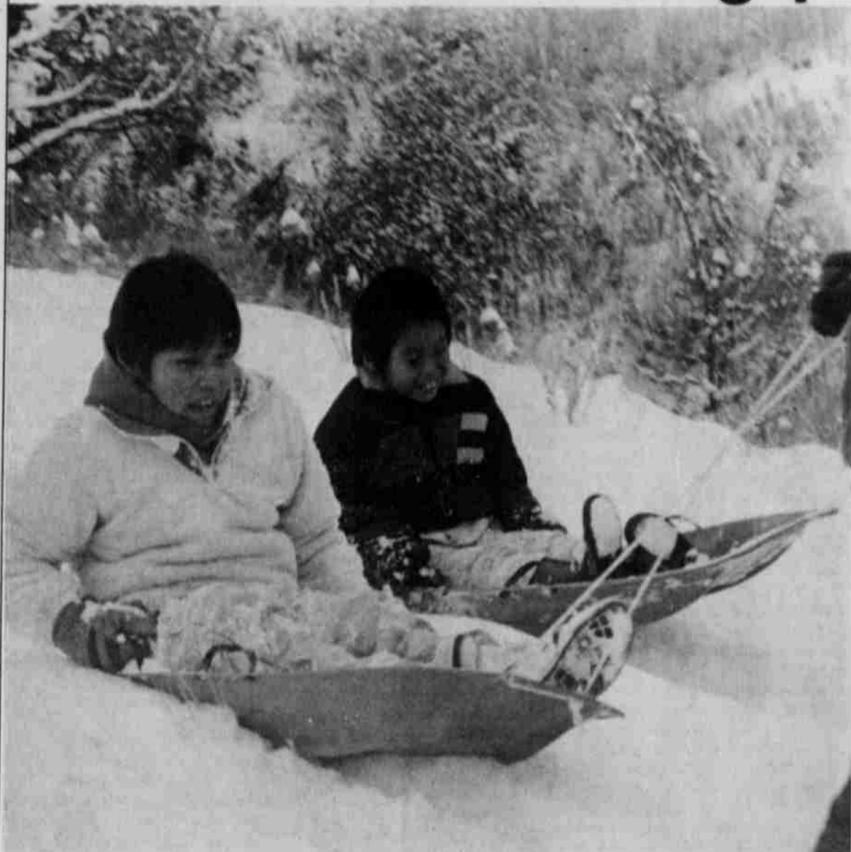


Winter snows bring pleasure, problems



Children especially enjoy the pleasure associated with snow.

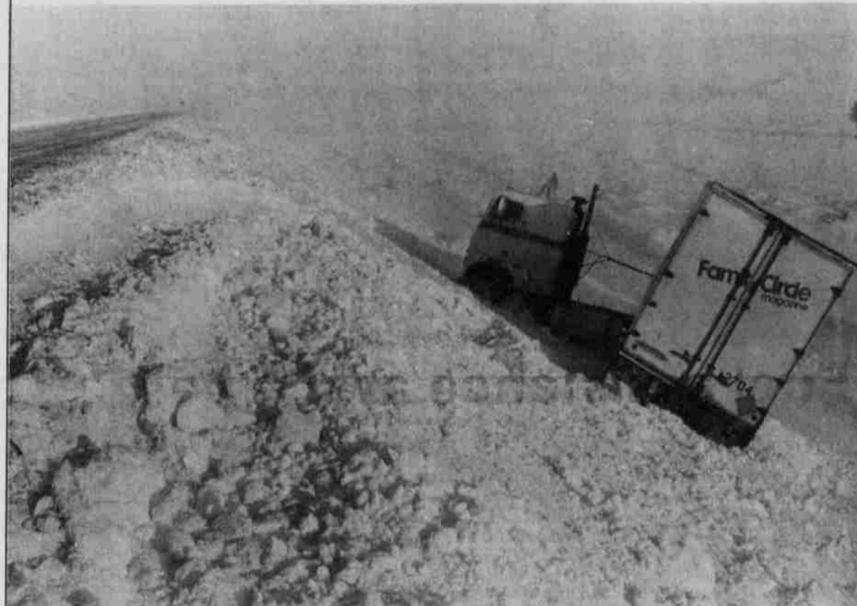
Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk



Thirty-six people participated in cross-country skiing at Mt. Bachelor. The activity was co-sponsored by the Warm Springs Recreation department and Warm Springs Extension Service.

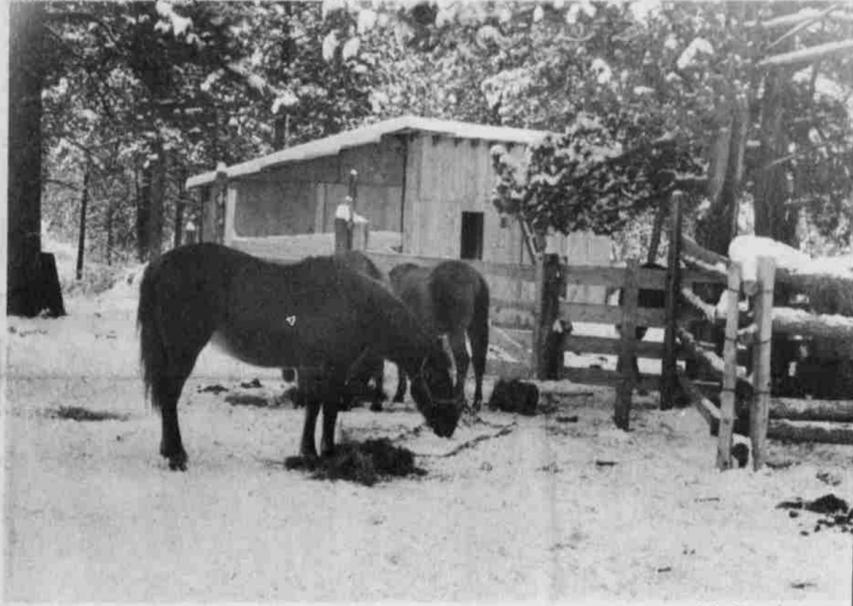


Spilyay Tymoo photo by Behrend
Icicles decorate community buildings.



High winds and icy roads caused problems for trucks traveling on highway 26.

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk



Snowfall makes it necessary to feed livestock.

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Miller

Special payments arranged for power bills

Delays in distribution of federal Low Income Emergency Assistance Program (LIEAP) funds are affecting local citizens with limited incomes. Pacific Power is responding to the needs of its low income customers by offering temporary special payment terms to the LIEAP it serves.

Under the temporary arrangement, the company will restore electric space-heating service through January 15 to LIEAP-eligible customers who pay ten percent of the amount owed to the company and agree to a time payment plan for the remaining balance. During this period Pacific will also waive deposit and deposit installment payments.

Recipients of federal LIEAP dollars must have an annual income of \$6,500 a year or less and fall below 125 percent of the federal poverty level.

Pacific is willing to work one-on-one with any customer who is having difficulty paying their bill.

Quinn said it is important that customers call the company to discuss any problems.

Over the past few months, Pacific has been making other efforts to help its low-income customers.

It has increased solicitation for Project HELP, a company-sponsored program that offers temporary fuel assistance grants to customers who fall between 125 to 150 percent of federal poverty guidelines.

Amendments introduced to Indian Child Welfare Act

A bill to amend the Indian Child Welfare Act was introduced December 19 by Senator Daniel J. Evans, (R-Wash), Vice-chairman of the Senate Select committee on Indian affairs.

The ICWA, adopted in 1978, was designed to place Indian children in need of foster care and adoption with family members or within their tribe.

Other co-sponsors presently include Senator Inouye, (D-HI), Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs, Senator John McCain, (R-AZ), Senator Tom Harkin, (D-IA), Senator DeConcini, (D-AZ), Senator Tom

Daschle, (D-SD), Senator Jeff Bingaman, (D-NM), Senator Pressler, (R-SD), Senator Quentin Burdick, (D-ND), and Senator Tim Wirth, (D-CO).

"For nearly a decade the Indian Child Welfare Act has served us admirably to help place Indian children in adoptive and foster care settings which reflect the unique values of their Indian culture," said Senator Evans. "Unfortunately lack of adequate funding and federal commitment implementation of the Act has made it necessary for us to seek amendments."

"I am very pleased to join as cosponsor of this legislation which

improves a very important policy affecting nearly 60,000 Indian children in this nation," said Senator Daniel K. Inouye during the introduction of the bill.

The bill, S. 1976, is designed to accomplish several objectives, including: clarifying and expanding coverage of the Act, increasing tribal involvement and control, keeping families together whenever possible, placing children with extended families or tribal members whenever possible, having fair and expeditious proceedings, implementing compliance monitoring mechanisms and improving Title II grants process.

The Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs held hearings and conducted working meetings to gather data on the success and failures of the present Indian Child Welfare Act. The amendments introduced by Senator Evans on Saturday are an outcome of those meetings.

Senator Evans said that he plans to circulate copies of the proposed bill to tribal leaders and interested federal and state agencies during the January Congressional recess. Further hearings will now be conducted on S. 1976 and testimony and input from tribes and ICWA case workers are welcome.

IHS elevated to agency status

The Indian Health Service will be elevated from its current status as part of the Health Resources and Services Administration to an

agency of the Public Health Service. The move brings IHS one step higher in the decision-making ladder of the U.S. Health and Human Services department.

IHS will join agencies like the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institute of Health as an agency of the Public Health Service. HHS Secretary Dr. Otis Bowen announced the move Dec. 4. "Raising the status of the Indian Health Service from a bureau to an agency signals our commitment to improving the health of American Indians and Alaska Natives," Bowen said. "By allowing a higher level of tribal involvement in health care issues, we are carrying out President Reagan's 1983 Indian Policy Statement."

IHS provides health care to about one million American Indians and Alaska natives in 34 states. Its comprehensive delivery system consists of programs managed and operated by IHS and various tribes. The Service employs 11,000 and operates 45 hospitals, 72 health centers and more than 250 smaller stations and satellite clinics. Tribes have contracted for six hospitals, 69 health centers and operate all of the smaller clinics.

During the winter, when work in the woods slows, there is time to take advantage of Forest technology courses available winter term at Central Oregon Community College.

Four classes offered winter term are designed to meet the needs of state and federal forestry workers, forest contractors, and those interested in pursuing a career in Forest Technology. "Forest cost analysis, timber crusing, forest business and contracts, and foremanship and contract administration" emphasizes the practical application and development of effective techniques in the latest forest practices.

Central Oregon Community College has one of the largest, most experienced forestry departments in the western United States. The forest technology program at COCC recently became the only technology program in Oregon certified by the American Society of Foresters.

Permission of the instructor is required for enrollment in these forestry courses. For more information about winter term course offerings, or the Forestry Technology program at COCC call 385-5501 or toll free 1-800-422-3041, ext. 501.

Prize winners noted

The results of the drawing for the prizes from the tickets sold by the junior court for the holiday basketball tournament.

Drawing for \$25.00, there were six winners who are, Herb Graybael, P.W. Olney, Bessie Arileo, Angie J. Smith, Roberta Adams, and Rosie Tom.

For \$50.00, Alicia Touor, Rodney Mitchell, Bernice Mitchell, Oli-

ver Moses and Norval Tufti.

For \$100.00, Natalie Smith, Art Mitchell, Janis Gunshaws, Myra Shawaway. For \$200, Tootsie Danzuka, for \$500.00 Jewel Van Pelt and for the \$750.00 the winner was Merle Tewee.

That was the results of the drawing on those prizes.



Gwen Smith, Warm Springs post office clerk was responsible for the first place tie in Christmas decoration within the Central Oregon postal district in their level. Competition was in the 977 area with post offices being judged from Burns to Chemult to Warm Springs. Last year the post office earned a third.

509-J patrons invited to visit

District 509-J School district superintendent Darrell Wright will be available for drop-in visits or for appointments every Wednesday, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Tribal Administration Building in Jody Calica's office.

Wright will be available to answer questions about school district actions and policies.

Appointments may be made by contacting Debbie Jackson at 553-1161, ext. 228. Wright emphasizes, however, that appointments are not necessary.

The time for questions from community members and school patrons is being made available as a way to "increase communication," says Wright.