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Announcements and Updates from Tom-Tom 1976 Summer Edition from Camp Tilikum

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Frontier Theme for Day Camp

A most dramatic chapter in our country's history was written by the hardy pioneers. They packed their belongings in wagons, hitched up their oxen, and left the security of their homes to cross the mountains into a rugged, untamed West.

We, at camp, are likening life to a trail, with a beginning (birth and the new birth), a destination (eternity with Jesus), and many exciting adventures along the way (the ongoing walk with Christ). This summer we are challenging an expected six hundred children and youth to become Christian pioneers by trusting Christ as Savior and following Him along the "Trail of Life."

The experiences of actual pioneers on the westward trail is being used as intrigue for the deeper teaching of the Christian trail of life. A gift from an interested friend allowed us to purchase an old pioneer wagon. This "prop" and the old items in it, as well as summer staff in frontier costume, lends an impressive realism for the young people.

Meet Our Summer Staff

This is our fifth Day Camping summer, and we have the largest staff ever. These talented Christian collegians are program specialists, teaching skills and coordinating the entire program. Meet them—

Jamie Snodgrass, George Fox College senior here for the second year, Religion major.

Tim Small, GFC senior, Christian Ministries major.

Michele Underwood, GFC junior, Social Service major.

Gwen Fitzwater, GFC junior, Liberal Arts major.

Sandi Brown, GFC junior, Secondary Ed major.

Cindy Pott, Christian College Consortium exchange student from Gordon College, Massachusetts, junior, Elementary Ed major.

Sue Owen, graduate from Portland State University. P.E. major, waterfront supervisor.



Tilikum and the Third Century

"Our nation was born in a burst of creative thought. There needs to be a burst of Christian initiative . . . based on a Christian world view to face the pressing problems that we will face in the next 100 years." These are the words of Richard Foster of Newberg Friends Church in a bicentennial sermon. As I listened to Richard, I began applying his comments to Tilikum's development.

Problem—Environment—Generally speaking, people place worth on land only if it provides financial gain. Very little thought is given to environmental impact of developing or taking of natural resources.

Biblical Perspective—God gave man, through Adam, dominion over the earth, but He did not give him sovereignty. Man is to be a steward of the earth. In the Old Testament man could not even continually own land (Leviticus 25:24). The land was God's.

Application—We are working with the Soil Conservation Service to manage land, water, animals, and forests. By following a master plan we are building purposefully.

Problem—Dehumanizing of mankind—People are treated like computer printout cards. Society seems to be loaded with red tape and bureaucracy.

Biblical Perspective—Human life is viewed as individual and precious. Jesus said the very hairs on our head are numbered. It is not "the masses," but "my neighbor" and "my brother."

Application—We envision no large conference center for hundreds of people. Our proposed lodge is designed to allow under 100 people to interact closely with groups of only 12 to 15.

Recently finished is Tilikum's "Quiet Place," a building designed for a maximum capacity of two. Individuals need to learn to meet God alone.

Outings & Retreats

Presbyterian Counseling Service, Vancouver, Washington; Maplewood Friends, Pioneer Girls, Newberg Free Methodist, Clackamas Park Friends, Forest Grove Baptist, Corrigan family reunion, West Chehalem Friends, Molokan Church, Newberg Baptist, Oregon City Evangelical, McMinnville Church of the Nazarene, Sherwood Baptist, Sherwood Methodist, Vancouver Friends, Brush College School staff.

Day Camps

Nazarene Camps—First Church Portland, Beaverton, Oregon City
Friends—Reedwood, West Chehalem
Zion Lutheran, Newberg
Forest Grove Baptist
Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends
Friends—Newberg and Tigard
Friends—Sherwood and Clackamas Park
Nazarene—Newberg, McMinnville

Full-time Staff

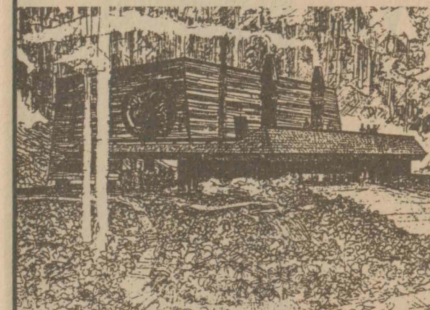
Arnie Mitchell began work full time at Tilikum on July 1. Since 1970, Arnie has shown interest in Tilikum by doing many volunteer and part-time projects, such as remodeling the barn and landscaping around Illahee House.

A year ago Mitchells sold their home in Boring and moved into Tilikum's mobile home, working here on a half-time basis. They have recently purchased a home next door. Arnie's building and landscaping skills, his interest in and concern for people, and his commitment to Tilikum's ministry make him the man for the job.

Because of the expansion of Tilikum's programs and building projects, we need Arnie now. This is a big step financially for a young organization. If God would want you to be involved in helping underwrite Arnie's salary, you could have a part in his ministry. Send your tax-deductible gift today to Tilikum.



Phase Two



Tilikum's Multipurpose Building needs to be completed. Its use will increase the quality of our ministry in the lives of thousands of people each year. With Arnie supervising construction full time (see accompanying article), work should progress rapidly *if* money and services and materials continue to come in.

We do need your help! Most immediate needs are—

1. \$10,000 cash
2. Gifts of, or leads to procure, the following materials and services:
 - Dimensional lumber
 - Plywood (rough sawn)
 - Plywood (1/4 inch)
 - 3 x 6 Tongue and groove decking
 - Cedar shakes
 - Hot tar roofing materials
 - Concrete blocks (1,500)
 - Electrical supplies
 - Concrete block mason
 - Electrician
 - Carpenters
 - Roofer

Please call us collect (503-538-2763) for any leads that we can follow up on. THANK YOU.

For Your Use



Come "get away" by yourself for a day of meditation and spiritual renewing. Call for your reservation. No charge for using the Quiet Place. "And He [Jesus] said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and rest a little while.'" (Mark 6:31 Williams)

Potlatch Report

On the third of May 300 people gathered at the Thunderbird Motor Lodge for Tilikum's fourth Annual Potlatch (fund-raising dinner). Highlight of the evening was a message by Bill Gwinn, director of Mt. Hermon Conference in California. Bill challenged us with the significant and unique ministry that camps and retreats have for aiding the church's ministry and deepening the reality of a believers' walk with the Lord and other Christians.

Bill challenged us to believe God more—for better programs, more property, building completed, and adequate financing. We are grateful to those people who pledged and gave almost \$15,000 to help us meet our operations budget for 1976.

Did You Know?

... that Jon and Kathy Koch, George Fox College graduates and former interns at Tilikum, began directing Quaker Hill Camp in McCall, Idaho, June 1976?

... that your church needs to make reservations now for winter and spring retreats?

... that a band of hearty fishermen donated money to help us put 5,700 more fingerling trout in the lake?

... that Earl Antrim, Friendsview Manor, gave the camp some Columbia River Coppers—Northwest Indian artifacts?

... that Dr. John Brougher, Vancouver, Washington, donated a large number of authenticated artifacts to the Tilikum collection?

... that Gary Fawver taught a survival course at George Fox College spring term, and on the survival campout with the 17 students in Mt. Hood area, tasted snails, snake, frog; caught fish; and sampled various edible plants?

... that Gary will be teaching a campcraft skills course and a Christian camping course at the college this fall?

THANK YOU!

For your part in Tilikum's ministry through your gifts, manpower, prayer, and encouragement.

Gary K. Fawver, Director