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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the first meeting of the season, on September 12, the American Indian Women's Service League unanimously elected the following for two-year terms:

Lee Piper (Eastern Cherokee), Edmonds - President.
Lee is Past Chairman of the Education Committee and has been very active at the Indian Center

Adeline Garcia (Haida)- Treasurer, who will take charge of finances for the League.
Adeline has been on the Indian Center staff and is now Secretary of the Indian Center Education Counciling program for Upward Bound.

Congratulations to these two women who have accepted these high offices in the Service League.

The members would like to publicly thank the following for their two years of devoted services:

Zena DeLorm (Munsee) - President

Meredith Mummey (Makah) - Treasurer

Many thanks for the hours they devoted to their respective offices.

ABOUT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

From the Social Security Office,
230 Fairview Avenue North
Seattle, Washington 98144
Phone: 583-4600

CHILDREN of deceased women workers may receive payments even though the mother hasn't worked recently. This change would also apply if the mother is receiving disability or retirement payments.

YOUNG DISABLED workers, under age 31, may now qualify for payments with less than 5 years of work under Social Security. Disabled VIET NAM VETERANS and their families are eligible too.

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1. Proof of Age: If your birth or baptism was recorded before you were 5, the birth certificate or baptism record will be required. If you don't have the record in your possession, contact the Vital Statistics office or church holding your records for a certified copy. If you don't have and can't get one of these early records, other kinds of proof can be used. Bring any records you have that show your age or date of birth.

2. Earnings Information: You will be asked to supply information on your earnings during the past and present year. Bring your W-2 form for the past year and figures on your total earning to date in the present year.

3. Information about Children: Your children may qualify for payments if they are unmarried and either under 18, or under 22 and attending school full time (disabled children can qualify regardless of their age, but only if they became disabled before they were 18). Bring birth certificates for any of your children who appear to be eligible for payment.

4. Information about Your Wife: Your wife can qualify for payment if she is 62 or older, or if she is caring for a child who is under 18 or who is eligible for payment as a disabled child. If your wife is eligible, she should accompany you when you file your claim. Proof of her age will be needed if she is over 62. If either of you were married before, you should be able to give dates of earlier marriage or divorce. Even if your wife is not presently eligible for payment, you will be asked the date of your marriage and her date of birth.

5. Social Security Numbers: Bring your number with you. If wife or children are eligible bring their numbers also.

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FOR THE TEEPEES

Unintentionally, we omitted a few names of volunteers who helped us at our annual salmon bake in July at Alki Park: Jerry Garcia not only helped take supplies out there, he also helped bring them back to the Center--thanks Jerry-- and to the performers who donned heavy buckskin costumes on that very warm day--thanks--we know it was hot because everyone got sunburned. Bill Cagey (Lummi) who was here visiting from California, came to the Indian Center and wound up spending all day helping cut and prepare the fish for the salmon bake--many thanks, Bill, for all your help.

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A surprise birthday party was held by members of the Service League for Meredith Mummey (Makah) and Ida Dahl (Steilacoom). Each thought she was coming to the other's party so it was a nice surprise for both.

Joycelle Smith (Makah) volunteered one afternoon to help Staff put up layettes. Tiv Nichols (Sioux) also spent two days helping at the Center.

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Nora Barker, Mabel Robertson and Helen Peterson (Makahs), Neah Bay, stopped by to say hello on their way to the Puyallup Fair.

Six Junior High leaders from Stevens Jr. High, Port Angeles, and their counselor, Mrs. Grass, stopped at the Indian Center recently. They were: Jennie Sampson (Clallam), Diane Turrey (Clallam), Suzie Sampson (Clallam), Lorna Charles (Clallam) and Mary Anne Lehuis and Cindy Ann Batchelor.

The American Indian Women's Service League served luncheon to the Community Action Program meeting at the Indian Center, Sept. 30.

At the September meeting of the American Indian Women's Service League Mary Jo Butterfield (Makah) presented Alma Chastain (Lummi) with a Service League silver pin in recognition of volunteer work she so faithfully performed when asked. This involved running errands, taking and picking up younger children, sorting and helping with school clothes on Saturdays and helping with the Seafair parades and dance activities.

Gwen Woods (Makah) and Alma Chastain (Lummi) represented the Indian Center at the first United Good Neighbors fund raising report luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce where Alma accepted the Indian Center's fourth year award.

St. Francis School, Seahurst, students collected 2 truckloads of assorted clothing and bedding for the Indian Center. Thanks to Joy and Bob Smythe and Dicie Kauffman who picked them up and delivered them to the Center.

School Clothing: Saturdays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. school clothing will be given out. The volunteer workers leave soon afterwards.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The American Indian Women's Service League welcomed the following new members:

Tiv Nichols (Sioux), Ella Frank (Quinault), Dorothy Jackson, Lena Dunstan, Carlotta Aguilar (Colville), Jessie Forbes (Haida), Rose Willoya, Sr., Olive Ogle (Sioux of High River, Alberta, Canada), Frances SiJohn, Wellpinit, Wash.

And Associate Members are: Ruth Price and Barbara Ellis.

We now have over 100 paid up members. How about you? Have you renewed your membership or would you like to become a member? Cost is \$1.00 for 1968-69 and for Associate Members, \$2.00. Come and bring a friend. We would like to see our membership hit 200.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 6 - Sunday dinner, 1-4 p.m. Open to public. Adults: \$1.25, Kids under 12 75¢. (Fund raising dinners for Indian Center)
 - Oct. 10 - Amer. Indian Women's Service League - 7:30 p.m. Hostesses: Cora Clem, Tiv Nichols, Elizabeth Morris.
 - Oct. 11 - Indian Center Operating Committee - noon lunch
 - Oct. 15 - Mothers Club, 7:30 p.m. Loons Necklace movie.
 - Oct. 21 - Education Club - 6:30 supper meeting. Jean Hunt, Chairman
 - Oct. 29 - Mothers Club - 7:30
- Every Wednesday at 7:30 - Dance group. Every Thursday is clothing day at the Center.
- Nov. 3 - Sunday Dinner, 1-4 p.m.

INDIAN TIMBER HARVEST SETS NEW RECORD HIGH FOR 1967

Timber harvesting on Indian reservations set records during the 1967 calendar year, in terms of both cash and timber volume, a final tabulation by the Bureau of Indian shows.

Cash sales exceeded 900 million board feet and provided gross receipts of \$17.9 million. This compares with a total of 527 million board feet and \$10.7 million gross sales ten years ago, and about 802 million board feet, with \$15.4 million in cash sales for 1966, and 811 million board feet and approximately \$13 million in cash sales in 1965.

The 1967 sales provided an estimated 6,300 year-long jobs in the forest industries on or near Indian reservations. Average stumpage price was \$19.85 per thousand board feet.

In addition, Indians cut over 93 million board feet of timber for their own use, valued at \$311,000 for house logs, corral poles, fencing, and fuel wood. Hogan logs on the Navajo Reservation alone account for about 1 million board feet per year.

Over the past 50 years, 27.8 billion board feet of timber, valued at \$261 million has been harvested from Indian tribal and allotted lands.

The Indian owners are working closely with the Bureau to improve forestry practices in the harvest of the timber, including replanting of cut areas and regulating the amount of the cut to insure their tribes a sound, economic base on which they can draw forever.

REMINDER: members of the American Indian Women's Service League - Your dues are due for 1968-69.

FISHING RIGHTS OF INDIANS

The Federal Government asked a federal court in Portland recently to force Oregon to recognize the special fishing rights of Indians.

The government filed a complaint, asking the District Court to keep the state from prohibiting Indian fishing on the Columbia River above Miller Island.

The regulations deprive the Indians of their 1855 treaty rights, the complaint said.

United States Attorney Sidney I. Lezak, who filed the complaint, said the government might take similar action against the State of Washington, the Associated Press reported.

"Basically what we are asking the Court for is a clarification of the ground rules for establishing commercial fishing regulations for the Indians above Miller Island," he said.

The island is near the mouth of the Deschutes River.

OVERSEAS TRIP

(An account by Marge Snowberg (Quinault) of trip she, Alan and daughter Susan had)

We recently returned from a wonderful 21-day trip to Norway, Sweden and England. Our cousins in Sweden were thrilled to see their name in the American Indian cookbook*we took them. We visited their 150-year old farm near Huskvarna. The people were very friendly to us as Americans in all three of the countries.

(*The Indian Center cookbook called "Old and New Indian Recipes".)

INDIAN CHILDREN SPEAK

People said, "Indian children are hard to teach.
Don't expect them to talk."
One day stubby little Roy said,
"Last night the moon went all the way with me,
When I went out to walk."
People said, "Indian children are very silent.
Their only words are no and yes."
But small, ragged Pansy confided softly,
"My dress is old, but 'at night the moon is kind;
Then I wear a beautiful moon-colored dress."
People said, "Indian children are dumb.
They seldom make a reply."
Clearly I hear wee Delores answer,
"Yes, the sunset is so good, I think God is throwing
A bright shawl around the shoulders of the sky."
People said, "Indian children have no affection.
They just don't care for anyone."
Then I feel Ramon's tiny hand and hear him whisper,
"A wild animal races in me since my mother sleeps
under the ground. Will it always run and run?"
People said, "Indian children are rude.
They don't seem very bright."
Then I remember Joe Henry's remark,
"The tree is hanging down her head because the sun
is staring at her. White people always stare.
They do not know it is not polite."
People said, "Indian children never take you in.
Outside their thoughts you'll always stand."
I have forgotten the idle words that People said,
But treasure the day when iron doors swung wide,
And I slipped into the heart of Indian Land.

Written by Juanita Bell (Pima)

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