

Summa Board

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MINUTES OF INDIAN COMMITTEE MEETING ALL AMERICAN INDIAN DAYS

FEBRUARY 20, 1956 IN SHERIDAN, WYOMING

The Indian Executive Committee of All American Indian Days convened in Sheridan at 9:00 A.M., February 20, 1956. The following members were present: Donald Deernose, Chairman, Lodge Grass, Montana; Mrs. Eliza Bill, Pendleton, Oregon; Mrs. Matilda C. Grant, Fort Hall, Idaho; Tom Harwood, Browning, Montana; Arthur Motanic, Pilot Rock, Oregon; Allen C. Queton, Tulsa, Oklahoma; William Circle Eagle, Cheyenne Agency, South Dakota; Oscar White Weasel, Cheyenne Agency, South Dakota; William Shakespeare, Arapaho, Wyoming; Arnold Headley, Ethete, Wyoming; John S. Timber, Lame Deer, Montana; A. J. Mahojah, Lame Deer, Montana; George Harris, Lame Deer, Montana; Joe Medicine Crow, Crow Agency, Montana; Brummett Echohawk, Tulsa, Oklahoma; James Sweeney, Frazier, Montana; Alex Wesley, Toppenish, Washington; Charlie White Wolf, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Ben Chief, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and David Isaac, Lapwai, Idaho, were absent because of sickness. Martin Cross of New Town, North Dakota was delayed in Washington. No word was received from John Little Crow, Cannonball, North Dakota.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, who briefly outlined the agenda, and welcomed the members to Sheridan.

The following suggestions were discussed:

PARADE. The lineup of the parade was considered. The following conclusions and suggestions were made: (1) The signs, indicating tribes, should be delivered to each tribe at the camp, and a map indicating the streets where each tribe should be prepared, together with formation instructions. These should be in the hands of tribal leaders Thursday night, August 2, and tribal leaders briefed. (2) Trucks for tribal floats should be at the camp on Thursday night, August 2, to allow time for decorating. One white committeeman should be assigned to allocate trucks, to whom tribal leaders could make application. (3) Secretary-Manager explained that the whiteman Horse Committee would have a checker on the grounds. It was desired that as many contestants as possible, in the Miss (Indian) America contest, ride horses. Each contestant desiring to ride would receive a "horse card", which would be delivered to the checker. Contestants should draw horses as early as possible on the morning of the parade, so that horses could be tried out and gentled. It was further explained that as many open cars as could be obtained would be on the grounds. It might be necessary to have two or more girls in the same car. The car pool of open cars would be in front of the stage on the race-track. Girls who were to ride in cars should report there. After girls riding