

COMMUNITY ORGANIZER COMMENTS CON'T . . . .

Chairman, Marvin Kimsey, as soon as possible. Commissioner Ben Magill came in during our meeting and listened a few minutes, since he had other commitments, and felt he wasn't as well informed to give us his support right now. We're hoping to meet with him at a later date. We were very pleased to receive the support of Commissioner Dougherty, who is no stranger to Grand Ronde since he has attended one of our Pow Wows here.

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On Saturday, January 23, 1982, I journeyed to Portland, Oregon to attend the 40th Anniversary Tea for Church Women United. The Tea was held at the First United Methodist Church. After refreshments of cake, coffee and tea, everyone enjoyed a short program which included recognition of all past Presidents of Church Women United. While there, I met Jane Shepard, National Vice Chairwoman of Church Women United among others. I was able to thank her personally for the C.W.U. grant of \$5,000 to The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Indians. This grant enabled the Tribe to hire me as the new Enrollment Clerk during the months of Oct., Nov., Dec., '81 and January '82. During these months on this job, I worked with Cheryl Carl, a part-time Enrollment Clerk. Together we set up the present filing system, identifying Grand Ronde Tribal members who have applied for enrollment by blood quantum, age, state residence, and compiling of a new Enrollment Form to gather the necessary statistics on education, employment, health and housing needed for future testimonies in Washington D.C..

Mrs. Dorothy Ackerman, Rosebud Sioux, a member of United Indian Women Inc. was instrumental in letting me know about the celebration, also, attended. I was invited to return at a later date to do a presentation and to show the slide presentation "Our Hearts Beat As One". Church Women United granted the money used to make the slide presentation possible. Also, C.W.U. has offered to help us by keeping informed of our efforts towards Restoration and also by allowing us to send articles for publication in their Newsletter.

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After meeting with Church Women United I made a visit to the Oregon Historical Society to make copies of two articles published in their publication "Quarterly".

- 1) "The Number and Condition of the Native Race in Oregon When First Seen by The White Men", by John Minto (Sept. 1900) Quarterly
- 2) "Extinguishing Indian Land Titles on the Oregon Coast" by Jerry O'Callaghan (Sept. 1951) Quarterly

These articles were recommended reading on the Grand Rondes from the National Archives, Washington D.C.; a part of the reply to my letter seeking information on The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Another recommendation was to go to the Archives in Seattle, Washington.

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