 45 firefighters also came from Burns and the Alaska Bureau of Land Management.

As of Wednesday, September 9, there were 27 crews fighting fire. All but 10 of the crews are Indian crews, Harned pointed out.

Heading up the assault on the fires is Jim Reser, a U.S. Forest Service employee from the Ochoco National Forest office in Prineville. Reser is among 19 people representing the Central Oregon Inter-Agency Incident Management Team, which includes members from the USFS, BIA, Bureau of Land Management and state forestry.

"We hope to have the Whitewater fire under control by Sunday evening (Sept. 6)," Reser said. That fire differed from the other fires because of the steepness of the terrain and fact that it's a conditional use area with no road access, he noted. Like the other fires, it is in heavily-timbered land.

After meeting with the Tribal Council, Harned added, "Reser has

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## Young woman held in death of father

A Warm Springs woman, Stephanie Frank, 18, was taken into custody by the Federal Bureau of Investigation September 3 following an investigation by BIA, Tribal and FBI investigators in the fatal stabbing of a Warm Springs man, Eugene Bishop Frank, 50. She was charged with second degree murder.

Miss Frank was arrested in the stabbing of Frank, her father. It was reported that an altercation took place between the two in the Tenino apartments area, which lead to the stabbing on September 2 in Warm Springs. Mr. Frank died September 2. It was later deter-

mined he died as a result of knife wounds.

Miss Frank was arrested and taken to Portland where she was held for her first appearance in U.S. District Court of Oregon before Federal Magistrate George E. Juba on Thursday September 3 at which time she was advised of her rights and received a Federal Public Defender representative, Priscilla Seaborg. On Friday, September 4, Miss Frank appeared before Juba for a detention hearing and a preliminary hearing on probable cause to be bound over to the Federal Grand Jury. The case will be presented to the

grand jury on September 15.

Magistrate Juba determined that Miss Frank will be held in custody until her hearing.

Agency Special officer Rob Moran stated that the weapon was recovered as a result of a search conducted by the Warm Springs police

department who were assisted by members of Warm Springs Fire and Safety, police administration clerks and the Tribal Court. Moran said the efforts of the community and tribal employees was very much appreciated by law enforcement.

## Support group set for abused

A women's support group will be conducted, beginning September 21, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Youth Services conference room.

The group will be a healing process that is open to adult women who are or have been victims of physical, emotional, domestic or

sexual abuse and for mothers of victims.

Topics to be covered will be: being believed; group agreements; support/responsibility/guilt/fear/shame; flashbacks and dreams; brainwashing by the offender; a movie "Breaking Silence"; boundaries and limits and, trust, loss and new beginning.

Babysitting will be provided for participants. Plan to attend to break the silence and share with others to gain and give support.

## OPA schedules annual conference at resort

The Oregon Parks Association will hold its 28th annual conference at Kah-Nee-Ta September 16 through 19, 1987. Registration fees will be \$60 for association members and \$65 for non-members and includes a boat trip and salmon bake at Lake Billy Chinook, a Deschutes River raft trip and a banquet. Interested persons can also register for each event separately.

Registration will be held daily, with the first being on Wednesday, September 16, beginning at 10 a.m. Thursday's agenda includes a presentation by tribal attorney Howard Arnett who will speak on legal jurisdiction on the Warm Springs reservation. Later in the morning, hydro-power development and measures for fish and wildlife survival

will be discussed by Peter Packett and Terry Luther. Following lunch, conferees will go to the lake for the boat trip and salmon bake.

Friday's agenda will include a panel presentation, moderated by Rudy Clements. Panel members will be Dennis Karnopp, John Lilly, Don Ratliff, Mike McLacus, Doug Still and commercial rafters. The panel will discuss the usage of the Deschutes River and its tributaries. During the afternoon, conferees will raft down the Deschutes. Keynote speaker at the evening banquet will be Floyd McKay from the governor's office.

All community members are invited to attend. For further information contact the community center at 553-1161, ext. 243 or 244.

## Tribes set revenue sharing meeting

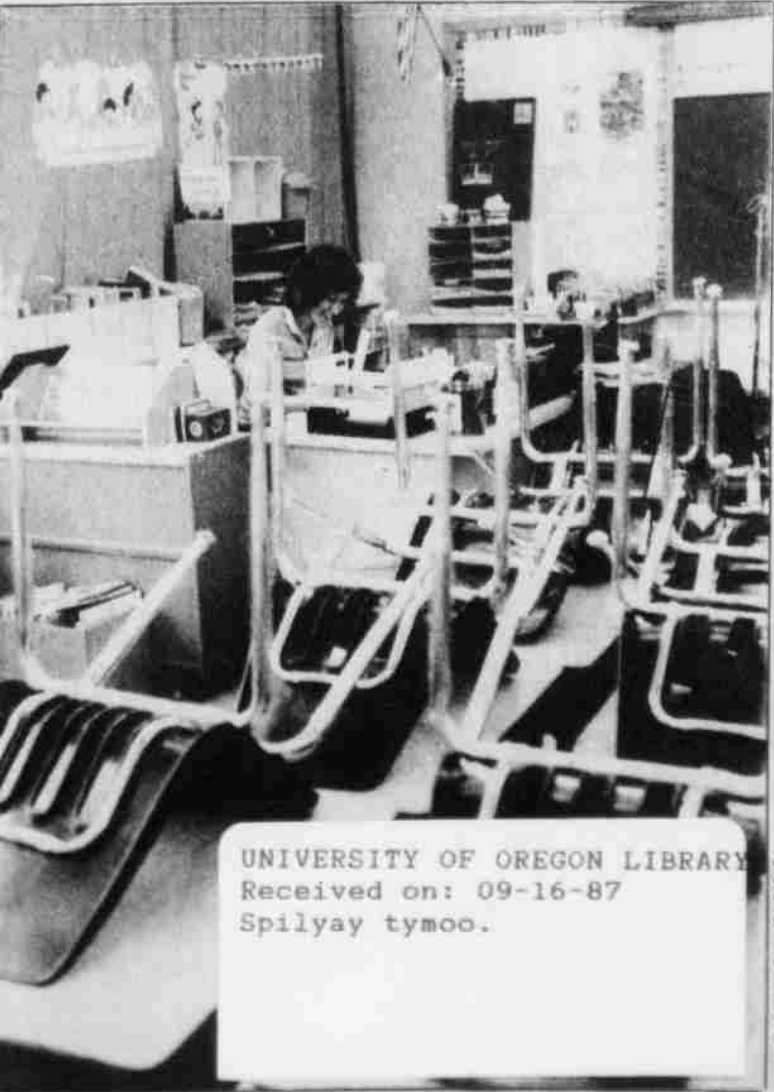
The Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon will hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on September 24, 1987 in the Administration Building in Conference room 3 for the purpose of hearing written and oral comments from the public concerning the proposed budget for 1987 for the use of Revenue Sharing Funds as contained in the proposed summarized below. Immediately following the hearing a budget will be enacted via Tribal Council Resolution.

General Revenue Sharing is a program of General Fiscal support from the Federal Government to state and local governments with only limited Federal requirements on how the money should be spent. Decisions on the use of funds are made at the local level by the government and people closest to local problems. The revenue sharing regulations require a hearing on the proposed use of these funds in relation to the overall budget

before the budget is adopted each year.

All interested citizens, groups, senior citizens and organizations representing the interest of senior citizens are encouraged to attend and to submit comments concerning Revenue Sharing Funds available.

Summary of Proposed 1987 Budget  
Capital Projects Fund—\$130,000



Lorrie Sensibaugh was taking care of last minute business the day before school started Wednesday. This is Sensibaugh's fifth year teaching in Warm Springs.

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