

Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)

Letters to the Editor



"Spilyay Speaks"



Sovereignty

What are the words in the songs we sing today? We have in the past through our religious life in the Indian way interpreted the laws of the land through song. We have known sovereignty of our domain from our "Great Creator."

Today we are speaking of sovereignty, that we must make a declaration of sovereignty. What's sovereignty today as to the day the treaty was signed by our forefathers. Being a descendant of the Sahaptin people who resided up at the John Day and Willow Creek area, I am wondering what's the difference in the language of the past and that of the present? During the treaty signing, wasn't it agreed upon by the Tribes and the Whites, that we would give to the United States all those millions of acres of land now known as the Ceded area, but retain a small portion of land in which we would live. In return the United States promised all these things. They would provide shelter, medical care, education, sawmills, farm equipment, livestock, rations of food. They would teach trade techniques, also that we would reserve the right to hunt, fish, gather fruits and roots and all foods in our accustomed places without interference from the Whiteman. These promises were made to last as long as the rivers ran and the mountains stood.

I believe we must watch every word inserted into a declaration of sovereignty, words that cannot be altered and used in other meanings which could harm our rights we have from those treaties. As I have understood the Tribes were referred to as sovereign nations dealing with the United States.

There are so many things we have to be aware of especially the way documents are worded. Today the Whiteman is trying to find any kind of loop hole to break our treaties we have with the United States.

These are just thoughts I had to offer on the subject of sovereignty...I still say we must be very careful on how we word our declaration of sovereignty. AHH-NAH-CHI-TOON.



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Tom said: "The way things happen here is the Employer is always late when you are early, and early when you are late." YIKES

John asked the waiter, "How can you tell if Pancakes are male or female?" YIKES

Waiter: "Female pancakes are stacked." YIKES

The Attorney was explaining the fee structure to his client. "What a contingent fee means is if we lose your suit, I don't get anything, and if we win, you don't get anything." YIKES

There was this not-so-bright couple who liked the drive-in movies, but they froze to death when they went to see "Closed for the Winter." YIKES

EDITOR'S NOTE

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Consultant "dictators" making second class citizens

To the editor,

In 1934 "Indians" became U.S. citizens. In 1933 Adolf Hitler became dictator of Germany because of one vote. These two incidents in history are happening to us again. Seems like we are becoming 2nd class citizens again in our own country, the W.S. Indian reservation, by allowing these consultants to dictate our lives.

During our history here in the United States, people have been ripping us off of our land, resources fish etc. Are we the people allowing these consultants to commit economical genocide & ruin? Where is the wisdom of our leaders? Seems no one is profiting except these guys and those who hired them. By one vote Hitler came into power. Is it because of one person that these consultants have come to power?

I'm going to sign my name cause "I'm not scared what man will do unto me" seems all these things come upon us because we forgot to put God first, maybe we got too big & arrogant in our ways, financially thinking, we never would see such hard times.

Researcher looking for CCC workers

To the editor,

An experienced researcher is trying to locate any Indians who served in the Civilian Conservation Corps in Oregon in camps which were under BIA supervision. I believe there were seven such camps and have the names of some but no additional information regarding their location, members, or any other details.

If you served as an Indian in a BIA CCC camp within Oregon during the period 1933 through 1942, please write to me and tell me something about your experiences in CCC. If you served in a CCC camp which was not under BIA supervision, I would also be pleased to hear from you.

You may reach me at 2650 Sheridan Avenue, North Bend, OR 97459 - phone 503-756-0256.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

Richard "Dick" Hansen



Happy 6th Birthday
Laritta MaeAnn Greene
December 20, 1991
Love, Mom, Dad, Emery,
Aaron & Sidney.

Sale continues

The Warm Springs Information Center is holding its annual Christmas sale through December 31. All jewelry, pottery and T-shirts are 20% off and all beadwork is 15% off the original price. Books, consignments and sale items are not included in the sale.

I've seen a lot of my partners go down both Indian & white. A lot of confusion here at WSFPI. "God is not the author of confusion" They don't know what spiritual havoc they have caused us. Some of the boys been straight arrows now for some

time, now theres nothing left but what we use to know drugs, booze etc. I hope someone out there does something quick, fast & in a hurry cause time is running out.

"If a man has nothing to give, what are they going to do? Come &

take his bed? I hope some one comes and fires me over this letter cause I will not work for liars or those who won't keep their promises.

Sign me, the Preacher,
Easton Aguilar



Caroline Tohet was one of many vendors at the Annual Christmas Bazaar held December 14 at the Warm Springs Community Center.

Send children to school

To the editor,

Did you know, that your child's attendance pattern is set in Kindergarten?

Did you know, that 1/3 of all W.S. Kindergarten students missed at least one month of school last year?

Did you know, that if your child misses one month of school a year, by the time he's a freshman he'll be one year behind?

Did you know, that every drop-

out at Madras High School has missed an average of 20-30 days of school a year?

Help plan your children's future! Plan for your children to graduate! Send them to school today!

This is some information for our community and asking for some help of our parents & relatives to send our kids & students to school.

Thanks,
Shirley Sanders

Indian language teachers needed

To the editor:

The culture and Heritage Department is looking for 10 speakers of a Tribal language to learn and work as trainee Indian language teachers. We want people who speak one of our three Tribal languages—Warm Springs, Wasco, or Paiute—and are willing to be trained to be language teachers in the community.

Trainees will be paid from funds granted by the National Park Service. The grant also covers expenses for teaching materials and for outside teacher trainers who will work with the trainees alongside me.

The culmination of the training will be pilot classes for beginners in each of the Tribal languages, to be taught by the trainees. There will be three or four trainees for each language, so they will "team-teach." This will alleviate pressure on any individual trainee.

Trainees will be prepared for teaching the classes over a period of twelve weeks. For ten of those weeks, they will work four to six hours a week with me on methods of teach-

ing and development of lesson plans and materials. They will also learn the basics of reading and writing their language. While the language classes will be primarily oral, we want our teachers to be able to read and write in order to prepare lesson plans.

For two weeks, outside trainers will be brought in to do full day workshops. Definite arrangements for these trainers have not yet been made, but it is expected that at least one will be an American Indian language educator who has trained Indian language teachers on various reservations.

Training sessions will be scheduled with regard to the schedules of the trainees selected. Trainees will be paid for each hour of training or class time that they devote to the project.

To apply for a trainee position,
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Warm Springs Power Enterprises phone number is listed incorrectly in the employee directory. It is 553-1046. We are sorry for the inconvenience to Rose & Pierson.

December birthdays acknowledged

The following individuals celebrated their birthdays during December. Congratulations and many happy returns!

December	
2	Maxine Switzler
6	Lavina Queampts, Emma Telekish
7	Claude Smith, Sr.
8	Chesley Yahtin, Sr., Levi Greene
9	Sammv Danzuka
11	Wilkins "Popeye" Hellon
16	Mildred Tyler
18	Amelia Spino, Caroline Tohet, Sylvia Wallulatum
20	Evelyn D. Sam, Harrison Davis, Sr.
22	Louise Langley
31	Harvey Scott



Merry Christmas



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December 28, 1991

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