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10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDIAN CENTER NEWS

Ten years ago this month the Indian Center News was first published as a means of communication among our people. At that time there were few if any newspapers directed to the Indian people. Starting with a few names of the people directly concerned, the Indian Center News has grown to a publication that is sent to interested people all over America.

By the time the first issue of the News was published in February, 1960, the American Indian Women's Service League had been active for a year and a half since its incorporation in August of 1958. By the time the first News was published there were fifty women and fifteen Associate members, all working toward the opening of an Indian Center, an accomplishment that became a reality six months later with the opening of the first Seattle Indian Center in August of 1960 at 2604 First Avenue.

Now, 10 years later, the women of the Service League and the many members of the community who have consistently worked with them and for them can look back on such events as the acceptance of the Seattle Indian Center as a United Good Neighbor Agency in the second year of its operation; the tremendous effort and time expended in bringing real Indian culture and arts to the Seattle World's Fair in 1962; the annual

Indian Center -sponsored Salmon Bake that first at Seward Park and now at Alki Point has become an integral part of the Seattle Seafair; the yearly Indian Arts and Crafts displays and demonstrations at the Seattle Center; all part of the growing commitment of the Service League-sponsored Indian Center and the City of Seattle.

A growing part of the community, the Seattle Indian Center and the Indian Center News have changed their face from time to time as the needs of the Indian community have changed. From the early focus on the indigent of the Indian community and their problems with health, hospitalization, employment, and welfare, the Indian Center and the News have grown with the years to first include the many social needs of their members and the Indian community as a friendly meeting place and means of communication with others with similar needs and problems, to include the significant programs with education (Upward Bound), improved teaching methods (WWSC Teacher-Training Summer Workshop), heritage teaching (National Foundation for the Humanities grant), and legal education (NFH). Cooperation with other programs has continued to add breadth to the program for adults and youth centered around  
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such fun programs for Indians and their families as Wednesday night Family Indian Dancing, the Indian Center Pow-Wow, Youth Activities and education workshops and other activities that bring Indians from all tribes together in a cooperative community program.

For the past five years in its present location at 1900 Boren Avenue, the Seattle Indian Center and its newspaper and their sponsor the American Indian Women's Service League look forward to a vastly increased facility for Indians and an even more community-oriented program in the coming years. Plans for an Indian Center Long House - a building that will combine the office, social and community obligations of Indians with a museum, sales room, display areas, meeting rooms and teaching classrooms for Indian Art and culture programs - are presently being considered. Hopefully, a 20th anniversary piece on the Indian Center News will be from that new facility that will better include the rest of Seattle as well as tourists who wish to seek out the real Indian culture of the Pacific Northwest.

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COUNSELING PROGRAM - INDIAN CENTER

Mr. James Somday (Colville) has assumed the duties of Supervisor of the Upward Bound counseling program at the Indian Center. He replaces Miss Jean Hunt who has resigned.

Mr. Somday has moved back to this area from Port Angeles. He has visited various high schools, colleges, and arranged additional help for students in that area during his sojourn there.

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Cindy Doney has had a busy month. After a week's vacation during the Christmas holidays she has visited all of the schools in her area again; has attended several evening meetings at Muckleshoot, Bellevue, Tacoma and Fife. She also attended meetings for Evaluation of Project Overcome with Miss Thomas at Franklin High School.

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Bertha M. Russell returned to work following two months of leave. Up to January 5 she had made 22 student contacts, 51 phone contacts and 112 others. She has been busy contacting counselors, calling families and students to ferret out problems, assisted several students in changing programs and tutoring. She attended several meetings of EWSC-UB and was speaker at several organizations.

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POSITION AVAILABLE

Program Associate - Indian Education.  
Salary - \$12,000  
Twelve months with one month vacation.  
Position: Lecturer, Department of Education, Central Washington State College.  
Center for Study of Migrant and Indian Education.

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TRIBAL ELECTION

(From the Yakima Reservation News)

Tribal Council Officers elected were:

Chairman: Robert B. Jim  
V-Chrmn: Eagle Seelatsee  
Secretary: Genevieve Hooper  
Asst. Sec: Babtist Lumley  
Sgt. at Arms: Moses Dick

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## SEATTLE INDIANS DISCUSS UNITY

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Seattle Human Rights Commission invited several Indians and members of Indian organizations to meet with them on Tuesday, January 27th to discuss means of establishing a better means of unity.

It was felt that a need for unity prevailed as the first requirement by the various organizations before any of them would be able to effectively represent completely the needs of their people.

The general consensus was that more could be accomplished for the Indian people in regard to health, education, welfare, housing, employment, cultural and sports activities, etc. if we united as a solid front.

A second meeting aimed at establishing a format for possible monthly meetings will be held February 16, at 7 p.m. at the A.F.S.C. Offices, 814 N. E. 40th (just Northwest of the University Bridge). At least 2 or 3 representatives from each of the following organizations will be invited and can expect equal time to voice his views:

American Indian Students Assn.  
Alcoholics Anonymous (Indian)  
National Assoc. of Blackfeet  
Indian Basketball Teams  
Catholic Indian Association  
First Avenue Center  
Seattle Indian Center/ Amer.  
Indian Women's Service  
League  
Northwest Inter-Tribal Dance  
Club  
Kinatechitapi Indian Council  
Seattle War-Dance  
Gros Ventre Association  
Tlingit-Haida Central Council  
Alaska Native Brotherhood and  
Sisterhood  
Northwest Indians

Feb. 1 Indian Center Sunday Dinner, 1 to 4 p.m.

3 GED Classes

10 7

17 to

24 10 p.m.

12 American Indian Women's Service League Meeting  
7:30 p.m.

16 Quarterly meeting of Indian Center Advisory Board  
- noon luncheon

12 Annual Abraham Lincoln's Birthday Celebration at the Satus Longhouse - Tribal dancing nightly through weekend (North Satus Road).

20 - 22 Annual George Washington's Birthday celebration - Tribal Community Center on Myers Road just S.E. of Toppenish. On 22, dinner honoring veterans. Special guests will be Miss Indian American and Senator Henry M. Jackson.

4, 11, 18, 25 Family night at the Indian Center - Indian singing and dancing.

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It must be understood in advance that no single organizations or individuals will be permitted to represent any of the other organizations in word or print unless so designated by that organization.

If there are other interested organizations or individuals interested in attending please state your interest when writing for more information to: Bernie White Bear, 2031 South Ferdinand Street, Seattle, Washington, 98108.

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JOBS AVAILABLE

Skagit Valley Community College needs teachers to teach mechanics. Hiring starts in February. Program to start in March. Call Mr. Willard Bill, director at Skagit Valley Community College for more information.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Small Tribes of Western Washington has been requested by the Association of American Indian Affairs of New York to sponsor a Pow-wow for the Alaskan Federation of Natives.

It will be held at the Pacific Lutheran College auditorium located at 124th and Yakima Street in Tacoma, Washington.

The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 7 and supper will be served beginning at 4 p.m.

There will be no charge, but donations will be accepted. All Indians are welcome to attend, as well as non-Indians.

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INFORMATION AVAILABLE

To all Tribal Representatives:

Because I am close to the University Library I would be glad to send the local tribes a copy of the original document that established these small tribes along the Coast. This document supports our birthright of salmon. It is very enlightening, valuable and interesting. Its cost? Only a nickle a page, plus postage. Write:

Pauline Covington  
1741 Belmont Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98121

FREE INDIAN MEDICAL CLINIC

An Indian Medical Clinic will open on February 2, at the Public Health Hospital (Marine) and will be free to all Indians. There will be no charge for prescriptions, x-rays or doctor calls.

The clinic will be open three nights a week: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Signs will direct you to the clinic which will be on the 2nd floor. The clinic will be staffed by Indian volunteers.

For more information call the Kin-atechitapi office: PA 3 4311 or PA 3 8211.

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INDIAN PROGRAM ON TELEVISION

Save Wednesday morning, February 25 and turn on the Len Sampson "Good Morning" show. Frank White Buffalo Man will discuss the book "My Friend the Indian, Sitting Bull", a re-issue of an old classic from Superior Press. Frank will also do some of his Sioux ceremonials. Remember, KOMO on Wednesday, the 25th.

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UGN HONORS

Helen White Eagle and Betty Seiber represented the Indian Center at the annual luncheon of UGN where Helen accepted an award for the Center for being a full-share contributor for five years.

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Leo LeClair has been elected to a 3-year term on the Muckleshoot Tribal Council - Auburn.

FROM THE TEEPEES

CRADLE BOARD ROLL CALL

Elizabeth and Nick Johnson are the proud parents of their first-born a baby boy born on January 2, weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces - and named Marc Allen. Elizabeth is the daughter of Amos and Georgianna Whetung. The baby was born on Grandpa's birthday.

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Lena McGee and her sister Agnes Penn were recent visitors on their way home to Neah Bay after a trip to California by plane to visit Mrs. McGee's daughter.

CORRECTIONS

Elizabeth Morris was the one named to the NEH program, not Marirose.

ALSO we're sorry to have omitted Linda DeLorm's name as one of the Christmas volunteers. Hope we didn't miss any others. If so, please let us know as all help was greatly appreciated.

WEDDING BELLS

On Saturday, January 10, Loretta Trujillo, daughter of Ramona Benke of Port Angeles, and Steve Robideaux, son of Mrs. Ben Stiffarm, were married. They will live in Seattle.

Katherine Kerstetter flew to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Indiana to attend the wedding of her son Spec/5 Robert J. Kerstetter who was married in the Post Chapel to Roberta Isaac, daughter of Marybelle and Robert Isaac of Green-

ville, Indiana on January 16. By choice, Katherine came back by train. The weather was pretty rough.

ON THE SICK LIST

There is a lot of illness going around. Joycelle Smythe is recuperating from a siege of Pneumonia. Myrtle Solberg had the flu. So did Doris Fleming, Rita Jametski. Aleatha Runnels is at University Hospital but up and around again.

Mrs. Chad Judson (Mickey) of Port Angeles was a patient at the Swedish Hospital where she had major surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

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News was that the Seattle drummers and singers took second place in the competition in Oregon last month.

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Alma Chastain will head a group who plan to start working with Northwest Indian dancing. Call her for further information.

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The Puyallup Tribal Council is sponsoring Indian dancing every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 10 p.m./ everyone is welcome. It is being held at the Indian Mission adjacent to what used to be the Cushman Hospital. Seattle singers and drummers - go over to help.

(This recipe is from Old and New Indian Recipes, published by the American Indian Women's Service League, and sold at the Seattle Indian Center.)

SOAP BERRY (SWA-SUM) (CLALLAM)  
(Botanical name is Sheppherdia Canadensis)

1 Tbsp. crushed ripe berries                      2 Tbsp. water  
Sugar to taste

First, crush the berries; add the water and beat with egg beater until you can turn the bowl upside down without losing the contents. Very much like the white of eggs when beaten to stiff consistency. When this last stage is reached, add sugar to taste. At no time during the making of this Indian ice cream allow even one drop of grease to touch the soap berry, otherwise it will not rise, regardless of how long or hard you beat the substance.

This berry grows in isolated places in the State of Washington, most particularly on the Olympic Peninsula.

Marion Lambert Vincent  
(Clallam)

[Eds. note: This may seem a little out of season for July berry-pickers, but we do not publish in July and suggest you clip and save so that you will be ready for a rare treat.]

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