

Contest Opens for Miss Indian Oklahoma

This annual event is open to any Indian girl who is a legal resident of the State of Oklahoma, $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian blood, who has never been married and between the ages of 17 and 23.

Selection of Miss Indian Oklahoma will be made on the basis of appearance, poise, Indian characteristics, scholastic achievements, interest, talents and dedication to the advancement of the Indian People. Judging will be done by a panel of five individuals of National recognition and integrity, Miss Indian Oklahoma and three alternates will be selected. Officials of the event stated, "The most important quality required is on comprehensive knowledge of Indian people and a dedication to their advancement."

The pageant will be held in the auditorium of Putnam City High School, Ann Arbor and N.W. 50th Streets in Oklahoma City.

Preliminary judging will be held June 7th, 1974, at 8 O'Clock PM and finals on June 8th at 8 O'Clock PM.

Entries should be sent to Mrs. Sharon Harjo, 807 Spruce Drive, Yukon, Oklahoma 73099 no later than May 15, 1974.

Teacher Aid Workshop to be held at ECSC

A Teacher Aide workshop will be sponsored by the Indian Education Division on May 20 through 31 at East Central State College. Each Aide will receive more information through the mail soon.

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Indian Education Commissioner To Address JOM Workshop

Dr. William "Buck" Benham, Commissioner of Indian Education, Washington D.C. will address the Johnson O'Malley Committee workshop to be held May 14 through the 17 at East Central State College in Ada.

The purpose of the workshop is to supply the Johnson O'Malley Committee with information that will benefit the various committees in submitting a JOM proposal for the school year 1974-1975.

Other speakers for the workshop, in addition to the Indian Education Coordinators will be various individuals with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Oklahoma Senator, George Miller and Representative, Lonnie Abbot in Ada.

The Indian Education Division of the State Department of Education will sponsor the workshop.

The Wildcat, The Rabbit And The Turkeys

Some of the most enjoyable moments of my childhood were those spent listening to stories told by the older Indian People. One story I remember very vividly is the story of the Wildcat, the rabbit and the turkeys.

In our modern society we view the rabbit as being a sweet cuddly ball of fur, but in many of the Indian stories he is regarded as a sort of sneaky little rascal.

One day the rabbit and the wildcat were talking about the foods they liked best to eat. The wild cat suddenly remembered that he hadn't had anything to eat all day. The rabbit who had been nibbling constantly had an idea. "I know how to get you a nice big fat turkey" said the rabbit. "You lie down on the ground and pretend you are dead. I will sing a song and pretend to celebrate your death." With that the wildcat stretched out on the ground and was very still. The rabbit began to sing a song and beat his paws as though pounding a drum. Soon the turkeys gathered around to see why the rabbit was singing.

"The wildcat is dead," he said. "Let's celebrate, I will sing while you dance on his body."

The turkeys were quite timid at first, but as the rabbit beat fast they were caught by impulse and danced. First, the young turkey hopped on the wildcat spreading his feathers and dancing proudly. Then the hen danced a series of trotting steps that even to this day is still performed by our tribal women and known to us as the turkey dance.

The last one to dance on the wildcat was the big fat Tom. He jumped and hopped as if he was trying to get even for the many times he had been chased by the cat.

All of a sudden the wildcat sprang up and snatched the Tom between his sharp teeth, feathers flew in every direction. The wildcat had a fine meal that day.

The other turkeys flew away. The rabbit darted quickly into the woods.

One question was always asked when the story was over. "Why didn't the wildcat catch the rabbit instead of waiting for the Turkey?"

"Because, a wildcat would rather have feathers than fur on his whiskers."