



Class photo of about 1934, Blandin School. We have been able to identify most of them, as follows: Left to right, back row, Imelda Magnouck Rios, Alvina Wamego LeClair, Margaret Matsapto Shobenay, Josephine Masquat Peters, Eugene Masquat, girl unknown, boy unknown, et Matsapto Shobenay, Cecelia LeClere Madrid, Julia LeClere Ray, girl unknown, Delores Palmah-teacher unknown, Cecelia LeClere Madrid, Mary Jo Magnauk, Jessepe, Maxine, mie Wilson, JoJo Anderson, Gracie Palmahmie Wahwassuck, Mary Jo Magnauk, Jessepe, Maxine Nozhackum Ramirez, Freda Nozhackum Wabaunce, Serelda Clardy, and Marcella Nozhackum Hernandez.

TODAY'S FRONT PAGE PICTURE

Today's picture features Joe Williams, Kickapoo, who is holding a small girl, Maggie Magnauk, who in turn seems to be holding a pistol (with the aid of Joe).

Joe Weab ko nox ze Williams and his wife, Jane, were the parents of Adelaide, George, Mae, and Ebenzer Williams. Adelaide married Ruben Young, George married Helen Bear, and Mae married King Pam Shoptese. Ebenezer died about 1926-27. Joe Williams died about 1944-45.

The small girl Maggie was cho win Magnauk was the daughter of Magnauk and Jennie Kum da-quah. Her brothers were Cyrus Zow wah, Ta men, and Grant Magnauk. They had a small sister, Bertha.

Maggie married Isaac Rice and had two children, Elizabeth Rice Maines and a son, Jimmie Rice, who died in the 1930s. Maggie was in her late seventies when she died in 1970. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ike, in 1961.

We estimate the age of the small girl and surmise that it was about 1893 when this picture was taken.

SANTA'S HELPER

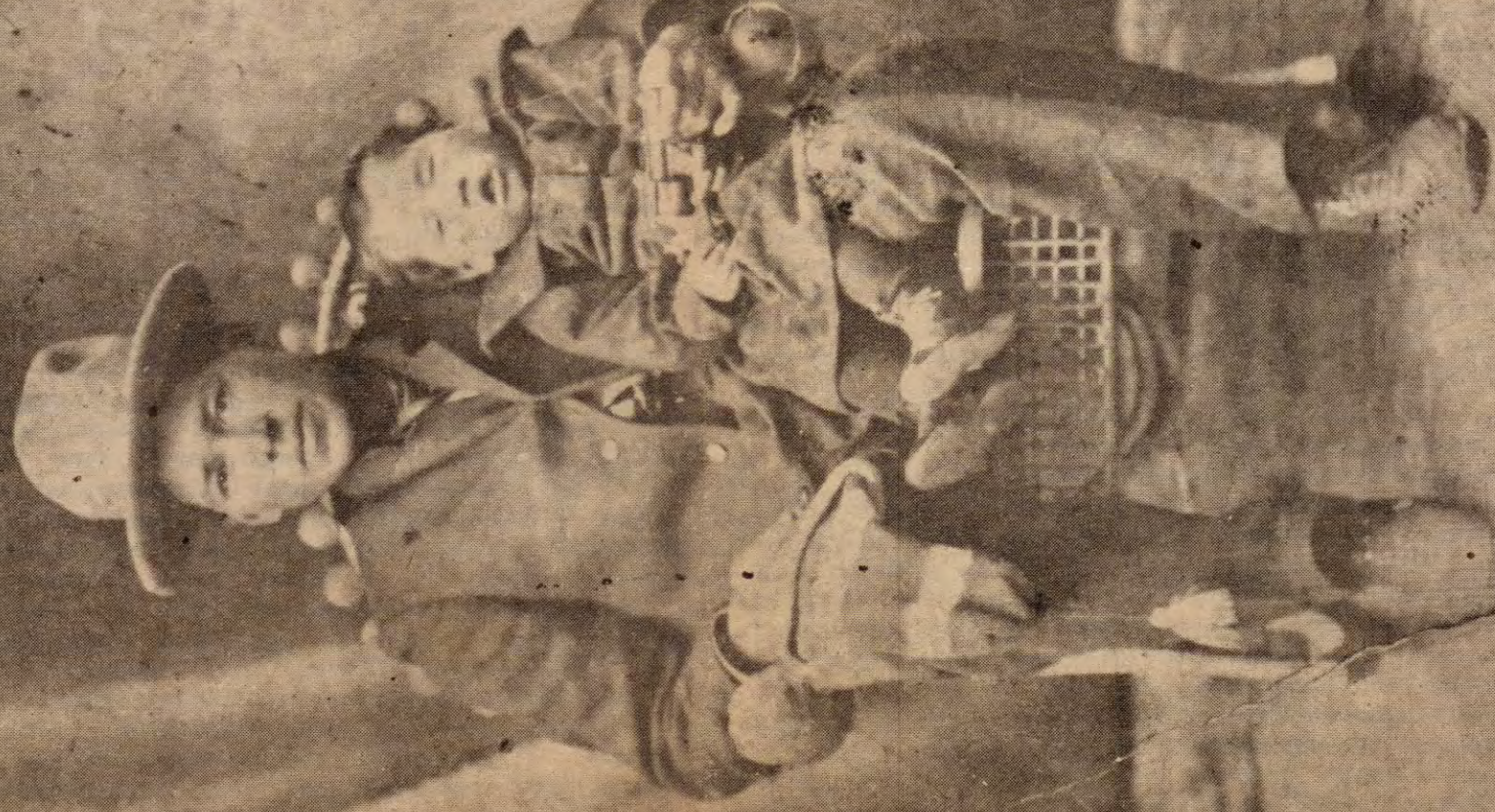
We have identified the tiny elf in the green outfit who helped Santa Claus at our Christmas Party this year as Mike Begay, age 13 months. Mike is the son of Larry and Imelda Jessepe Begay. Grandma Lewis denies any knowledge of where Mike obtained his peaked hat and boots with the turned-up toes.

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NISH NAU BAH



UPDATE ON CONTROVERSIAL BILLS

In the December issue of Nish-Nau-Bau, the article calling attention to H.R. 9054, has generated such interest among our people here, as well as in communities reached by our paper, that we feel we should share with you some further news of interest.

Petitions, many of them, have gone out to our congressional representation asking their assistance in stopping our Great White Father from tearing up the treaties agreed to by our forefathers many years ago, treaties which were bound by the beautiful phrases: "For as long as the grass shall grow and the water flow."

Our response from the Washington office of Senator Bob Dole was in similar vein, assuring us that we could quote their office as follows. On September 27, 1977, H.R. 9054 was sent to the Subcommittee on Indian Affairs and Public Land, where in turn, it was referred on September 29, 1977, to the Department of Justice, and the Department of Interior for comment. Apparently because at this time no comment has been forthcoming, the Subcommittee indicates that the Bill is at a standstill and so, for all practical intent and purposes, the Bill is not going anywhere and it is a good indication that it is dead.

We can be grateful that we, here, have a congressional group who is sympathetic to our problems.

Some background about this controversy: According to an article in the Yakima Nation Review dated August 22, 1977, in Washington state, Judge George A. Boldt made a decision February 12, 1974, to allow the tribes of the state of Washington to harvest fifty percent of all salmon and steelhead trout from all the rivers in the state of Washington, off-reservation, and all salmon and steelhead on reservation, for subsistence and ceremonial purposes.

Because of Judge Boldt's decision, Rep. John Cunningham, R-Wash., and Rep. Lloyd Meeds, D-Wash., submitted the bill, H.R. 9054 which would provide for termination of trust responsibilities as well as do away with all treaties with our Indian People, among other things.

Along this same line, the Coalition News, published by the Indian Controlled School Boards at Denver writes as follows:

The Meeds bills present the gravest threat to Indian tribes since the termination era. They may foreshadow a new termination era in their widespread application to all tribes throughout the country. Senator James Abourezk, in a press release opposing the Meeds bills, said that they are "simply warmed over termination efforts with a public relations gloss," and the public relations aspects of the effort are what make the bills so dangerous.

The Meeds bills, cosponsored by all Washington State Congressmen, Hansen of Idaho, Abner of South Dakota, and Strangeland of Minnesota, are these:

H.R. 99t0: Omnibus Indian Jurisdiction Act of 1977, which would extend civil aspects of the despised P.L. 280 to all states, provide a waiver of tribal sovereign immunity to suit, subject Indian hunting and fishing rights to state regulation, and restrict tribal jurisdiction in all matters over non-Indians on reservations.

H.R. 9951: Quantification of Federal Reserved Water Rights for Indian Reservation Act, would limit tribal claims to water by quantifying Indian usage based on the highest usage by tribes over the past five years (virtually negligible), and would give states authority over tribes in regulating water. This bill embodies every dreaded policy curtailing Indian water rights.

These bills will be taken seriously in Congress and will be moved in Congress for a number of reasons, among them:

"Whereas Cunningham's bill to abrogate all treaties and terminate all tribes is considered by most people as absurd, Meed's bills will be looked upon by many as reasonable alternative solutions to the Indian problem. It is suspected in Indian circles in Washington that the Cunningham bill was designed and introduced precisely to make any less atrocious anti-Indian legislation appear to be "a reasonable alternative".

We will keep you informed of our findings and encourage you to write our Congressional representation of your concern and if we can help you, we will be glad to be of service to you.

INDIAN DINNER-DANCE

WHAT.....A DINNER-DANCE

NO CHARGE - DONATIONS APPRECIATED

WHEN.....SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1978

TIME.....2:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

WHERE.....GARFIELD PARK

WHO.....UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF

THE INDIAN CENTER OF TOPEKA, INC.

DOOR PRIZES

BOOTHS

FOOD

DANCE

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

The Indian Center is undertaking a major effort to develop an extensive program of communication with the Indian community regarding the problems and opportunities of a census as it would relate to the Indian community.

The American Indian in the 1970 census was severely undercounted with the least reliable data of all races with the exception of "other" by the Census Bureau's own admission. This gross neglect on the part of the Bureau of Census has cost the American Indian millions of dollars in legislative apportionment, allocation of government funds and public and private program planning, since many of the programs use data from the 1970 census as a funding base.

Utilizing this form of communication with the Indian community will be helpful to the Indian Center in its efforts to develop programs and to the extent that these efforts are successful, there will be direct and substantial gains to the American Indian community.

This survey is being conducted by the Indian Center of Topeka, Inc. (ICOT) The study is trying to collect some information on all Indians living in Topeka. We are mainly interested in how many people there are, their ages, education, and occupation. We are also interested in finding out how many people speak Indian languages, where people go for medical care, and how many people have hearing problems, high blood pressure, sugar diabetes, or disabilities, etc. This brief description is provided so that you can decide whether you wish to participate in our survey. Participation is strictly voluntary. All information collected on you and your family members will be kept in the strictest confidence. Your name will not be associated in any way with the research finding and persons will be identified by code number only so as to insure anonymity.

Please feel free to ask questions about any aspect of the study. If you would like to receive a copy of the questionnaire, your responses, and/or the findings of the survey, we will be glad to provide them. Our telephone numbers are 357-1811 or 357-7276.

PAPER DRIVE

We are to cease the Paper Drive immediately. We will resume in about two months. The Indian Center wishes to thank all the people that participated in the drive. We did not get a full truckload which would have amounted to a couple thousand dollars, but we did make about \$400 with a quarter truckload. Many thanks though. Please save your paper until we can set this up again very soon.

FUND RAISING DINNER

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Indians are holding a Fund Raising Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 11, 1978, at the Holton Fair Building, US Highway 75, Holton, Kansas, to raise funds to purchase needed equipment for the Multi-Purpose Center and Neighborhood Facility Building.

Dinner will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. While there is no charge for the dinner, donations will be accepted. There will be a door prize and raffling of Indian-made items. Indian dancing will follow from 7:00 p.m. to midnight.

We will be looking forward to meeting you and your family and friends.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank the people who helped with the Indian Center of Topeka, Inc. annual Christmas party. A special "thanks" to Santa Claus for doing such an excellent job.

For those of you who did not make the party we missed you and to all Best Wishes for 1978!

G.E.D.

After the holiday breaks, the G.E.D. Classes are back in full swing at the Indian Center of Topeka, Inc.

The classes are held at the Center Mondays and Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Those attending classes are enjoying them. They are taking and passing the G.E.D. tests that are given each month. COME AND JOIN US!

CHILI AND BAKED GOODS SALE

The Un-Committee for Indian Activities who sponsored a fun New Year's eve party offers the following:

HOMEMADE CHILI AND BAKED GOODS SALE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR RECREATION. SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1978, FROM NOON UNTIL 6:00 P.M. AT THE INDIAN CENTER OF TOPEKA, 407 WEST LYMAN RD. TOPEKA, KANSAS.

DEERBURGERS

Since ground venison tends to be on the dry side, it is well to add one part sausage or ground beef to three parts of ground venison. Shape the meat into round cakes about $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick. Pan-broil them until they are brown on each side, seasoning with salt and pepper. Then cook slowly until they are done.

KANSAS TENANT - LANDLORD LAW

Due to the many complaints received here at the Center, concerning the rights of individuals with relationship to their landlords, we feel it will be helpful to publish this information. As of July 1, 1975, the state of Kansas has adopted the Tenant-Landlord Law which applies to any renewal of a rental agreement after July 1, 1975.

RECOMMENDS USE OF A SMALL CLAIMS COURT - The act gives the Magistrate Court the power to enforce its provisions and says that any suit for up to \$300 should be taken through Small Claims Court.

UNCONSCIONABLE PROVISIONS ARE ILLEGAL - If you have a lease that has provisions that are grossly unfair to tenants even if you signed the agreement, a judge can declare the provision "unconscionable" and throw out either the provisions or the whole agreement as illegal. No rental agreement may demand that you can't take your landlord to court, that you are responsible for your landlord's court or attorneys' fees, that the landlord is not liable for fire, theft or breakage in common areas and it may not state that your landlord is not responsible for basic maintenance.

SECURITY DEPOSIT LIMITS SET - Security deposits are allowed up to one month's rent for an unfurnished unit, one and one-half month's rent for a furnished unit and one-half month's rent extra if pets are allowed.

TENANTS MUST DEMAND THEIR SECURITY DEPOSIT BACK - Regardless of how you demand your deposit - or even if you don't - your landlord must try to return it to you within 30 days of the day you moved out. If your landlord does nothing, then you can recover what he owes you out of your security deposit plus one and one-half times that amount in damages.

TENANTS CAN'T USE SECURITY DEPOSIT FOR LAST MONTH'S RENT - Tenants cannot use security deposits to pay rent during tenancy or in the last month. If you do, this new law says not only does your landlord get to keep your security deposit, but he/she can also sue you for the rent it was supposed to cover.

LANDLORD MUST INFORM TENANT OF NAME AND ADDRESS OF MANAGER - He/she must also notify you whenever that information changes.

LANDLORDS MUST GIVE NOTICE TO COME LOOK AT YOUR HOME - Your landlord has the right to enter your home at reasonable hours to inspect it, make repairs or show it. Situations of extreme hazards are the only times your landlord can enter without your consent. Your landlord cannot harass you by making repeated and/or unreasonable demands to enter your homes.

TENANT CAN SUE LANDLORD IF REPAIRS ARE NOT COMMENCED WITH (30) DAYS OF WRITTEN NOTICE - Give your landlord 30 days from a rent paying date to bring your place back up to the safety and health standards. If your landlord still does nothing, then you can either leave or sue him for damages. On the other hand, if you get a 30 day eviction notice for breach of a lease provision, you can pay for the damages and/or remedy the breach in 14 days which cancels the 30 day notice.

LANDLORDS MUST PROVIDE GARBAGE CANS AND TRASH PICK-UP - This law states clearly it is the duty of the landlord to provide these services to all tenants.

RETALIATORY EVICTIONS PROHIBITED - A landlord cannot raise your rent or cut your services, unless he absolutely has to, for utility or tax raises, if you:

1. Complain to the Health Code Agency,
2. Complain to your landlord about repairs,
3. Or become active in a tenant organization.

To make this section really work for the tenant, the law should say that if any of those events has happened, it is presumed that your landlord is retaliating against you unless he can prove otherwise. The legislators cut that clause so the burden of proof is likely to come back to you. Also, it does not give a time limit of protection from retaliation.

AN INVENTORY MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN 5 DAYS AFTER YOU MOVE IN - You and your landlord are required to inspect your new home together and fill out a condition checksheet, including a list of furniture provided and its condition. This paper must be signed by both you and your landlord and both of you are to keep a copy.

POSSESSION OF THE DWELLING - You are required to move out entirely from your dwelling at the end of a non-renewed lease or at the end of an eviction period or your landlord may bring an action against you. On the other hand, if after 5 days written notice you haven't been able to move into a dwelling you have rented, you may stop paying rent, end the rental agreement and get your security deposit back, or bring action for possession.

IF YOUR HOME IS SOLD TO ANOTHER LANDLORD your first landlord is only responsible for your security deposit return.

YOU MUST AGREE IN WRITING TO NEW RULES AND REGULATIONS that your landlord proposes after you sign your rental agreement. All rules and regulations in your rental agreement are, of course, binding if they are not unconscionable and if you signed the agreement. If you violate these new or old rules and your landlord doesn't say or do anything, he waives the right to evict or sue you.

IF A FIRE OR SIMILAR CASUALTY DESTROYS MOST OR ALL OF YOUR HOME, YOUR RENTAL AGREEMENT ENDS AFTER 5 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE you should also get back the portion of your security deposit due you like a regular move out. If a fire destroys only part of your home but part of it is still safe and livable, you may make an agreement with your landlord that you will stay, with your rent lowered accordingly.

NO LANDLORD MAY LOCK YOU OUT OR FORCE YOU OUT BY SHUTTING OFF YOUR UTILITIES - if that happens you can end your rental agreement, and you can bring an action against your landlord for 1½ months rent or damages, whichever is greater.

IF YOU ARE 10 DAYS LATE IN RENT AND YOU ARE GONE FROM YOUR HOME FOR 30 DAYS WITHOUT GIVING YOUR LANDLORD NOTICE - a landlord may take your things and sell them after 30 additional days plus rent your home to someone else.

A LANDLORD MAY NOT PUT A LIEN ON YOUR POSSESSIONS - Unless you have signed an agreement prior to July 1, 1975, that says different.

YOU MUST GIVE WRITTEN NOTICE TO VACATE 30 DAYS BEFORE RENT DUE DATE - or if you pay by the week, 7 days.

EMPLOYMENT

LIBRARY ASSISTANT

Immediate vacancy in State Agency in Topeka. Sub-professional Library work in cataloging, acquisitions, circulation, and legal research.

Requires graduation from High School or equivalent supplemented by courses in Library Science and some experience in Library work. Must have skill in typing. Beginning Salary \$640 per month excellent Fringe Benefits. Send resume to Mrs. Kay Jones, State Division of Personnel, Room 108 N, State Office Bldg., Topeka, Ks. 66612 by Jan 27. AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

ADULT CLASSES

Continuing Education Services of Topeka Public Schools offers the following classes this spring. We hope you will find them of interest to you and your families.

Classes, Continuing Education Office, 1900 Hope Street, Topeka, 272-3811 for enrollment information.

Bread Dough Art Class, five weeks, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesdays, beginning January 31. A child care service is available for a nominal fee. This course will teach creating items with bread dough, where you can make wall plaques, shadow boxes, or design your own. Fee for course is \$12.

Daytime Sewing Classes, as follows:

Beginning Sewing, five weeks, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesdays, beginning January 31. Fee for course, \$12.

Intermediate and Advanced Sewing, five weeks, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., Thursdays, beginning February 2. Knowledge of basic sewing is required. Participants will need to bring a pattern and material to first class. Fee for course, \$12.

Sewing for Fun, five weeks, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., Mondays beginning January 30, 1978. This will involve sewing for a professional look. Participants are to bring a garment of their own choosing. Previous sewing experience required. Child care service is available for a nominal fee. Fee for course, \$12.

Tailoring for Men, five weeks, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Mondays, beginning January 30. This class will teach construction of a sport coat or suit jacket for a man or boy. Previous sewing skills are necessary and participants need to bring a pattern, fabric and sewing supplies to the first class. A child care service is available for a nominal fee. Fee for course is \$17.

RECEIPES

We would like to thank Rebecca Devoure, Potawatomi, for the following venison receipes:

ROAST VENISON

Make a marinade by bringing to a boil in a saucepan.

1 quart water	1 tsp. dried thyme
1 ½ cups vinegar	4 sprigs parsley
2 onions chopped	12 peppercorns
1 carrot diced	1 Tbsp. salt
2 cloves garlic	

Simmer the mixture for one hour and let it cool. Cover a 5 to 7 pound leg of venison with this mixture and let set in refrigerator for at least 24 hours before roasting. The next day, preheat a shallow oven pan in marinade, sprinkle the meat with salt, and cover it with ½ lb. of sliced fat salt pork. Place the meat in the preheated pan, adding enough salad oil to cover the bottom of the pan. Allow 15 minutes per pound for medium rare, and 20-25 min. per pound for well done.

VENISON CHOPS

Venison chops should not be less than one inch thick. The best way to cook them is to sprinkle with salt and pepper, oil on both sides and broil them, turning them frequently, during the process. Serve them slightly rare on a chop dish with french fried potatoes and sprigs of parsley.

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Tribal Council Selects Election Board

At a Special Called Tribal Council meeting January 16, 1978, the following persons were appointed pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, Drusa Wabaunsee, Gary Mitchell and John Le Clere. Their duties and authority will be under the PBP Election Ordinance adopted [see story page 5]. Special election notices will be mailed to each PBP adult enrolled member in the latter part of February, 1978.



Groundbreaking Ceremony, left to right, Ray Wahweotten, Elizabeth Maines, Minnie LeClere, Donald Loudner, Supt., Stanley Speaks, Area Director, Camilla Wishkeno, and Vestina Durham. [see story page 3].

Bulletin

Potawatomi Administrative Office and Health Management Office will be closed all day Washington's Birthday, February 20, 1978.

PRAIRIE BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
FUND RAISING DINNER AND DANCE,
ON FEBRUARY 11, 1978, AT THE HOLTON FAIR BUILDING,
HOLTON, KANSAS, 1 BLOCK EAST OF HWY. 75.
DINNER: 5-6:30 p.m., WAR DANCING: 7:00-MIDNIGHT.
NO CHARGE; DONATIONS ACCEPTED, DOOR PRIZE.
Purpose: To raise funds to purchase equipment needed for the
Multi-Purpose Center and Neighborhood Facility Building. For
further information you may contact Galen Hubbard, Fund
Raising Chairman, at the Potawatomi Administrative Office,
Holton, Kansas. PHONE: 364-2129.

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Enrollment Up-Date

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THE ENROLLMENT DIVISION ONCE AGAIN
IS ASKING TRIBAL MEMBERS IF YOU OR
ANY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY HAVE AN EN-
ROLLMENT APPLICATION ON FILE WITH US
OR PERHAPS YOU FEEL YOU MAY BE
ELIGIBLE FOR ENROLLMENT AND HAVE NOT
FILED AN ENROLLMENT APPLICATION WITH
US BE, SURE TO CALL OR STOP BY THE
OFFICE AND CHECK WITH THE ENROLLMENT
DIVISION. WE STILL HAVE APPLICATIONS
THAT HAVE NOT BEEN FILLED OUT
CORRECTLY AND SOME APPLICATIONS STILL
REQUIRE THE NEEDED BIRTH CERTIFICATES.

WE WILL BE MAILING OUT CERTIFIED
LETTERS ALLOWING YOU (15) DAYS TO
SUBMIT THE NECESSARY INFORMATION WE
ARE REQUESTING. IN THE EVENT THE
INFORMATION IS NOT RETURNED WITHIN
(15) DAYS FROM RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE,
THE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT WITH
THE PRAIRIE BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
WILL BE DISAPPROVED UNTIL THE RE-
QUESTED INFORMATION IS FURNISHED.

WE, AGAIN, ARE REQUESTING TRIBAL
MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT SUBMITTED THEIR
CURRENT ADDRESS WITHIN THE LAST YEAR
OR IF YOU HAVE MOVED RECENTLY, PLEASE
MAKE THE EFFORT TO SEND YOUR CURRENT
ADDRESS IN, AS WE ARE TRYING TO KEEP
OUR ADDRESS RECORDS UP TO DATE. ALSO,
IF YOU HAVE MARRIED AND NOT SENT IN
YOUR NAME CHANGE, PLEASE DO SO AND
INCLUDE YOUR MAIDEN NAME WITH IT.

NO CLOSING DATE FOR ENROLLMENT APPLI-
CATIONS HAS BEEN SET YET. AS SOON AS
WE ARE NOTIFIED OF THAT DATE, WE WILL
NOTIFY ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS. WE
SINCERELY HOPE WHEN THAT TIME COMES
ALL THE INFORMATION AND APPLICATION
UP-DATES WE HAVE REQUESTED HAS BEEN
FURNISHED.



Potawatomi

Big Event

Planned

HOLTON, KANSAS - The Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe and Tribal employees are sponsoring a fund-raising Dinner & Dance on February 11, 1978. The purpose of this event is to raise funds to help purchase needed items for the new buildings now under construction. Depending upon the amount of money raised, considered items are a public address system, serving trays, kitchen items, and a 16mm film projector. The theme for the event is "Volunteers" and "Donations". Should anyone in the community wish to donate personal services, time or items, it will be graciously accepted. Dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at 6:30, and Indian dancing will begin at 7:00 p.m. with an open drum. Several donations will be given away during the evening along with a special door prize. Items to be awarded include Indian shirts, shawls, and food baskets. Pass the word around to your friends, family, and relatives to come and join us during this special event. There will be no charge for arts and crafts booths. Donations will be accepted.



Audience waiting in frigid weather.



Reception at Potawatomi Community Building.

TRIBAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM
 Head Man Dancer - Harlan Brown, Mesa, Arizona
 Arena Director - Bill LaClair, Etta, Kansas
 Asst. Arena Dir. - L. D. Mottwaoshshe, Prairie Band Potawatomi; Mayetta, Ks.
 Head Singer - Donald "Duck" Marlin, Sac & Foxe, Shawnee, Oklahoma
 Master of Ceremonies - Grover James, Cherokee, Hiawatha, Kansas

MENU

Fried Bread	Potato Salad
Hominy & Beef Soup	Baked Beans
Vegetable Soup	Pie or Cake
Barbeque As-pan	Tea or Coffee

For additional information, contact the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Administrative Office at 913/364-2129 or 913/364-2120.

Galen E. Hubbard, Chairman
 Fund-raising Dinner & Dance

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Future Reservation Resident



This little cutie is Raphael James Wahwassuck, son Jewett "Tony" and Candy (Speilman) Wahwassuck, Grandpa, Jewett "Swede" Wahwassuck has the honor Holding his grandson. Grand ma is the former Grace Pahmahmie.

PBP Groundbreaking Story

POTAWATOMI RESERVATION - Ground breaking ceremonies for the new Prairie Band Potawatomi Multi-Purpose Community center building were held December 19, 1977 six miles west of Mayetta, Kansas.

The new center will be built on a 320-acre Tribal Tract. The building will house recreation and cultural events of the tribe, library, recreational office, preventive clinic, a senior citizen site, and other Tribal indoor sporting events.

The building is funded by two grants. An Economic Development Administration (Department of Commerce) Local Public Works grant of \$263,000 and a Community Development Block Grant of \$181,000 furnish a total in grant funds of \$444,000 for construction of the center.

Approximately 100 persons attended the ground breaking in frigid weather. Special guest included Thomas Kilbride, Kansas City, Area Director of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; Bill Parsley, Kansas City, the Department's Project Director; Stanley Speaks, Anadarko, Oklahoma Area Director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Donald Loudner, Superintendent, Horton Agency.

The Prairie Band Tribal Council includes Camilla Wishkeno, Chairperson; Ray Wahweotten, Vice-Chairperson; Vestina Durham, Secretary; and John McDonald, Treasurer. Minnie LeClere represented the Senior Citizens; Elizabeth Maines the Community Health Representative; Alberta Wamego, Librarian, represented the library sector and Bill LaClair was the maintenance representative. Many tribal members traveled many miles to participate in the historical event.

Condolences

We express our Deepest Sympathy to the Families of:

Marlin "Doc" Lundin-deceased 12/19/77
Lenora W. Simon-deceased 1/20/78

Profile

POTAWATOMI RESERVATION - Sha-Mo-Qua better as Louise Nocktonick, wife of the late John "Mah-Bes" Nocktonick, resides near Mayetta, Kansas with her daughter Verna Mae "So-Mo-Qua". She has two sons Norwood "M'Ahuck-Nah-Uck" and Donald George "Shab-Ba-Na" both reside at Topeka, Kansas, she also has two grandchildren.

Louise attended the Blandin School located on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation near Mayetta, Kansas.

Here husband served more than 3 years with the United States Army.

She mentioned that she learned how to make Medallion's at a class at the Potawatomi Community Building she hopes more adult education classes would be held in the future.

She feels that the Multi-Purpose Center would be very good for the tribe and everyone would benefit from it.

Her favorite or special hobby is doing loom beadwork. She also does sewing of beads on dance costumes. When she's not doing beadwork, she passes time reading. She stated that her illness was keeping her from doing as much beadwork as she wanted to.

Louise is a very warm person to talk with.

BY: NELDA TURNEY

Indian Boy And Morning

This morning the sun struck his face,
he awoke in its light circle
aware of the Grandfather.

Watching the dust dance
in the sun's ray,
he notices frost on the window.

Reaching for his pants,
he dresses in the sun's warmth
ready for the coldness outside the circle.

From deep in the mirror, Fathers
and Grandfathers, ages passed,
look back smiling: he buckles his belt knowing he must live within the sacred circle.

Arnold Buntain

Register To Vote

Tribal Councils Resolutions

PBP 90-77 The Tribal Council recognizes the need for improvement of existing homes, and that the families requesting assistance for improvement of homes have no funds to cover the costs. Through the Home Improvement Program FY77, there are funds available to assist families. The limited funds available require the Tribal Council to give all applicants equal review. A priority list was established pursuant to 25 CFR 261. 5 for and 0 against. Chairperson abstaining.

PBP 91-77 Whereas the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Tribal Council has not been actively involved with the Johnson O'Malley Program for the Indian students in Unified School Dist. No. 337, the implementation of this program through the tribal governing body will provide more beneficial support for the total community. The Tribal Council elects to contract this program with the Chairperson, Camilla Wishkeno, authorized to negotiate the contract and make amendments thereto, to execute the contract and make amendments thereto, to sign necessary reports and invoices for the period of contract, October 1, 1977 through September 30, 1978. All eligible Indian students, of not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ degree Indian blood, may participate in the J.O.M. Program within the Potawatomi Reservation boundaries. 4 for and 0 against. Chairperson abstaining.

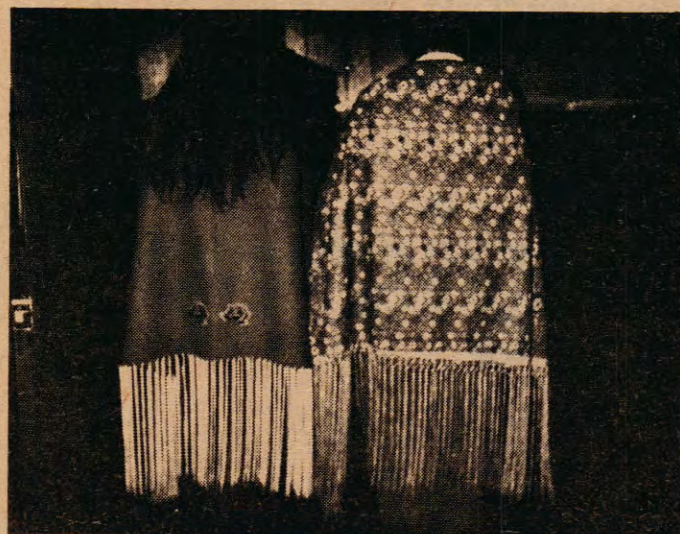
PBP 92-77 A resolution recognizing the need for one delegate to be sent to the Indian Senior Citizen's meeting, scheduled for April 25-26, 1977, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in order to maintain up-to-date information on programs involving the Indian Senior Citizens. The Tribal Council elects to send Mary Jessepe, Councilperson, with travel expenses and per diem to be derived from the Tribal Council funds. 3 for and 0 against. Chairperson and Councilperson abstaining.

PBP 93-77 A resolution recognizing the need to be kept informed of tribal business within the United Tribes of Western Oklahoma and Kansas. The Tribal Council elects to send one delegate to the special meeting scheduled April 28-29, 1977, at the Ramada Inn South, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with travel expenses and per diem to be derived from Tribal Council funds. 3 for and 0 against. Chairperson and Councilperson abstaining.

PBP 94-77 A resolution recognizing the need to present delegates to the special meetings scheduled at the B.I.A. and the I.H.S. Central Headquarters, Washington, D.C., May 8-13, 1977. The tribal business conferences scheduled for the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Tribe at Washington Central Office will facilitate action on proposals, programs, and judgment funds for all tribal members. The Tribal Council elects to send Camilla Wishkeno, Chairperson; Vestina Durham, Secretary, Mary Jessepe, Councilperson; and Steve Mattwaoshshe, Councilperson, with travel expenses and per diem to be derived from the Tribal Council funds. 2 for and 0 against. Two Councilpersons, Secretary, and Chairperson abstaining.

PBP 95-77 A resolution pursuant to Article VII, Section 4, of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indians, to delegate authority to the Treasurer to explore, negotiate, oversee, expand, and approve the present accounting system established on September 20, 1976. Appropriate reports will be made upon request to the Tribal Council and at the General Council's Annual Meeting. The Treasurer will work closely with the Director and the Administrative Officer of the Potawatomi Administrative Office in monitoring the various tribal fund accounts. 5 for and 0 against. Chairperson and Treasurer abstaining.

PBP 96-77 A resolution to withdraw thirty-two thousand dollars (\$ 32,000.00) from Investment Accounts, to be deposited in the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Tribe Individual Indian Monies Account at the Anadarko Area Office; and to borrow ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Kansas State Bank, Holton, Kansas, a ten year loan with lowest rate of interest, payment of loan by proceeds from rental of lands; the tribal rental income for repayment of loan will be through consignment of the Horton Indian Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Horton, Kansas. Adopted. 6 for and 0 against. Chairperson abstaining.



Fund-Raising Shawl Raffle
Fund-Raising Shirt & Yarn Belt Raffle.

Election Ordinance

PRAIRIE BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
ADOPTED NOVEMBER 2, 1976 - AMENDED AUGUST 25, 1977

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY This Election Ordinance is enacted by the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indians Tribal Council, pursuant to Section 3, Article VI Elections and Nominations of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indians.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE The purpose of this Election Ordinance is to establish orderly procedures for tribal elections conducted by the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indians.

SECTION 3. ELECTION BOARD The Election Board shall consist of three (3) members, a Secretary and two members appointed by the Tribal Council pursuant to the authority as provided in Section 1 (f), Article V of the Tribe's Constitution and By-Laws. The term of the Secretary and two members shall be for a two year term, beginning with their appointment at the first election. Thereafter, the term of the Secretary and two members shall be for two years. It shall be the prerogative of the Tribal Council to re-appoint Election Board members to serve more than one term. No member of the Tribal Council or candidate for the Tribal Council shall serve on the Election Board.

The Election Board members shall be paid for duties performed and expenses incurred in carrying out tribal elections. The amount the Election Board is to be paid shall be determined by the Tribal Council and set forth in the Tribe's annual operating budget, subject to the availability of tribal funds. A quorum of the Election Board shall consist of any two members. Meetings of the Election Board shall consist of any two members. Meetings of the Election Board may be called at any time by the Secretary or by request of the other two members. In the event the Secretary fails to call a meeting, as requested by the other two members of the board, the Election Board may convene upon proper notification to the Tribal Council.

SECTION 4. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE ELECTION BOARD The Election Board shall conduct the tribal elections and establish rules and regulations for said elections pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance.

The duties of the Election Board shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. Mailing and posting of Election Notice at least 60 days before the date of any election of the Tribal Council members or any election on issues. Announcement of requirements of filing for candidacy is to be included in the Election Notice.
- b. Mailing of Voter Registration Form with Election Notice of first Tribal Council election. (Voter Registration Forms shall include request for ballot.)
- c. Preparation and mailing of ballots to registered voters.
- d. The members of the Election Board shall appoint a Judge, Clerk, and Teller to open ballot envelopes and count ballots. The Judge, Clerk, and Teller shall receive compensation as determined by the Election Board for these services.
- e. The Election Board shall rule upon the eligibility of the candidates as prescribed herein.

SECTION 5. VOTERS QUALIFICATION All enrolled members and persons entitled to enrollment, 18 years of age or older at time of election, shall be entitled to vote in any tribal election.

SECTION 6. ELECTION OF TRIBAL COUNCIL Candidates for Office: Any qualified member of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indians who desires his/her name to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for either the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, or Councilpersons shall file a declaration of candidacy with the Secretary of the Election Board, c/o Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indians Administrative Office. The declaration of candidacy must show his/her name and the office for which he/she desires to become a candidate. Such statement must be in writing and filed either in person or by mail with the Election Board at a time and date for each election appropriately noticed by the Election Board.

a. Should an individual wish to withdraw his/her name, that individual must do so in writing and have the Election Board sign the withdrawal notice at which time that individual's name would be removed from the ballot. Should an individual resign after the ballots have been counted, he/she must do so in writing with the Election Board signing the resignation notice. This would create a vacancy, and a need for a special election as provided in Section 1, Article X of the constitution.

b. In the event of a tie vote for any position, if no candidate wishes to withdraw, there will be a run-off election between the two tied candidates. This run-off election will be no sooner than 20 days or not later than 60 days and will be conducted under the provisions of this election ordinance.

c. A candidate may file for only one office vacancy in each election. Refusal to withdraw name as a candidate for one of the offices will automatically cause removal of name as candidate for both offices.

d. If no candidate files for a vacant office, that office shall be considered vacant and shall be filled pursuant to Section 1, Article X of the Constitution.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE In order to be qualified for office and seek election to a seat on the Tribal Council, a person must:

- a. Be an enrolled member of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indians.
- b. Candidates for the offices of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer must be 25 years of age or older.
- c. Candidates for the office of Councilperson must be 21 years of age or older.
- d. No person convicted of a felony within the past five years shall be a candidate for any office.

TENURE OF OFFICE The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary will be elected for a term of two (2) years in each odd numbered year. The Treasurer and three Councilpersons will be elected for a term of two years in each even numbered years.

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SECTION 7. REGISTRATION Any member of the Tribe, otherwise qualified to vote, may register at any time up to the closing of registration thirty (30) days prior to any election. Registration for voting is considered permanent and a person need not re-register for each election. Registered voters who fail to vote shall be removed from the registration list, and will be required to re-register in order to vote in future elections. It is the responsibility of the voters to advise the Election Board of change of address. All registration forms shall be kept on record at the tribal administration office and the date receipt stamped thereon.

A list of all registered voters shall be prepared at the close of registration period for each election. The voter registration list shall be available when ballots are counted and all voting certificates checked against list.

SECTION 8. BALLOTS The ballots and voting certificates are to be prepared by the Election Board and mailed to each registered voter. The ballot is to be mailed with an empty envelope marked "Ballot" and instructions for voting and return of the ballot. Only one ballot and one empty envelope is to be mailed in one envelope. Ballots and envelopes for more than one person cannot be mailed in the same envelope.

If more than one ballot is received in the Official Ballot envelope, ballot will not be counted.

If ballot is received, but is not in Official Ballot envelope, ballot will not be counted.

The Election Board shall determine, subject to availability of funds, whether pre-paid envelopes are to be furnished each voter for the mailing of the ballots to the Election Board.

After the ballots are opened and counted by the Judge, Clerk, and Teller, the election results will be announced and posted on the bulletin board of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indians Administrative Office and the Horton Agency.

Mark indicating candidate choice must be in the box provided by the Candidates name. Permissible to have mark extend out of box as long as the intent of the mark can be determined. If a mark is in question, the Judge, Clerk, and Teller will determine validity. Ballot will be invalidated if more than one mark per position of the Tribal Council. A letter is to be sent to each candidate inviting them and not more than one representative of their choice to witness counting of ballots. Witnesses to counting of ballots must remain at least six feet distance from actual counting.

Candidates and observers at the vote counting are to sign register of persons present.

SECTION 9. PROTESTS AND RECOUNTS Any qualified voter, within three (3) days following the announcement of the election, may challenge the election results by filing in writing with the Election Board their grounds for the challenge, together with substantial evidence thereof. The information concerning protests must be posted with the election results.

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A request for a recount of the ballots, either by a candidate or voter, must be accompanied by a \$150.00 fee which will be deposited in the tribal election account. All requests for recounts must be submitted within the three day protest period.

The Election Board shall consider all protests which are filed within the protest period. The decision of the Election Board shall be pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance, and shall be final and without a administrative appeal. All protests are to be answered in writing by the Election Board.

SECTION 10. OATH OF OFFICE The following Swearing in Ceremony for the newly elected officials shall be administered by the ranking Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Council member at the first meeting of the Tribal Council following the election:

I, _____ do hereby solemnly swear to uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of the Prairie Band of Potawatomie Indians, and the Constitution of the United States, and to perform the duties of my position to the best of my ability in a fair and equitable manner.

SECTION 11. CERTIFICATION The Election Board shall certify to the elected Tribal Council the results of the election immediately following the three day protest period.

SECTION 12. AMENDMENTS The Tribal Council may amend this ordinance by a majority vote of a quorum at any meeting of that body.

PLEASE NOTE:

In reference to Section 6 of the Election Ordinance filing of candidacy, the Constitution and By-Laws, Article VI, Section 5, requires that "candidacy be filed with the Tribal Secretary". We must follow the Constitution and By-Laws for filing of candidacy, rather than the Election Ordinance

Potawatomi Administrative Office Inquiries

Telephone Calls		
October-1977	November-1977	December-1977
538	539	555
Letters Received		
October	November	December
353	339	344
Letters Sent		
October	November	December
101	121	146

BIA Employment Assistance Program

The Direct Employment Assistance Program is designed to assist individual who have recently secured permanent employment to meet some of their financial needs until they receive a first paycheck.

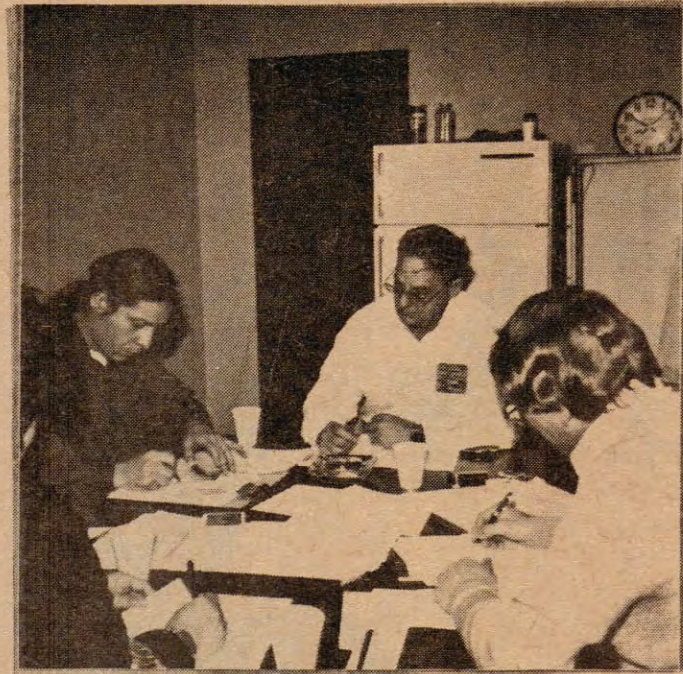
The general eligibility requirements are listed below:

1. Eighteen years old or older.
2. 1/4 degree Indian Blood as evidenced by BIA or Tribal Records.
3. Reside on or near an Indian Reservation under jurisdiction of the BIA.
4. Have permanent employment as evidenced by a letter from the employer indicating: job title, salary, employer and date employment commenced.
(Permanent employment is defined as employment lasting 12 months. An exception is made for construction work.)
5. Have not had more than 2 previous services under the employment Assistance Program.
6. Have not had a previous service within a 12 month period.

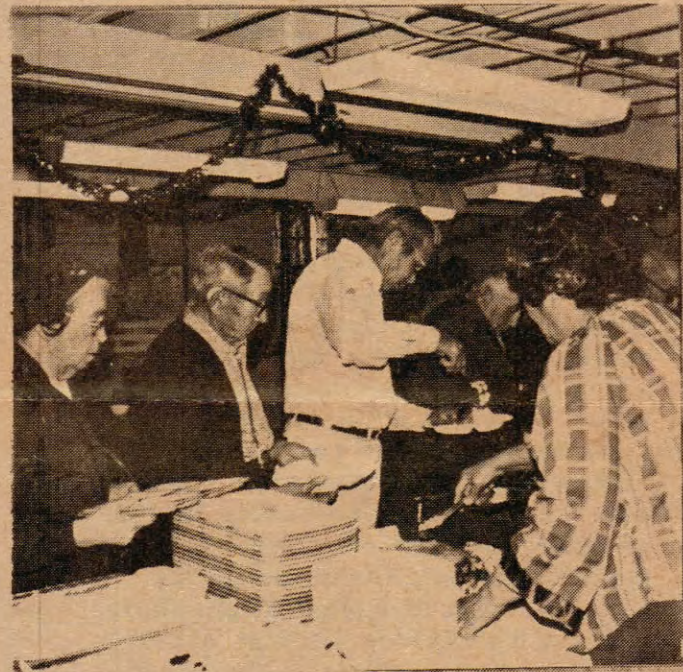
Funding is based upon a grant scale approved by the Anadarko Area Director, Anadarko Area Office. In order to be eligible for family funding, we must have proof of marriage and copies of birth certificates on the children to include in our file. These are necessary to offer proof to auditors that we have provided the correct funding as directed by the Area Director approved grant scale.

The Agency currently is in the Kansas State Job Bank and has listings of all the in-state job openings that are called in to the State Employment Offices. We will be glad to job develop anyone who cares to avail themselves of this service.

Applications should be submitted for funding as soon as possible after an individual has employment. Funding is vouchered and a check usually takes (14) days to reach the agency. Emergency funding is considered on an individual basis. It is important that an individual is interviewed by an Employment Assistance Staff member. Contact: Don Robidoux, Career Development, Horton Agency, Telephone: 913-486-2161.



IAT Program Negotiations



Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner



Green Workers Enjoying Groundbreaking Reception



Senior Citizen Listening To Guest Speakers



SENIOR Citizens Men

New Food Stamp Rules To Help Families With High Winter Utility Bills

New rules will allow food stamp households to have the purchase price of their stamps reduced this winter if their heating or other utility bills rise, according to Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carol Tucker Foreman.

The new rules, effective Jan. 1, require state welfare agencies to count a household's most recent utility bills in computing the household's food stamp purchase price. The new rules also direct states to recompute purchase prices within 10 days when a household's most recent bills represent an increase of more than \$25 over the bills used to certify the household initially.

"We want the food stamp shelter deduction to reflect current utility expenses," Assistant Secretary Foreman said. "We don't want people to have to choose between buying food stamps and paying the heating bill this winter. Our new rules should enable households with significantly increased utility costs to contact their local food stamp office and receive quick service."

Change of Address

All Prairie Band Potawatomi Indians

If you have changed your address recently, please send this form to:

Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indians
P.O. Box 8
Holton, Kansas 66436

Name _____

Previous Married Name(s) _____

NEW ADDRESS _____

City and State _____ Zip Code _____

Old Address _____

City and State _____ Zip Code _____

PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI EMPLOYEES

Prairie Band Potawatomi Males..... 25
Prairie Band Potawatomi Females..... 13

Other Tribes:

Citizen Potawatomi Male..... 1
Choctaw Male..... 1
San Carlos Apache Male..... 1

Non-Indians:

Males..... 2
Females..... 3

Total 46

Total Indian Employment 89.1%
As January 23, 1978

Proving Heritage A Problem

A spokesman for the Forestry, Fish and Game Commission said Thursday the agency has no objection to a bill exempting Indians from having to buy hunting and fishing permits.

However, Assistant Director Fred Warders said it's not always easy to know who's an Indian and who's not.

Warders told the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee that the commission in the past has excused Indians from buying a permit if they could produce some proof of their ancestry. He complained the proof sometimes has been flimsy.

A bill before the committee would make it state law, not just agency policy, that Indians be exempted from having to buy permits to hunt, fish or trap in Kansas. As proof, they would have to present "a certificate of degree of Indian blood by the Bureau of Indian Affairs".

Warders said such a document can be little more than a piece of paper with Bureau of Indian Affairs handwritten across the top "and signed by somebody, we don't know who". He said he's not even certain the bureau has a state headquarters in Kansas.

"I mean, where is the Bureau of Indian Affairs?" he asked the committee. "I understand there used to be a man named Carson at Horton, but there are offices all around. I suppose they have them every place you have a tribe hanging around."

Jack Carson formerly headed the bureau's office at Horton. He was dismissed following a squabble with a group of Indians living at the reservation nearby.

Warders recommended that the committee add a provision to the bill that would limit eligibility to those with one-quarter Indian blood or more. And he said his agency's job would be easier if the bureau used a standard document as proof, although he admitted there was little the state Legislature could do to assure that.

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