

Suppahs prefer the old days compared to today: "People move too fast, always in a hurry"



Franklin "Chin" Suppah at his home in Simnasho.

Franklin Suppah, age 69, was born in Warm Springs November 28, 1926 to Frank Suppah and Clara Scott both of Warm Springs. It has been too long for him to remember his grandmother's name but his grandfather was Jimmy Scott.

Suppah has two brothers and three sisters—Delson Suppah, Frances Suppah, Arlita Rhoan, Ellen Thompson and Delilah Suppah.

Suppah grew up in the Schoolie Flat area farming about 500 acres with his dad. He started learning when they were almost up to getting machinery. They raised about 100 head of cattle.

Suppah said he rode horseback most of his life, that was their transportation until about 1940 his family got a car.

He spoke both English and Indian throughout his life.

He went to school at Warm Springs Boarding School until the tenth grade and played various sports, he said, "You name it, I was there playing it. Except bowling and golf, I didn't want no part of that." He worked at each sport to perfection. He played basketball for a long time at tournaments all over the northwest with various teams. He has won about 35 championship jackets, T-shirts and sweatshirts.

It was in the tenth grade that he was required to transfer to Madras High School, they were to begin associating with Madras. Suppah wanted to transfer to Chemawa so that he could continue playing sports. He was not allowed to do that so he dropped out of school.

During a part of his life he lived with his aunt at the LeClaire Ranch, where they owned three to 400 head of cattle and horses. During this time he gained extensive experience with livestock. He later had one hundred head of cattle of his own and to this day is still raising cattle and race horses.

It was about this time he started going to local rodeos where he used to calf rope, wild cow milk, team rope and saddle bronc. He did this for about ten years. He also began to race horses starting with a saddle horse, then half breeds and running relay pony express. To this day he owns race horses and travels with them all over the Northwest.

Suppah served in the Army and is a veteran of World War II since he was 18. He took his basic training in Texas and was assigned to be a Military Police along the Pacific Coast. He was sent to World War II and it was ending when he got there. He joked with his friends that they heard he was coming and they got scared.

He feels that being in boarding school helped to take care of himself and keeping clean. He felt that it helped him prepare for the service where he took care of himself.

For employment after his military assignment he used to work in the potato fields in Central Oregon. He said working in the old days kept him healthy. He compared today with the old days and said, "Trouble with people these days, too much trouble to work. In the old days you work everyday and you were healthy. Things are too fast now, younger generation always in a hurry and want to take short cuts. Then they expect too much and want it handed to them."

Franklin also expressed that if there was more religion the world wouldn't be so messed up. He and his wife Margaret attend the Washut Services every Sunday.

In 1947 Suppah married Margaret Frank. They have now been

married nearly 50 years and have 10 ten children. Five boys—Frankie, Ronnie, Vernon, Lincoln Jay and Lauren and four girls—Wanda, Lisa, Lorraine and Joycelyn. They have numerous grandchildren, the last time they counted they had 23 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Margaret Frank-Suppah was born August 30, 1932 to Charley Frank and Myrtle Frank. They have both passed on, Charley was in his 50s and Myrtle was in her 80s. Margaret's grandmother's name was Yessesi. That was her little girl Indian name. Her grandfather's name was Jim Yahtin. He was from the Tygh Tribe from Tygh Valley. He lived in Tygh Valley until he was moved here to the reservation.

Margaret's father worked for the Roads Department driving the trucks until he passed on. Her mother picked berries and did summer field jobs. She also worked hides and made gloves in the wintertime, "Like all the old people did," Margaret says.

Margaret had five brothers and three sisters—Atkins Frank, Wilson Frank, Jacob Frank, Alvis Frank and Delbert Frank, Lydia Murphy, Nora Frank and Marena Miller. She has a half brother, Olney Pait.

Margaret grew up in the Simnasho Valley and went to boarding school during World War II. She attended Simnasho School until it closed, she then transferred to boarding school.

Transportation for Margaret's family was horseback and wagons. She says, "Some cars were coming out, Mom had a car but we didn't get to go anywhere with her."

Margaret worked with her mom in berry and potato fields during the summer, they used to pick hops in Corvallis also. She later worked at Kah-Nee-Ta as a maid. She worked at the Tektronics Plant in Warm Springs for 17 years. Now she cooks at the Simnasho Longhouse during Washut Services and is involved in gathering berries and roots for the feast with her daughters.

She never played sports but liked to ride horses and she learned to beadwork.

After marrying Franklin Suppah they traveled with race horses until she got tired of it and decided to stay at home.

Margaret compares the past to the present: "I think we're worse off now than back then. Kids used to listen more but you can't understand them now. They're doing drugs and drinking alcohol. It's kind of sad how they live their lives. You can't tell the younger generation anything, they know it all. They don't like to work, just sit around and do nothing all day."

Margaret suggests that we try to figure out why kids are the way they are. She realizes that parents don't take care of their children anymore. The mother is out working and fighting for her equal rights, not taking care of her children. Margaret feels that women are to be the followers and men are the leaders. The mothers are supposed to take care of their children not the babysitters. She says, "Moms now don't know what their kids are doing or how the babysitters are treating



Franklin "Chin" Suppah served in the Army during World War II.

shouldn't cry around and say "Why did they do this?" They should correct their kids before it comes to this.

She feels that the Warm Springs tribes can afford to have a school built so that the Warm Springs students can attend here. "We've been told that we have to mix with Madras, but, I don't think they'll ever accept us," Margaret said. She goes on to say, "I have grandchildren in sports and you have to be twice as good as the white people to be on the team." She feels that Madras gets a lot of money for our kids but they will drop them out as fast as they can. Then they go to boarding school.

Franklin and Margaret would like to see a store and gas station at Simnasho so they don't have to travel 20 miles to gas up or pick up a loaf of bread.

Margaret also likes the idea of an Old People's Home. She likes the site behind the Senior Citizen Center because there is no hillside. People in Simnasho have a hard time on the hillside, they sometimes fall down.

Franklin likes the idea of having a casino here in Warm Springs but he feels it is in the wrong place and should be along the highway. He says, "They done right by bringing it, if it's taken care of in the right way."

While Margaret is against having a casino, she says, "It's another big problem. Traffic comes through Simnasho fast and sometimes turn into our roads. A group of teens ran our kids dog down once, maybe next time it may be one of our kids."



Margaret Suppah at her home in Simnasho.

them." She said that kids now could put you in jail for spanking them. They know this and so they are not disciplined. The kids are talking back not only at home but at school and on the bus. Margaret says that the parents should be correcting their children in the home, it is not the schools responsibility.

Franklin says, "It should be like the old days, you shake a stick at the kids every now and then. It'll put their ears right back on and they'll think more of it next time. Now they got rules that say you can't touch your kids. That just spoils them." He feels that if there was a whipman in the court and the parents want their kids to get whipped they



Margaret when she was in her teens.

Activities scheduled for the following two weeks of Summer

There are only two more weeks of summer Recreation Program., Summer Food Program and Summer Work Program. Activities from the summer activity guide for the next two weeks are:

- August 2—Field Trip to Trout Lake, leave at 9:00 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m.
- August 3-4—Museum Living Traditions, Dip Net and Pole Fishing

by Hank Palmer, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 August 5—Trout Lake Day Camp, ECE enrolled school-age children between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
 August 3-6—Trout Lake 4-H Camp, Session I for grades 2-5. Camper arrival time-10:00 a.m. to noon. Contact Arlene Boileau at 553-3238 or 3239. Energetic, enthusiastic volunteers needed to lead and guide youth.

August 10-11—Museum Living Traditions, Tribal Traditions for Hunting and Fishing by Terry Courtney, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 August 12-13—Warm Springs Summer Recreation, Free Willy.
 Oregon Coast Aquarium Overnight Trip for Best Junior Helpers. Call for details, limited attendance.
 August 15-16—YDEP Youth Camp Out, Session 2. Call 553-3324 for details.

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August 5—Warm Springs Recreation, "Shoot the Rock," Basketball Camp Skills and drills through fundamentals Open to the public. Starts at 1:00 p.m. Instructor is Randall Cook, Swinomish Tribe.
 August 6—Billy Mills Track Meet at Madras High School Track. Opening ceremony at 5:00 p.m. with events starting at 5:30 p.m. Bus leaves Warm Springs at 4:30 p.m. and returns at 9:00 p.m.
 August 6—Kah-Nee-Ta Jr. Golf Tournament, 553-1112.
 August 7-8—OSU Basketball Camp, coach Jody Spoelstra, OSU Women's Team. Community Center Gym 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 August 7-11—Trout Lake 4-H Camp, Session II, grades 6-9. Camper arrival time 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 August 9—Last day of Summer Recreation and Summer Lunch Program and Summer Work



Penny Carnival had many booths for children, one booth was the jail, children paid five cents to get out of jail.