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INDIAN CENTER SPONSORS CHRISTMAS
BASKETS AND CHILDREN'S PARTY

provided Christmas stockings for
the children's party.

The Seattle Indian Center had its most bountiful Christmas this year with members of the American Indian Women's Service League and the staff of the Center working valiantly through the Christmas month to put on a Christmas party for over 300 Indian children and to distribute more than 200 baskets of food and children's gifts to families.

Contributions to the Christmas fund included many from churches, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, women's groups, clubs, stores and individuals. Many money contributions were designated for special parts of the Christmas basket program, such as a \$600 contribution from the Boeing Employees Good Neighbor fund to be used for meat, fruit, and bread; \$250 from John N. Porter for new toys for each child, \$20 from the Harvey Davises for candy (this is the 9th year that Harvey and his wife have contributed candy for the children's party); Winnie McDonald, \$50 for candy.

69 different groups, individuals and businesses contributed money; 82 separate individuals and groups, clothing; 57, toys and gifts; and 37, canned goods. In addition, 23 groups of Camp Fire Girls, Girls Scouts, church women's groups, Indian guides and Quota Club groups

For the Children's Christmas party held December 13 at St. James Cathedral Church school, AIWSL members provided cookies and coffee for the parents, Grandma's Cookies sent 40 dozen cookies, Arden Ice Cream, 400 dixie cups and the church providing the auditorium. Mr. Wilbur Betts, long-time friend of the Center, did his usual fine job as Santa..

\$1,083.15 was contributed in all to the Christmas fund, ranging from \$5 to \$600. Extra children's Christmas stockings were given to the Muckleshoot Tribe for distribution at their Christmas party. Any other extra contributions were sent to other tribes.

The Indian Center and the American Indian Women's Service League have had many thank yous from the recipients and want to pass their thanks to the many members of the Western Washington community who helped them provide a better Christmas for many Indian families.

THANKS TO CHRISTMAS HELPERS

Marirose Morris headed the committee putting on the Children's Christmas party and sincerely thanks the many

AIWSL members who came to the church WITH THE DIRECTOR

to assist.

The following volunteers helped prepare and give out over 200 Christmas boxes - Betty Stiber, who helped out every day for two weeks, Alma Chastain, Dicie Kauffman, who came often right after work, Joycelle Smythe and husband Bob, Zena DeLorm, Odelia Hunter, Allegra Gardner, Mary Jo Butterfield, Doris Fleming and daughter Debbie, and Pearl Warren.

Other helpers were: Aloma Danley, Lena Dunstan, Mr. and Mrs. Soludo, Kimberly Garcia, Adeline Garcia, Edith George, Violet Wing, Lottie Fenton, Virginia Lambert, Helma Ward; Sharon Chase, Jim Somday, Helen White Eagle and Dorothy Lombard.

Men who gave a helping hand were: Joe Frank; Bob Sheldon, Abner Johnson, Ralph Holland, Alex Jackson, David Charles, John Hudson, Earl George, Harry Wayne and Tony Jefferson.

An interesting note: In all of the applications there were only two during applications.

A special pleasure this year was being able, through the generosity of Mr. Porter, to add anew toy for each child in the families who received baskets of food.

We have only the finest of praise for the volunteer women and men who accomplished these programs in addition to the tremendous Thanksgiving dinner and baskets, the regular December and January potlucks and the fine dinner and program following the death of our friend Reuben Colby. It has been a busy but rewarding month for everyone at the Indian Center and in the American Indian Women's Service League.

- Dec. 1 - Speaker, 9th grade class, Bellevue Jr. High
- Speaker, Shoreline High School Senior class
- 2 - Lecture, Seattle Community College, Contemporary problems of Indians in the city
- 4 - Montlake Terrace High School history class
- 5 - Upward Bound staff meeting
- 6 - Univ. of Wash. chapter, D.A.R.
- 9 - Noon meeting, King County Law and Justice Advisory Comm.
- 10 - Jefferson House Board Mtg.
- 11 - American Indian Women's Service League Meeting
- 19 - Indian Center Operating Committee noon meeting
- 21 - Speaker, Mount Baker Presbyterian Church, and to accept white Christmas gifts for Indian Center Christmas boxes.

22 - Maywood Jr. High speaker (Pearl Warren took a week of vacation during Christmas and spent it visiting with Indian friends throughout the Northwest. The following is a quick resume of Pearl's week away from the Center.)

"Took a week off, went to Bellingham and visited Joe Washington and family; visited Juanita Sabota; then went to Vancouver, B.C. and had tea with Hattie Ferguson; shopped at a few Indian stores, then went to North Vancouver to the Squamish Reservation. Went out for Chinese food with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Paul and spent the night with them (See separate story about activities at Squamish). Left for Victoria, visited more Indian stores and took the ferry to Pt. Angeles and to Neah Bay. Visited Binky Thompson and family, bought some baskets and stayed for the funeral of Harriett McCarty. Had dinner

ner at the Makah Community Hall. Went to Forks, visited Mr. and Mrs. Phil Riibe and family and the next morning after breakfast went to LaPush to visit the Vista workers. Talked about a study hall at LaPush. Got a fresh salmon out of the river from Esau Penn and came home to rest".

SQUAMISH INDIANS RECEIVE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The Squamish Band of Indians of North Vancouver, B.C. are in the process of administering their own economic development program on their Reserve. The Canadian Indian Affairs Department has turned over St. Pauls Indian Day School Building and about 7 acres of land to the Band as an Administrative center. The building was remodelled and re-decorated to make the school rooms usable as offices. One area has been made into a large Council Meeting room with conference tables and comfortable chairs.

Staff of the office consists of: Business Manager, Sammy Lewis; Office Manager, Gloria Joe; Receptionist, Mrs. Janet Williams; 2 secretaries, Mrs. Lillian Peters and Janet Baker; Social Worker, Harry LaValle and his assistant, Glen Newman.

In addition to handling their own leasing programs, operating a successful Marina, and now handling administration of government welfare on the Reserve, the Band offers the following programs for members: Adult education, basket making, bead-making, language, black velvet painting, dress and pattern making. The Band's Youth Group has Basketball, boxing, hockey, volley ball and La

- Jan. 4: Sunday Potluck
- 8: American Indian Women's Service League
- 9: Indian Center Operating Committee - lunch
- 7) Wenesday night Indian
- 14) family dancing and
- 21) Singing 7:30 at the
- 28) Indian Center

- Feb. 1: Sunday Dinner
- Open to Public
- Adults 1.25
- Children under 12 .75
- 1 to 4 p.m.

Crosse, and Indoor soccer. The 1100 member Band has a \$306,000 budget for education, welfare and medical care.

TRIBUTE TO DEPARTED

The Indian Center was the scene of an age-old Indian tradition after the funeral of Rueben Colby (Makah). Without fuss or fanfare his friends gathered together - people from many walks of life - people he had met and worked with - usually at some Indian-sponsored event, where he gave a willing and helping hand. Friends came bearing gifts of food and over 200 people were fed. Several of his closest friends paid him tribute - telling of past incidents. How he enjoyed the Indian singing and dancing - how he helped so many times at salmon bakes and Indian events. How he named the Northwest **Inter-Tribal Dance Club** - how he offered to be responsible for opening the Indian Center on Wednesday nights so that families could enjoy meeting and singing and dancing. As one of his relatives said, "This was as it should be... the Uniting of many tribes. Frank

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Tribute (Con't)

White Buffalo Man (in the Sioux tradition passed around cigarettes to everyone present) and sang a Sioux song.

His family sincerely thanks each and every one for this Tribute.

EDUCATION AND COUNSELING WITH UPWARD BOUND

Jim Somday, Upward Bound counselor for the Western District met with students, tribal council members and school authorities at the Junior High, High School and College levels during December. He visited schools in Hoquiam, Shelton, Aberdeen, Port Angeles, Bremerton, Neah Bay, Forks, and Taholah.

29 individuals were counseled along with 135 students who participated in group counseling sessions.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Everyone is welcome at the 6th annual Washington's Birthday All-Indian Invitational Basketball tournament, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 20, 21 and 22, at the Tribal Community Building, Lapwai, Idaho.

Sponsored by the Nez Perce Nation Athletic Association, 8 teams have been invited to participate - from Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Wyoming. The tournament will begin Friday, Feb. 20 at 1 p.m.

The Queen's Tournament Ball will be held on February 14 at 9 p.m. with a \$1.75 admission charge. Indian dances will be held at half time during the evening games.

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For further information about the basketball tournament write to:

Ben J. Arthur
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Lapwai, Idaho
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FIRST ANNUAL SEATTLE ALL-INDIAN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

1. Nisqually
2. Warm Springs
3. Tillicum Village (Seattle)
4. Seattle T-Birds
5. Alaskan Nuggets
6. Seattle Roadrunners
7. Toppenish Papooses
8. Skokomish

Jim McCloud (Nisqually) was named the most valuable player.

High scorer was Randay Hayward of Alaska.

SEATTLE T-BIRDS 10TH ANNUAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

The Seattle T-Birds will sponsor their 10th Annual invitational All-Indian basketball tournament at the Fort Lawton Gymnasium, January 29 through February 1. 16 teams have been invited to participate.

On Saturday, January 31, competition Indian dancing will be held from 6 to 7 p.m.

Chairman of the affair is Chuck Davis of the T-Birds.

The Special Session of the legislature will consider two bills removing the words "that Indians not taxed shall never be allowed the

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FROM THE TEEPEES

Amos and Georgianna Whetung had an extra nice Christmas. His daughter, Carol and baby daughter Danya Marie flew here from Norwich, England to spend the holidays - returning to England on January 8.

Mr. Jim Somday welcomed his wife who returned from Peru just in time for the holidays. Her sister accompanied her. They have moved to Port Angeles to be closer to his work.

Edith George was commended for her faithful attendance in working in the clothing department for four months while Lottie Fenton was on the ailing list.

Aleatha Olney is out of the hospital and doing fine.

Bill DePoe was involved in an accident and hospitalized. He is now out of the hospital and recovering rapidly.

Alex Jackson ably presented his crafts to 14 classes at Blaine Jr. High, talking to them about Indian crafts as well as the Christmas program at the Indian Center.

Mary Jo and George Butterfield spent New Years at Neah Bay, Washington.

A group of students from Lapwai, Idaho and surrounding areas were holiday visitors to the Center, here on an educational tour of the Northwest. They were: Melvin Wheeler, Sylvia Penny, Frank Penny, Susie Penny, Joa Ana Kauffman,

Vanessa Carter, Loretta Penny. Chaperones were Mrs. Lillian Moses, the Rev. Henry Sugden and daughter Beth. While in Seattle this group stayed at the Beacon Hill Presbyterian Church.

Philip Bracero is driving No. 50 Gray Top cab. He hopes to one day have his own cab.

Ramona Benke was in town recently to make arrangements for daughter Teko's coming marriage.

Jean Hunt has returned from a vacation spent in Vermillion, South Dakota.

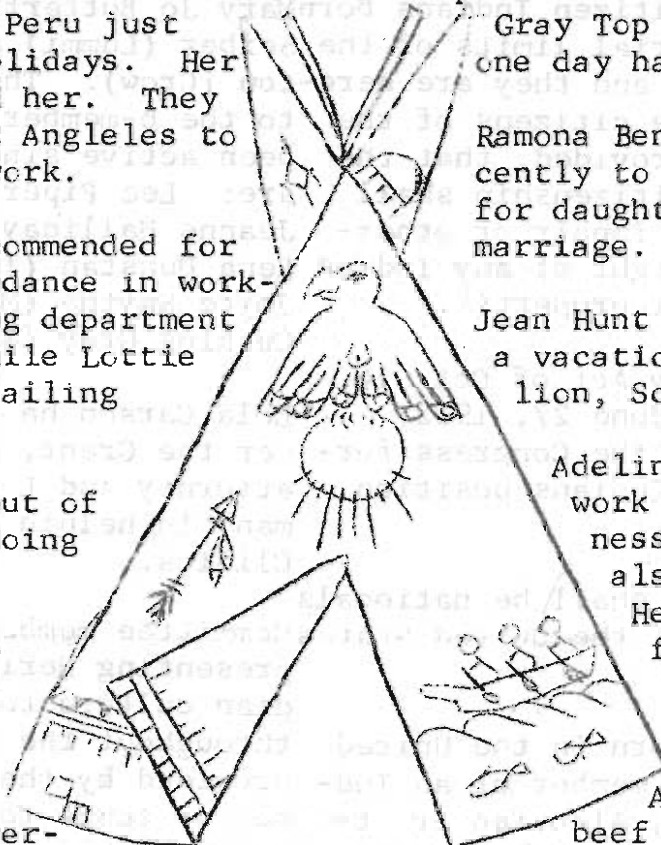
Adeline Garcia is back at work after a week's illness. Sharon Chase is also back at work.

Helen White Eagle flew to Kamiah, Idaho to attend a tribal meeting.

A very tasty roast beef dinner was served to the public on January 4. Lee Piper was chief cook, assisted by Ida Dahl, our ever-faithful volunteer, Meredith Mummey, Mildred Morias, Betty Seiber, and Lee's daughter. Men helpers were Joe Frank, Bob Sheldon and Eddie Teton.

Sympathies to Ruth Johnson and family whose son passed away after a lengthy illness on Friday, Jan. 2. The funeral was held in Neah Bay on January 7th. He was the brother of Joycelle Smythe and Dicie Kaufman.

We will miss the Rev. Herbert Bauck who has moved to California. He has been a long-time worker on the 5 Center Operating and Advisory Comm.



Legislature Asked to Remove Indian
Citizenship Wording from Constitu-
tion (Continued from page 4)

elective franchise".

Such denials of Indian rights to citizenship in State Constitutions have been ineffective since the Act of June 2, 1924, 43 Fed Stat 253, ... That all non-citizen Indians born within the Territorial limits of the United States be, and they are hereby, declared to be citizens of the United States: provided, that the granting of any citizenship shall not in any manner impair or otherwise affect the right of any Indian to tribal or other property".

In the Nationality Act of Oct. 14, 1940, re-enacted June 27, 1952, 8 U.S. Code 1401, the Congress further assured the Indians position as full citizens:

- A. (the following shall be nationals and citizens of the United States at birth:
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 - 2. (A person born in the United States to a member of an Indian, Eskimo, Aleutian or other aboriginal tribe"....

Word from Olympia is that State Senator Martin Durkan has introduced S.J.R. 3 to specifically remove this wording from the Constitution, and that Senator Marquart and others who have introduced S.J.R. 9 (the 18-year-old vote bill) have removed this wording from that legislation.

It is important that Indian people let their State Representatives know that it is important to them to have this sentence removed from the State Constitution. Call on or write your State legislators to support this Resolution.

NEH COMMITTEE ADDS MEMBERS

At its December meeting, the American Indian Women's Service Committee added 5 more volunteers to the Education Committee of the National Endowment for the Humanities Grant.

New members are: Ramona Bennett Puyallup), Marirose Morris (Sioux), Mary Jo Butterfield (Makah), Betty Seiber (Lummi) and Lola Carson Buxton (Crow). These are in addition to the 6-member committee who have been active since last summer. They are: Lee Piper (Eastern Cherokee), Jeanne Halliday (Warm Springs), Lena Dunstan (Interior Salish, B.C.), Joyce Smythe (Makah), and Maxine Cushing Gray (Associate).

Lola Carson has also begun work under the Grant, to help Gary Bass, attorney and Legal Committee chairman, in helping to set up Legal Clinics.

Committee members are presently presenting Heritage programs on Indian culture to school classes throughout the area. Through funds provided by the Grant, members can set up teams to work on programs and pay the participants for their actual time used.

NEH GRANT COMMITTEE LISTS INDIAN EDUCATORS

Under its Self-Help Project grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Indian Women's Service League has prepared the following comprehensive list of persons of Indian Heritage in the field of education in this area

Readers of the Indian Center News are invited to make known to the coordinator, Maxine Cushing Gray, (con't. page 7)

Indian Educator Lists (Cont.)

either corrections to the list or names that should be added: certified teachers, administrators, teacher aides or counselors in any school district, parochial or private school or college in the Pacific Northwest.

In compiling this tentative list our thanks go to Jean Hunt, Gail Paul, Lorraine Misiaszek, Chuck McEvers, Bert Peters and all others who helped the AISWL Grant Comm.

Educators include (space limitations will not allow us to include job descriptions and school districts): Elaine Baker (Muckleshoot) Phyllis Barr (Muckleshoot), Stanley Baulne (Colville), Willard E. Bill (Duwamish), Donna M. Brownfield (Duwamish), Catherine Capoeman (Quinault), Amelia Caskey (Thlingit), Mrs. Jeannette Casmir (Lummi), Ruth Charles (Clallam), Mrs. Lois Charley (Quinault), Sharon Chase (Smith River, Calif.), Mrs. Alice Chenois (Quinault), Phil Claymore (Sioux), Lloyd Colfax (Makah), Embert Demmert (Thlingit), Leroy Demmert (Thlingit) Lawrence Demmert (Thlingit), Mrs. Lorraine Doebbler, (Clallam).

Others in the educational field include: Mrs. Cynthia Doney (Warm Springs), Mrs. Harriette Shelton Dover (Tulalip), Mrs. Adeline Garcia (Haida), Miss Bertha George (Haida), Theodore D. George (Clallam), Mrs. Elaine Grinnell (Clallam), Mrs. Vera Harris, Mrs. Cecilia M. Hawk (Suquamish), Garnet Hepfer (Mrs. Phil Clark, Jr.) (Clallam), Mrs. Laverne Hepfer (Clallam), Marjorie Hill (Quinault) Mary Ellen Hillaire (Lummi), Jean Hunt (Yakima) Daniel Iyall (Nisqually), James Landy (Swinomish), Willy James (Quinault), Mary Jerry (Muckleshoot) and Marie Jones (Quinault).

Also listed are: John Kauffman (Nez Perce), Alan Ledford (Tulalip), Xaviar Lewis (Colville), Robert Lupson (Eskimo), Russell Markish-tum (Makah), Dr. John Mattson (Ojibway), Mrs. Ellen McCarty, Francis McCrory (Quinault), Edward Mercado (Thlingit), George E. Mills (Blackfeet), Mrs. Lorraine F. Misiaszek (Colville), Ray Mitchell (Swinomish), Darlene M. Moses (Colville), Mrs. Modelle Mudd (Cheokee), Mrs. Mary F. Nelson (Colville), Florence Avey O'Brien (Eskimo), Rosemary Pachecko (Muckleshoot), David Parker (Makah) and Priscilla Peterkin.

Other Indians involved in education are: Clarence Pickernell (Quinault), Larry Porter (Sioux), David Purdy (Quinault), Violet Ray (Yakima), Joe Redthunder (Colville) Mrs. Bertha Russell (Colville), Leta Shale (Quinault), Frank Sheldon (Muckleshoot), Naomi Shepherd (Yakima), Stanley Smartlowit (Yakima), James Somday (Colville), Mrs. Marie Starr (Muckleshoot), Ben Stiffarm (Gros Ventre), Rene Tillman (Thlingit), Clifford R. Townsend (Shoshone), Edward Verney (Tsimpshian), David Ward (Yakima/Cherokee), Wilfred C. Wasson (Coos), George Kegan Williams, Jr. (Thlingit), Mrs. Charlotte Williams (Muckleshoot), Helene Williams (Muckleshoot), and from the University of Washington staff, Linda Belarde (Thlingit) and Larry Merculieff (Aleut).

Lucky Milton and Dorothy Lombard suffered only minor injuries in a accident downtown just before Christmas. However their car is still in the garage getting repaired. Jerry Garcia also is carless after a no-injury accident during the holidays.

LEGEND

HOW THE FISH GOT IT'S GILLS

Once a young girl was sitting by the water. She was very lonely for she had no companion. The girl picked up a small pebble and wished that it was a little boy; and the pebble did turn into a little boy.

The little boy learned many things. He carved a bone-handled knife for himself. One time the little boy fell into the lake and a big fish swallowed him. He didn't know what to do, but he took out his knife and cut on each side of the fish's head until he could get out. And that is why the fish has an opening on each side of his head.

Joseph Blue Horse (Sioux)

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