

Jan. 15-1962
245-43 Terrace S.E.
St. Petersburg. Fla.

Editor - The Daily Republican
Yakima. Washington

Dear Sir - Will you please tell me
are any tribes of Indians in
State of Washington, allowed to
spear salmon at the dams, in
any of the rivers in State of Wash.
which tribes, which rivers, and
at what distance from the dams.

My father, the late Woodruff
Dance worked on your paper
around the year 1913. He wrote
an article for magazine of New
York Times, in 1919 - about the
Indians spearing salmon at the
dams, according to Treaty Signed

by Indian Chiefs in presence
of Gov. Isaac Stevens, in 1859
by the Yakima Tribe.

I have written to the Con-
servations Dept. State of Wash.
received no answer from them.

Also wrote to Solicitor of
Indian Affairs, and Dept.
of Interior. and cannot get
a clear answer from any
of them.

I hope you can give me a
direct and clear answer to
this question.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours

(N.A.V.)

Fred M. Vance

Jan. 25. 1962
245-43 Terrace S.E.
St. Petersburg Fla.

Mr. Chick Relandes

City desk - The Republic.

Dear Sir -

Thank you sincerely for
your letter of Jan. 18, 1962. in
answer to my question as to Indians
their rights to Spear Salmon etc. Realize
it is a most complex question.

My purpose for wanting this
information, is to write an article
for our local paper - magazine section.
The Outdoor Editor a friend of mine.
You may know - or have heard of
Gordon Marston (Red) of the St. Pete
Times. I want to continue and
incorporate (some) the article written
by my father. Realize, as you say I
must be correct in my writing.

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My father's article for the N.Y. Times
titled - "Wrath of Indians at Pale Faces"
"Yakimas no longer permitted to spear
at dams. will appeal to Great White Father"
to the treaty mentioned in my father's
article - 1859. Signed in presence of
of Gov. Isaac Stevens - by Chiefs
~~Members~~ of Yakima Tribe. The same one
you mentioned as of 1855. I would
like to have the correct date. or were
there two treaties.

I have one picture of salmon
leaping over Sunny Side Dam.
If you know of any recent pictures
of any Indians fishing at Sunny Side
and, present chief of the Yakima
Indians - I would be glad to pay
for them. or any other salmon fishing pictures.

Am so pleased hearing of the

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Yakima Tribe's cooperation you
mentioned. as Yakima and
surrounding country, my old
stamping ground.

Yours P.S. What is an Indian
very interesting, and would
like to know the decision, when
made.

Again I want to thank you for your
interesting and informative letter.

Sincerely yours,
(N.A.V.) Fred McVance

April 25 - 1962
245-143 Terrace S.E.

Mr. Click Relander - St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Sir - I want to thank you for sending me all the information and all the help you have given me in my search for facts about the Yakima Indians tribe - their fishing rights, traditions, and habits.

I read the article in April Field and Stream on "Indian Massacre 1962"

I find I would need to do a large amount of research in order to do the article I wanted to do. Also should be nearer the scene for this purpose.

There is no one willing to answer the principal question "What is an Indian?" I am enclosing some correspondence I have had with various persons and agencies - thought you might be interested in seeing how difficult it is to get the information I want. Will you please

return these to me.

I appreciated, and liked best of all the letters I received from you - they show so much interest, knowledge, and time consumed, on your part.

If at any time, you should write an article or story on Yakima Indians I would love to have a copy. Or if you ever find a decision made on "What is an Indian" please let me know.

I am not going to give up on this project - hope to continue finding material - but will probably take time.

Again I want to thank you sincerely for your letters - I have enjoyed them so much.

Truly yours
Fred C. Vance

(H. G. V.)

June 8 - 1962

Dear Mr. Relander -

I do want to thank you so very much for your letter and the time and effort spent in helping me with my Indian stories. We are both so sorry to hear of your illness. You can be sure we are hoping for a quick recovery for you. Almost a co-incidence, I too have been quite ill for a month, with infection, and swollen liver - and am just now beginning to enjoy living again. I did receive the letters I sent on to you. and will certainly pass on any other letters or material I get.

Thanks so very much for sending me the negatives - I appreciate them more than I can say - will have them printed this coming week.

and return to you. It does improve
any stories to have pictures too.

Hope you will keep me posted
too, on any other material you
may find.

I enjoy this correspondence with
you - makes me wish I could
get out to the State of Washington
just once more - to go over some
of my old Territory - and maybe
catch up with some friends, like you.
So different from people here in the
East. willing to share time and
experience - and enjoy the real
country out there.

Thanks again, Mr. Relander. I hope
to get started again - and we
wish you a very good and quick
recovery.

Sincerely Fred M. Vance
and Harriet Vance. I too have enjoyed
your letters. So let us know of your progress.

June 18 - 62

245- 43 Terrace S. F.

St. Petersburg Fla.

Dear Mr. Relander.

I have had pictures printed from these negatives - and want to thank you again, most sincerely for sending them on to me. You have shown more interest, and helped more, than all the other contacts put together. I don't feel up to going on with the story right now - but have all intentions a little later - using the pictures with the story. Jos, and on the recovery list, been under doctors care for over two months. with liver (enlarged) and body infection. coming along slowly now.

When I was out there we used to call the Steel head dog fish. no one

wanted them.

I want to write several more letters and when I get answers to them, will keep you posted.

Thanks again, for sending negatives and returning letters. I do hope you are making a swift comeback from the Coronary. Know what that can do to you.

With all good wishes, and thanks to you,

Sincerely

Fred and Harriet
Dance.

[MS. H. S. Board of Trustees]

Feb. 5 - 63
245-43 Terrace S.E.
St. Petersburg Fla.

Dear Mr. Relander.

I received a your letter from the Yakima
Indian Nation, giving names of two books
written by you - in enclosing check for \$4.25
to you for the books "Stranger on the Land" and
"1855-1955 The Yakima" - as your name
and address were given in letter from. I am
most interested in reading these books,
and hope you are fully recovered from
your illness of last year.

I went over the short story I had written
with our sports editor, but he couldn't use it,
as it would not be of interest locally.

Have not done any thing on my 'hoped for'
story for magazine, because I'm still going
to the doctor, but getting better.

I have now information available, from all
tribes in the U.S. as to qualifications for
membership in the numerous Indian Tribes.

Do you know whether there has been
any more protest against Indian gill
netting, by the Wash. State Sportsman Council,
and how Senators Henry Jackson and
Warren Magnuson feel about the situation.

I am enclosing these clippings from
our paper. I thought you might enjoy them.

Sincerely yours

Fred M. Vance

(H. a. v.)

Feb. 5-63

Sorry Mr. Relander. I forgot to
enclose this check with Fred's
letter to you. for the books.

Sincerely yours

Harriet A. Vance
Mrs. F. M. Vance

Filed

March 7- 1963
245-43 Terrace S. E.
St. Petersburg. Fla.

Dear Mr. Belander-

I want to let you know I received
the books *Strangers on the Land*, and *The Yakimas*.

I was astonished at the progress made by the Yakimas
since I was out there. The historical information I found
enjoyable and most interesting.

My highest regard to you in "The Yakima Nation" I've
read and re-read it. I did not realize from our past
correspondence, that you were such an authority on the
Yakimas, altho knew you were vitally interested.

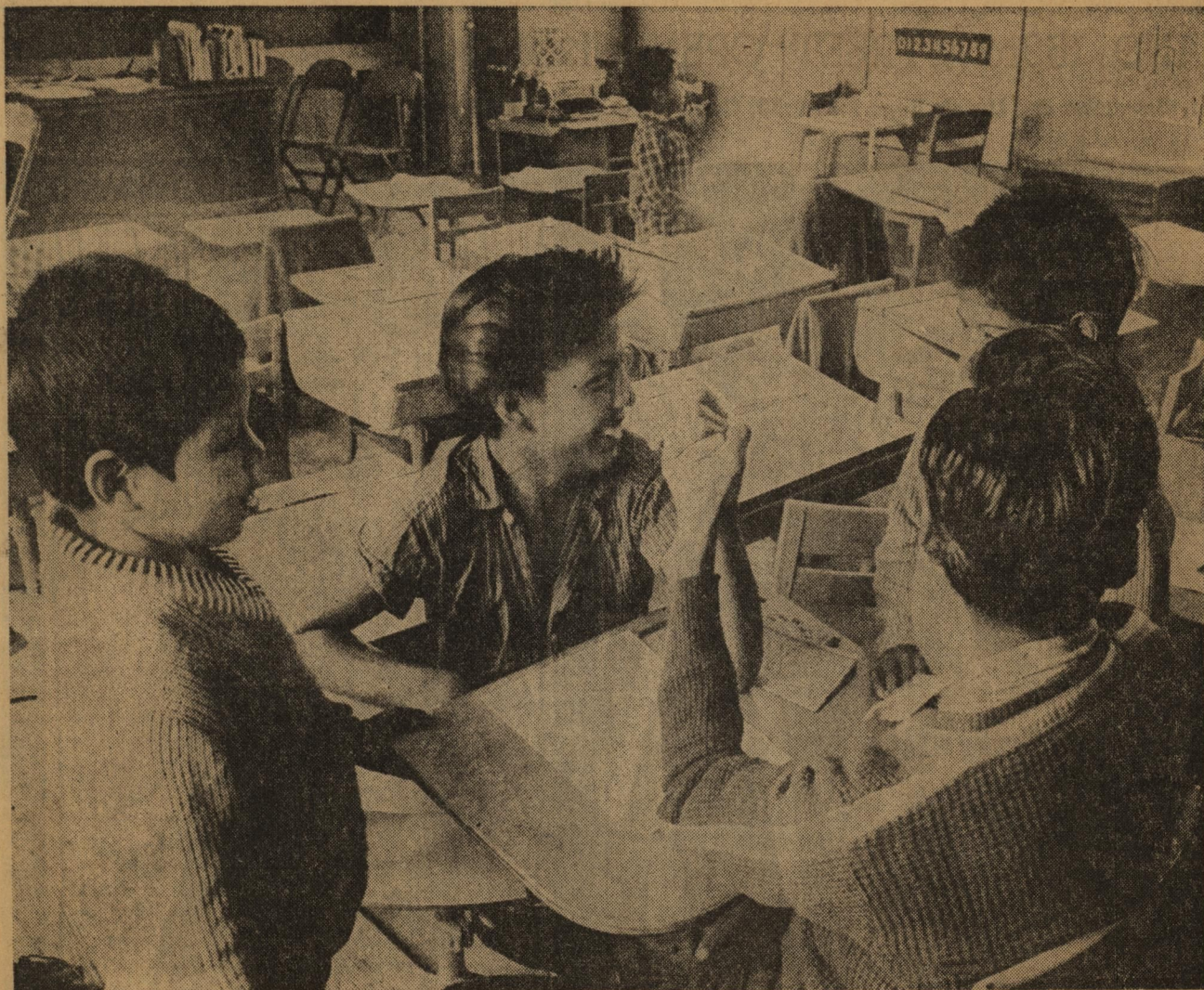
You may find the enclosed clipping interesting -
the contrast in progress.

Thanks so much for helping me get through our
winter. have been ill several times - and enjoyed
these articles and books, as they came in. And I'm
still gathering information on the Indians and the
Salmon fishing. I do hope you are feeling alright now.

Sincerely yours.

Fred Mc. Vance

(H. G. O.)



—Herald Staff Photos by RAY FISHER

An Old Familiar Game—Indian Wrestling
... in the Seminole classroom

Indians Go to School

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look at new indoor games they didn't know existed — and finger colorful magazines.

In addition to his duties as interpreter, Calvin drives a "compact" school bus 150 miles daily to pick up the 21 children. He estimated that there are at least another 17 youngsters living in the Trail area who should be in school, but aren't there because of "hog-headed parents."

They need more time to think about the little white building and the white woman who wants to teach their young ones the white man's ways, he says.

A Christmas program brought out all the Miccosukee parents who were curious about what their children were learning and how they wrote English on the chalk board.

Miss Wallace wouldn't hazard a guess as to whether or not she has been accepted by her students' parents. "By nature, they are a shy people and it's difficult to know if they're responding," she said. "Just getting them here for a program is a beginning."

Teaching and stressing the meaning of such common phrases as: "wash your hands" or "get ready for lunch" occupy much of Miss Wallace's time, but the teacher still finds time to order food and plan menus.

The children are served a light breakfast, lunch, and milk and cookies in the afternoon.

"Calvin tells me that the children ate breakfast before we started giving them toast and cocoa at school," she said. "Now they skip breakfast at home and tell their mothers they'll eat here."



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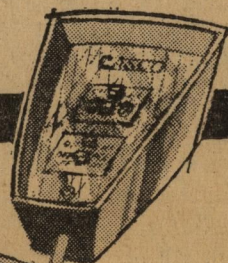
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[Enclosure, 7 Mar 63]

Trail Indians Shatter a Tradition



Miccosukee Children Learn English, But Won't Forget Indian Customs

The Everglades has protected its own.

For over a century, the Miccosukee Indians have refused aid from the U.S. Government. They wanted nothing they could not get in the vast grayness of Big Cypress.

In small houses that husbands built behind camps so evil spirits attending a birthing wouldn't affect others, wives produced square-faced brown, slant-eyed babies. Smiling grandmothers handed them squalling to medicine men to be passed through the smoke that cuts off evil.

The youngsters were to grow up to walk in poise and grace "like the wind in the grass."

Basic was proper respect for elders, who did not want the children to learn to lie or cheat.

What the Miccosukee children needed to know, they were taught by family and clan and tribe. But the Indian ways are changing and now the children go to school.

By HELEN FERGUSON
Herald Staff Writer

Last December marked the end of a long vacation and the first day of school for 21 anxious youngsters who had never before seen a white female teacher.

The addition of a glistening schoolhouse to the Forty-Mile Bend, off old Highway 41 on the edge of Everglades Park, was made at the request of the Miccosukee Indians.

The Dade County School Board and the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs made the school possible. The 21 students are Indians.

"Some of my people have been against the white man and going to his schools," said Buffalo Tiger, tribal council president. "But some of us realize that the white man is not all bad and want to go to his schools."

Buffalo Tiger says that others would rather continue to hunt for fish and frogs in the swampland, and he says that will be okay, too.

"One of the reasons the Miccosukee felt children going into Dade schools wouldn't be up to par because of the language barrier," said Reginald Miller, assistant superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Miller added that parents were also afraid the children's clothing wouldn't be proper.

Neither clothes nor language has any effect on the enthusiasm of the five-to-16-year-old pupils in Miss Wal-

lace's first grade class in the Everglades.

From the looks of smiling shy faces, the young Miccosukee couldn't be happier about learning to write their names, speak English or how to read the hands on a clock.

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TEACHER WALLACE faces no new problems. They've all been met in 18 years of teaching in other Indian schools. She left Cherokee, N.C., in November, where she taught the fourth grade in an Indian school. Before that: years of schools for the Navajo, Sioux, Oklahoma and Confederated tribes.

Commuting 72 miles daily to and from Homestead presents no problem. She usually arrives at the school at 7:30 — before the children arrive at 8 — and leaves in the late afternoon.

Most of the children speak no English, but that's no problem either. Miccosukee interpreter Calvin Sanders helps with communication.

A quiet man of 27 with the same soft brown eyes, Calvin helps the children with their work although he never went to school himself.

His book knowledge was acquired during the years he lived in Miami as a child. There was a time when he wanted and tried to go to school, but his people were opposed.

"This school is a great thing," Calvin said. "My people know that the children have to go to school and learn, but they don't want them to lose their Indian customs."

The father of two says that the Trail Indians realize the necessity for education because they are leaving the chickee and moving into improved homes. "Somebody has to learn how to care for them."

Not one pupil has played hookey, and funerals are the only reason for absentees. According to Indian custom, close kin must stay home four days in observance of the dead.

None of the children went to school for several days, however, when the area around the small building was turned into a temporary morgue for 43 jet airline passengers who died in a crash near Forty-Mile Bend on Feb. 12.

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THERE HAVE been no problems of discipline, and Miss Wallace thinks parents are responsible for the rapt attention of her pupils.

"I was afraid that some of the older children would be resentful and feel they were forced to come here, but that hasn't been the case," she said. "Someone did a thorough job of preparing these children before I got here."

Serious about this strange business of going to school, the Miccosukee students don't even like to leave their desks for recess. They would rather sit and

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—Herald Staff Photos by RAY FISHER
Teacher Lucille Wallace
... instructs her pupils



Chain Reaction

—United Press International Photo
Beaming her approval, American Actress Arlene Avril holds the metallic 'braids' of 'Sun Gold.' The iron-faced deity by Italian sculptor Sergio Lanzavecchia was in a Rome exhibit.

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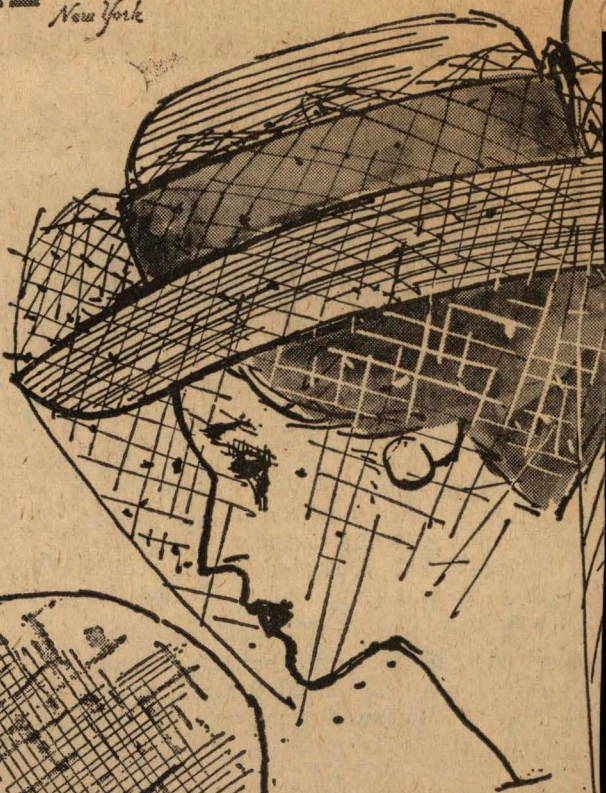
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Dear Mr. Relander -

I want to thank you for your letter
of June 21 - in regards to pictures I
could get from Kenneth Lounke. I
did get two good pictures from
him - I thought it a wonderful
Salmon shot.

I have written most of the area
Indian Agencies. as to blood line
necessary for becoming members of the
different tribes. would be glad to send
any of the correspondence on to you, if
you wish - I'm hoping to find what

progress the Wash. State Sportsmen's
Council has made against the Indians

Hope you have a truly good
holiday season - will get a letter
to you after the rush. And hope
you are fully recovered from your illness

Sincerely

Fred Vance
(H.A.V.)