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Grand Ronde Newsletter

COVER STORY:Notes from the Chairman

On April 29, 1986, I with the General Manager, traveled to Richland, WA to attend the BIA Superintendents conference. It was a two day conference. The conference is held about four times a year to update Superintendents throughout the northwest.

Tribal Council:

Mark Mercier, Chair
 Merle Leno, Vice-Chair
 Kathryn Harrison, Sec/Treas
 Dorothy Greene
 Frank Harrison
 Russ Leno
 Brad Kowing
 Eula Petite
 Candy Robertson

Nelsen Witt, Siletz Superintendent has extended an invitation to the tribes in the agency to attend these conferences.

This meeting revolved around timber management issues, water rights, Indian Acute Distress Donation Program (an agricultural feed program designed to assist Indian Ranchers feed their live stock), Bureau's involvement in Tribal Trade mission. Timber sales contracting, timber infestation control, property control problems.

These meetings are informative and it provides an opportunity to find out what is going on in Indian country. Each tribe and agency is different, but many of the problems which occur are relevant to us. It is also a chance to watch our Bureaucrats at work.

I had a chance to talk to the Area Director about the Housing problem we are facing. The Bureau has been directed to change their approach on housing funds. The Bureau is holding our funds up at the Washington D.C. level. Many tribes are faced with this problem. The Area Director agreed to assist us in resolving this very important problem with us.

Umpqua

Kalapuya

Rogue River

Holalla

Chasta

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