

CF Leaders Hold Meeting

Mrs. Robert Clark, vice chairman of the Central District of Camp Fire Leaders Association gave some helpful hints on selling during the coming Camp Fire Girls candy sale beginning March 1 and continuing for two weeks. She spoke at a meeting of the association held February 6 at the Klamath County Library.

She presented Mrs. W. R. Homer, Mrs. A. E. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Tom Gospodnetich in a skit on the subject.

Mrs. Dollie Moore, field director for Camp Fire, spoke on trees in this locality, told how to identify the varieties, gave interesting information on the origin of tree names and illustrated her talk with a display of cones, leaves and branches.

Since March is Camp Fire birthday month, Camp Fire Church Day is scheduled for March 2 when leaders and Camp Fire Girls are urged to attend the church of their choice.

Hostesses for the social hour which included refreshments served from a table centered with valentine motifs were Mrs. Bernard Flegi, Mrs. Norman Briggs and Mrs. R. L. Harris.

DEATH LEARNED

LAKEVIEW—News was received in Lakeview Saturday of the death of Mrs. Pearl Kain at Hungry Horse, Montana. Mrs. Kain was a Lakeview resident for many years and had many friends in this area. She was reported recovering satisfactorily from a broken hip and injuries sustained while in Lakeview, when death resulted from a heart attack. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 11, at Calispell, Montana.



ELLA HARRIS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Harris, Box 104, Crescent, will be one of the contestants in the Klamath County Junior Chamber of Commerce Junior Miss Oregon of 1958 Contest, which will be held in the Mills School auditorium Tuesday, February 18, at 7:30 p.m. A senior at Gilchrist High School, Ella, 17, is 5 feet 8 and weighs 125. She will give a dramatic reading as her part in the talent portion of the contest and if she wins one of the national prizes in Mobile, Alabama, will attend Brigham Young University and major in education.

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Klamath Tribal Member Gives Termination Plan

Editor's Note: This is a summary of a termination plan proposed by a member of the Klamath Indian Tribe, and is printed in its entirety for our readers.

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Solution to Klamath termination problem—That the federal government withdraw completely from the reservation under the following submitted plan:

1. Qualified Indians to take over all salaried positions under their own management except two top management positions, these top positions to be filled by an Indian council or board of directors securing competent outside personnel.

2. The tribal government and management to handle all sales of timber on the basis of a sustained yield requirement, and to promote earliest reasonable development of water, mineral, surface, subsurface, and other resources.

3. Property within reservation boundary to be subject to taxation.

4. Tribal members to retain all present hunting and fishing rights on tribal property, subject to minimum regulation from outside authority.

5. The Indians to become United States citizens with all the rights and responsibilities appertaining thereto.

6. The matter of withdrawal of members from the tribe to be handled by the tribal government.

Theodore Roosevelt probably was the most athletic of all U.S. Presidents. He took jujitsu lessons, and lost the sight of one eye boxing with a young Army officer in the White House gymnasium.

1. Proposed solutions aim at conservation of the natural resources, but do not conserve the human resources, as witness:

(a) Public Law 587, enacted in 1954, made it possible for many of the Indians to gain easy access to large sums of money, resulting in situations that have raised the enrolled tribal death rate of those in the prime of life perhaps 50 percent to 60 percent higher than the national average.

(b) Under present and currently proposed solutions the human resources are not given proper consideration. Indians taking their equity in cash would, in many cases, soon have it spent and be reduced to poverty and dependence upon charity, either public or private, many of them becoming public charges for the rest of their lives.

(c) There are now no provisions under existing plans offered that will get the Indians back into a situation where self-reliance and initiative will restore their morale. They need to be offered a situation where they are allowed to secure employment to support and raise their families. The present system of Civil Service control over these people tends to appear as a dole from the government instead of what it actually is, division of income from tribal timber and other assets.

2. Proposed solutions do not conserve for the Indians (to whom they now belong) full benefit of the natural resources:

(a) Present proposals effect conservation of timber, but seem not to consider water, mineral, sur-

face, sub-surface, and other resources.

3. Proposed amendments to Public Law 587 would apparently leave much of present tribal property in a non-taxable status, thus causing continued hardship, tax-wise, on Klamath County, which already has much nontaxable national forest land within its boundaries.

(All of these points are presented on the assumption that whatever is best for the people involved and the land is also best for the nation as a whole.)

1. It would give to the Indians full control of the land and resources that by all rights belong to them.

2. It would put the Indians in a position to work out their own future by their own labor and management, thus providing them the opportunity to maintain self-respect and self-reliance through relief from a system of federal supervision as maintained in the past.

3. It would materially lessen the probability of many of them becoming public charges, as would likely happen under other plans submitted.

4. It would protect the timber resources of the reservation from unwise cutting practices and depletion.

5. It would conserve to the Indians their proper rights in all resources of the reservation.

6. It would guarantee to the whole Klamath Basin the following:

(a) Continued proper regard to control of water runoff, thus conserving power projects, irrigation, and so forth, that are now dependent upon proper management of the reservation land area.

(b) Continued sound economic practices and development in the area's economic well-being and also that, indirectly, of other areas.

7. It would benefit Klamath County through:

(a) Increased tax revenue because of Reservation lands being subject to tax.

(b) Probable lower Public Welfare costs.

(c) A stable economy supported by proper management of water runoff, by selective cutting of timber.

(d) Offsetting federal purchase of Klamath Marsh for a National Wildlife Refuge, by placing the marsh on the county tax roll, with probabilities of its development for recreation, hunting, and fishing.

(e) Effecting a program toward early development of mineral and

other Reservation resources.

8. It would benefit the federal government through:

(a) The increase in tax returns.

(b) Reduction in federal expenditure through lessened expense in the Indian Service of the Department of the Interior.

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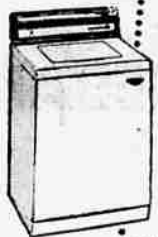
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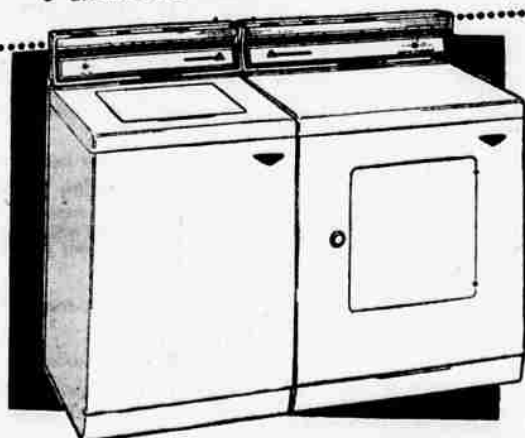
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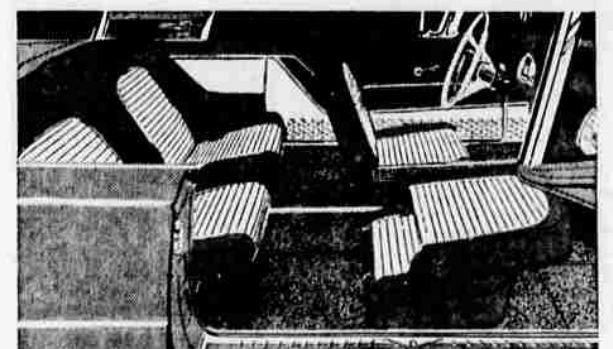
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