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INTEREST IN EDUCATION SHOWS INCREASE

Young Indian Students Train for Careers

Indians displayed a growing interest in education in the past school year, when the number of Indians enrolled in educational institutions rose by 970 to a total of 35,525. An important part of this increase was the number admitted to non-Indian schools; this rose from the previous year's figure of 3,381 to 4,077.

Indians not only do well in competition with non-Indians at the elementary schools and collegiates, but some have distinguished themselves at universities and various types of training schools. Many young women have entered nursing or are studying stenography. Young men are studying law and engineering while commercial art, radio and laboratory work, and several other specialized occupations have attracted several ambitious young Indians.

Some typical cases are given below by way of illustration.

In the teaching field

Miss Alma Jacobs, of the St. Regis Agency, was a very popular student at Queen of Angels Academy, Montreal, where she completed Grade XII and was elected president of the student association. Next step for Miss Jacobs is Teachers' College.

At the age of 16, Edward Lavalley holds a teaching position at Garnier Residential School. His early schooling was at Cape Croker Indian Day School, and he later attended Garnier Indian Residential School, graduating from high school in 1954. He was engaged later the same year to teach at the Residential School. He is continuing his education and attended a pre-teachers' summer school at the University of Toronto last July.

Miss Yvonne Trudeau, who graduated recently from Teachers' College, North Bay, Ont., chose teaching as her profession because she particularly enjoys working with children.

She is a member of the Spanish River Band, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Trudeau of Wikwemikong.

Augustine Allan, 20, of the Stellaquo Band, Fraser Lake, B.C., has just completed his senior matriculation studies at Prince George High School and intends to go to normal school. He refused the offer of financial help to attend normal school because he feels he would be more likely to work hard if he had to do it all on his own resources. He intends to work for a year and save the money he will need to complete his studies.

BRIGHT STUDENT

Lloyd Warren Ryan of Kitwanga, B.C., is a clever young student who distinguished himself in competition with non-Indian scholars by earning the highest marks of anyone in the Grade XII graduating class of Booth Memorial High School, Prince Rupert, B.C.

Other Indian members of the large graduating class were Miss Thelma Rosabelle Lewis of Harley Bay, Henry Alfred McKay of Greenville on the Naas River, and James Harvey Stewart of Kincolith.

To heal the sick

The first graduate nurse from the Duck Lake Agency, Sask., is believed to be Miss Mary Seesequasis, who graduated this year from the Humbolt Nursing School. Miss Seesequasis, who completed Grade XI at Stobart High School in Duck Lake three years ago, plans to begin her nursing career in a small country hospital in Saskatchewan.

Others Impressed

Miss Rose Terry, 21, of the Bridge River Band, B.C., graduated recently from St. Joseph's Hospital as a registered nurse. Miss Terry entered nursing school immediately on graduation from Kamloops Indian Residential School. Because she was without parents to assist her, a group of public-spirited

women at Lillooet, impressed by her ability and personal qualities, sponsored her entrance to nursing school.

Miss Phyllis Marie Johnson, 21, will graduate as a registered nurse next year from St. Paul's School of Nursing, Vancouver. Born in Vancouver, she was raised on the Skweahm Reserve in the small rural community of Nicomen Island near Deroche, B.C. A highlight of her education came in 1952 when she passed out of Mission City High School with top marks and the award of a \$100 bursary which she used to help pay expenses of her education as a nurse.

Miss Edith Eileen Green, 22, of

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Indian Magistrate Holds Respect Of All

His Worship, Magistrate O. M. Martin, is an impressive figure as he sits in court, directing proceedings with a quiet, soft voice which carries the ring of authority.

This well-dressed, handsome man has

Census shows big increase

Years ago, some people used to refer to the Indians as a vanishing race. Today, the situation is quite the reverse for Indians are coming more and more into prominence both in the age-old occupations of their ancestors and in modern competition with non-Indians. The latest Indian census figures show that, in addition to making great progress in the handling of their own affairs and in modern business careers, Indians are growing in numbers and, in the past five years, have increased by more than 15,000.

Since the previous census of 1949, the Canadian Indian population has grown 11.1 per cent from 136,407 to a total of 151,558.

The largest percentage increase was

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experienced many things and gained many high honours since his birth 62 years ago on the Six Nations Reserve.

He has been an airplane pilot, a school teacher, a Canadian Army brigadier, and has presided for the past nine years in Toronto as York County magistrate with jurisdiction over an area which contains a population of approximately 200,000.

Formal education began for the magistrate on his reserve and continued at Caledonia High School, where he spent a happy time studying for his Junior Matriculation.

His military associations began at the age of 15, when he joined the Haldimand Rifles as a bugler. He went overseas in 1915 as a lieutenant in the infantry. After infantry service in Belgium and France, he returned to England and began service as a pilot in the Royal Flying Corps, which was then a small, new organization. He was joined in the Corps by two other Indians, Jim Moses of the Six Nations and Jack Stacey of Caughnawaga.

Back in Canada he attended Toronto Normal School, received his teacher's certificate and was appointed to the staff of a school in East End Toronto. He taught from 1922 to 1940 and, while teaching, he continued to study at night school and at summer school to get his

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Tyendinaga, Ont., started her progress towards nursing by taking a commercial course in Belleville. This enabled her to take employment in Toronto, where she continued her education in night school. After two years of working and saving, she enrolled at the Toronto General School of Nursing, where she now is in her third year.

Miss Green was active in the Girl Guides organization while at Deseronto, and was second in command of the troop.

This is the final year of training for Miss Dorothy Commanda, 20, who is studying at St. Joseph's Nursing School, North Bay, Ont. Miss Commanda attended the Spanish Indian Residential School to Grade XI, then went to St. Joseph's Girl's College.

To serve her people

Miss Rose Antoine, 19, entered training at St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, and is doing very well. She is a member of the Necoslie Band at Fort St. James, B.C., of which her father, Felix Antoine, is a former chief. She intends to serve her people as a nurse at one of the Indian Health Services hospitals.

Miss Betty Benedict and Miss Charleen Benedict, both 21, are in their second year of training as nurses. Betty is a student at Hotel Dieu Hospital, Cornwall, Ont., and Charleen studies at Cornwall General Hospital. They are members of the St. Regis Band.

Miss Anne Thomas of the Peepekis Band, Man., has completed Grade XII at the Birtle Indian Residential School and is preparing to enter Winnipeg General Hospital as a nurse-in-training this fall.

A very good scholastic record was registered at St. George's Residential School and Lytton High School by Miss Yvonne Elizabeth Dunstan, 19, of the Siska Band, B.C. She recently entered training as a registered nurse at the Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster.

Miss Doreen Nicholas, 19, now is training to be a nurse at Hotel-Dieu Hospital, Edmundston, N.B. She attended high school at St. Basile Convent, N.B., and graduated with an excellent record last year.

A course in practical nursing was the choice of Miss Eileen Joe, 22, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Joe of the Squamish Band, B.C. She now is studying at the Vancouver Vocational Institute.

At least two other young women have taken training as nurse's aides.

Miss Florence Edith May Dunstan, 26, of the Lytton Band, is a good example of a hard-working, ambitious girl achieving her goal. She worked for a year at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Lytton, to raise money for her further education. Then she entered the Vancouver Vocational Institute to train as a nurse's aide and graduated recently.

Miss Mary Louise Bull, 21, Seton Lake Band, also graduated from the Vancouver Vocational Institute, ranking second in her Nurse's Aide class. Miss Bull completed her Grade XII at St. Mary's School in Mission. She was too young to enter the nurse's aide course at that time, so she spent her waiting time in working to raise funds for her tuition.

The professions

An Indian lawyer in the making is Basil Johnston, 25, of Cape Croker Agency, who now is a law student at Osgoode Hall, Toronto.

His schooling began at Cape Croker No. 1 Indian Day School and in 1944 he attended the Kingston High School, where he stood second in his class. He left school, worked for two years, then enrolled at Garnier Indian Residential School at Spanish, Ont. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Loyola College, Montreal, in 1954, and now appears to be doing well in his law studies. His reliability is shown by the fact that he has been employed for the past six summers by the same company.

Engineering is the career chosen by Andrew Nicholas Jr., 21, who has just completed his first year of Engineering studies at Nova Scotia Technical College at Halifax, N.S. His father, Andrew Nicholas Sr., a specialist in concrete construction, is employed by building contractors in many parts of the continent. His mother is a member of Tobique Band Council. He was the first student from his reserve to pass high school entrance examinations.

James Smith, 18, of Horton Reserve, N.S., also has chosen engineering as a career. He has just completed Grade XII and plans to continue at St. Francis Xavier University, with a degree in Engineering as his aim.

Determination beats T. - B.

A bout with tuberculosis did not deter Leo Peters, 22, from striving for a successful career. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Peters of Bear River Reserve, Micmac Agency, he spent a number of years in the Nova Scotia Sanatorium at Kentville, and eventually was cured. While at the sanatorium, he took up vocational training and completed studies in radio electronics this year at the Vocational Training School in St. John. He has been promised employment in New Brunswick.

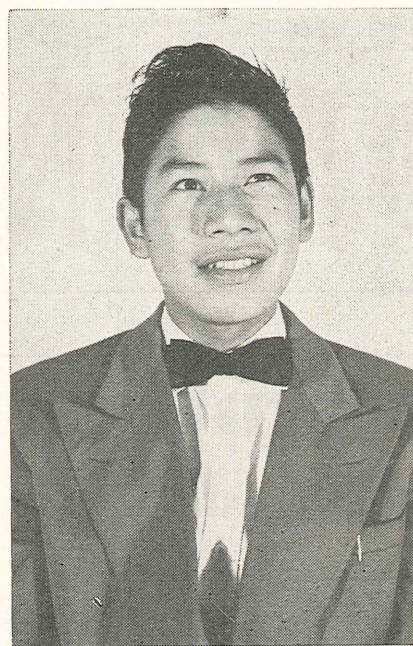
Planning business careers

Miss Elizabeth Thompson, 18, a Grade XII Commercial graduate from St. Lawrence High School, now is employed in the St. Regis Agency office of the Indian Affairs Branch. She has a brilliant scholastic record and placed second in her graduating class. She

was on the school honour roll in 1952, 1953, and 1954.

The new clerk at Fort Qu'Appelle Indian Agency office is Herbert Strongeagle of the Pasqua Band, who made

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ANDREW WILLIAMS

Boy steals show with recitation

Fourteen-year-old Andrew Williams of the Wabigoon Band could not speak English six years ago, but he spoke it so well in the Poetry Class of the Kenora Festival last May that the adjudicator rose from her seat to shout "Bravo!"

"I couldn't restrain myself," the adjudicator, Miss Gertrude M. McCance, told Andrew. "It was a real thrill and a wonderful experience to listen to you. You really brought out the qualities demanded by this poem. I cannot say more as I could not do better myself. You did a marvellous job."

She awarded 88 marks, one of the highest ever recorded at a Kenora festival, for his recitation of "The Train Dogs" by the Mohawk poetess, Pauline Johnson.

Andrew, who is a student at Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, also placed first in Public Speaking. He led a field of 20 contestants in the Grades 6-to-7 Class with his speech about muskrat trapping.

Census

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in children of school age, who soon will be adding their efforts on behalf of Indian success. This group, from seven to 15 years, increased by 16.1 per cent for a total rise of 4,698. Next in line was the main adult group, aged from 21 to 69, which rose from 58,988 to 63,972 for an increase of 8.5 per cent. The younger adult group of 16 to 20 years increased by 13.3 per cent from 13,832 to 15,671.

The only age group that did not increase in size was that which included people over 70 years of age. This group dropped by 58 to a total of 4,916.

Most in B.C.

Considered regionally, the greatest numerical increase was in British Columbia, where the Indian population rose by 11.2 per cent from 27,936 to 31,086. The highest percentage rise was in New Brunswick, where the population rose by 22.9 per cent from 2,139 to 2,629.

Alberta rose by 1,910 from 13,805 for an increase of 13.8 per cent; Manitoba's Indians increased from 17,549 to 19,684 for a 12.1 per cent rise; Saskatchewan rose from 16,308 to 18,750 for an increase of 14.9 per cent; Ontario, which contains the largest Indian population, rose by 2,684 from 34,571 for a

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Senior Matriculation. Then he went on to take classes at the University of Toronto.

It was difficult to find time for both study and classes, for by this time he was principal of Danforth Park School, which had 32 teachers, a nurse, a swimming instructor and an active theatre group.

All this time he had kept up his interest in the militia and, in 1930, had been given the command of the Haldimand Rifles with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. In 1937 he was one of the Canadian officers chosen to attend the coronation of King George VI in London.

For a few years he was secretary-treasurer of the Ontario Public School Men Teachers' Federation, and on Fridays he usually was off to speak to teachers groups in many Ontario cities.

"That was a busy life," he says with a smile. "I take it easier now."

In 1940, he was placed in command of the 13th Canadian Infantry Brigade, which went to British Columbia for the defence of Vancouver Island. He later was in command of the 14th, then the 16th, brigade.

With the rank of brigadier, he was for a time Officer Commanding a Military District at Niagara and later in British Columbia. In 1944, was sent overseas on special duty.

Later that year he retired from the Canadian Army and in November, 1944, he was appointed York County Magistrate.

Although he has been enfranchised for many years, Magistrate Martin still maintains contact with relatives and friends on the Six Nations Reserve and is intensely interested in everything related to the welfare of Indians.

Singers win praise at music festival

A group of sweet singers from Cape Croker and Port Elgin Indian Day Schools charmed the adjudicator of the Grey County Festival of Music, which was held at Warton, Ont., this year.

During the day, a girls' trio composed of the Misses Georgina Chegahno, Doris Chegahno and Carrie Elliott, all of the Port Elgin school, placed second in competition against 14 non-Indian groups, with a mark of 84.

In the evening they were joined by the Misses Lucy Chegahno, Iola Johnston and Aileen Johnston to form a double trio and take first place with a mark of 87.

Cadets praised

A banquet marked the close of the first year of army training for the 59 girls and boys enrolled in the cadet unit of the 107th H.A.A. Bty., R.C.A. The banquet was attended by several dignitaries, including the mayor of Cranbrook, several of whom praised the Indian youngsters for their outstanding conduct and performance as members of the battery.

7.7 per cent increase; Quebec's Indians increased by 10 per cent from 15,970 to 17,574; the Yukon rose from 1,443 by 125, for an increase of 8.6 per cent; the Indians of the North West Territories increased by 6.6 per cent to 4,023 from 3,772; Nova Scotia recorded a rise of 13.7 per cent from 2,641 to 3,002. The only province to record a drop was Prince Edward Island, where the population fell by one to 272.

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Reserves and Trusts helps band negotiations

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The Reserves and Trusts Service is more or less in the position of the manager of the resources found on your Indian Reserves and treasurer of the moneys realized from such resources. With your permission and the assistance of your Band Councils we negotiate the sale and lease of Reserve lands, the granting of mineral and oil exploration rights, the sale of timber, gravel and numerous other transactions.

Band Councils are growing increasingly aware of the value of the resources on their Reserves and are taking a greater interest in using these resources for the benefit of the Band members. While in years past the trend was for Bands to surrender for sale unrequired lands, the trend today is to lease rather than sell, particularly in the case of unused agricultural lands. This trend is evidenced by the fact that during the past year rentals amounting to over \$700,000 were collected from a total of more than 3,000 leases, whereas the sales of land negotiated during the same period numbered only 41 and realized approximately \$200,000.

Our position in the field of management of Band resources is becoming more and more an advisory one as Band Councils are encouraged to, and do, assume the major role in negotiating land sale and lease transactions.

In our position as the treasurer of your Band funds, which now exceed \$24,000,000, we are responsible for supervising the use of your moneys but, as in the resources management field, have encouraged Band Councils to assume more responsibility and to act in the same manner as the Council of a Municipality in estimating yearly, in advance, the financial requirements of the Band and using the moneys available for the best possible purposes. We have found that given added responsibility, Band Councils have used it wisely and we believe the trend towards Band Councils assuming more responsibility and gaining more intimate knowledge of the financial affairs of their Bands has brought about greater realization of the necessity of close co-operation between the Government and the Indians to achieve the purpose of utilizing resources on Reserves and the revenues derived therefrom to the best possible advantage of the Indians. It may interest you to know that in the past year Indian Bands across Canada used almost \$5,000,000 of their Trust Funds for Band purposes.

While the Reserves and Trusts Service has other functions, I have chosen to write on the two subjects that may interest you most.



L. L. BROWN

Huge pemmican store found on western farm

An interesting link with Indian life of another day was found at Rocky Mountain House in Alberta, where a farmer found over 500 pounds of pemmican buried about 18 inches below the ground throughout a 20-acre field. Most of the pemmican was in chunks about the size of a football.

The pemmican balls were solid but could be cut through and it was then easy to see how it was made. Ground meat and fat, with either blueberries, saskatoons or cranberries, were kneaded together then wrapped in a hide, fur outside, and tied together with strips of hide and willows. From the size of trees that have grown on this field after the pemmican was buried, it is estimated that the food was buried there more than 100 years ago.

It is thought that Indians hurriedly buried the pemmican because of approaching enemies and were not able to return for it.

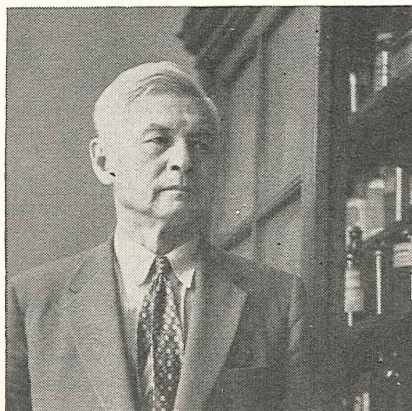
Buckskin popular

Buckskin workers of the Lower Kootenay band in British Columbia continue to get heavy orders for their skilfully-made beaded moccasins, gauntlets, jackets and novelties.

Most of the available deer hides were used up last summer to fill a single order for 150 jacket and gauntlet sets.

Six Nations members operate borrowing fund

Indians on the Six Nations Reserve are successfully operating a credit union which makes loans to band members



DR. JAMIESON

Heads Branch At High School

Dr. Elmer Jamieson, a Mohawk from the Six Nations Reserve, is in charge of the Chemistry and Biology departments at the large North Toronto High School, where he has taught since 1922.

Dr. Jamieson received his early education on the Reserve, then took his Bachelor of Arts degree at McMaster University in 1913.

War service came next, and he went overseas at the same time as his friend, Magistrate Martin, who also is a Mohawk of the Six Nations.

He returned to his studies after the war and in 1922 he received his Master of Arts degree. He was appointed to the teaching staff of North Toronto High School, and continued to study for his doctorate, specializing in teaching. His doctoral thesis was "Indian Education in Canada."

Dr. Jamieson still is happy with his work and glad that he took the trouble to work toward a good education. He believes, not only that it is good to have an education, but it is good for one to have to struggle a little in order to get it.

Chiefs receive jubilee medals

A special feature of the Province of Alberta's golden jubilee celebrations is the presentation of jubilee medallions to Indian chiefs of the province who are 50 years of age or older.

One side of the handsome medallion bears the handclasp and symbols of the sun and water, with the words "Friendship—Loyalty—Progress". On the other side is the crest of the Alberta Golden Jubilee with the inscription "50 Golden Years—1905-1955".

The chiefs will receive their medallions in public ceremonies, some of which already have been held at exhibitions and other public occasions. In one typical ceremony, held at Fort Macleod, the province's deputy minister of Economic Affairs read a biography and tribute to each chief, after which the Lieutenant-governor of Alberta placed the medallion around the neck of the chief.

Later, it is planned to present a medallion to every Indian in Alberta who is 50 years of age or over.

to assist them in carrying out projects of a constructive nature.

The credit union, which is run entirely by Indians, will lend money to members of the Six Nations and Mississauga bands and people resident on the reserve.

Besides making money available to those who otherwise would have difficulty borrowing, it encourages members to save because a credit union's funds are supplied by its members, who buy shares in the venture and are paid interest on their money out of the interest returned by those who borrow.

The union, which was set up in 1952, has evolved a system of preference in loans to encourage people to use its services. First on the list to borrow money are those who have already saved the amount they wish to borrow and have it on deposit in the credit union. It is a better financial move, usually, for them to borrow the money than withdraw their own funds, and to encourage the practice the union serves such borrowers first.

Next in preference are those who have saved half of the sum they wish to borrow. They are followed by those who have been members of the credit union for a year or more. Last on the list are those who waited until the last minute and join just at the time they wish to borrow. They must wait until all the other applicants have been taken care of.

President of the union was the late James Martin, a councillor, who died last June. Other directors include Vice-President Andrew Jamieson, a teacher; Secretary Joseph Carlow, teacher; Treasurer R. W. Hill, teacher; John W. Hill, a painting contractor and school janitor; Clifford Styres, postmaster, undertaker, and operator of the bus company that takes the children to school; Norman Lickers, a construction worker.

The credit committee, which must pass on the applications for loans, is composed of Norton Lickers, a blacksmith and steel worker; Gordon Martin, employed by Cockshut Plough Co.; A. V. Hill, a construction worker.

The supervisory committee has overall authority. It audits accounts and has the power to suspend any director or the entire board if things are not being handled properly. This committee consists of Chairman C. Montour, teacher, George Beaver, teacher, and John Burnham, merchant.

Treasurer Hill reports that the union is doing very well financially and that many people are making use of it. The union and its operation are excellent examples of how well and wisely Indians are working for their own welfare.

NEWCOMERS

The Indian's pride in his heritage and his privileges as a Canadian citizen were well illustrated one evening at a Vancouver Y.M.C.A. when Indians attending part of a leadership training course there decided to visit with a group of New Canadians who had just finished a course in the English language.

The occasion became a warm and friendly one as the Indian group made friends with the newcomers and told them of the fine things Canada holds for them.

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good marks during his training period at the Saskatoon Success Business College and was engaged by the Agency on his graduation.

Regina and Georgina Perley, 21, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Perley of Tobique Agency, both have completed the commercial course in connection with their high school training while service with the Indian Affairs Branch or Indian Health Services is the ambition of Miss Norma B. Thomas, 20, of the Neclosie Band at Fort St. James, B.C. She began training as a secretary at the Vancouver Vocational Institute last September.

At Cornwall Commercial College, three 18-year-old girls are taking a secretarial course. They are Miss Nancy

Bush, Miss Sarah King, and Miss Marie Sunday.

Two young women of Millbrooke Reserve, Truro, N.S., who plan to take a commercial course are Miss Mary Agnes Brooks, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brooks, and Miss Florence Marshall, 16, a very talented student who has just completed Grade XI.

Four young women of Caradoc Reserve, Ont., plan to study both Home Economics and business. They are Valeria Deleary, Patricia French, Leona Riley, and Margaret Young.

Miss Catherine Bernard, 17, daughter of Chief William Bernard and Mrs. Bernard of Pictou Landing Reserve, has just completed a commercial course at St. Joseph's, Mabou.

Indian artists

The artistic ability for which many Indians are well known is being put to good use by Anthony Jacob, who graduated from the four-year course of the Vancouver School of Art last May. His instructors were impressed with his talent and several people offered assistance in getting a position. However, Anthony managed to find employment for himself with a company in Vancouver which specializes in silk screen art processes.

Another talented artist is Miss Lucy Loft, 18, of St. Regis Agency. She is

a student at Art College in Buffalo, N.Y., and intends to become a commercial artist and fashion designer.

Miss Shirley Aline Hill, 21, whose father, William Isaac, is a councillor of the Bay of Quinte Band, has turned her talents to hairdressing. She had to leave school early because of ill health and was not satisfied to remain an unskilled worker. After some thought, she decided on a hairdressing course. She was successful in her studies and now is employed at Kitchener, Ont., where she is doing very well.

Social welfare careers planned

Social welfare work is the major interest of Miss Marlene Brant of Tyendinaga, Ont., who was mentioned in a previous issue of "The Indian News".

Miss Brant graduated from Queen's University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and, at present, is employed in the Education Division of the Indian

Affairs Branch. She starts her Social Welfare training at the University of Toronto this fall and, after a one-year course to get her degree, she plans to work for a year in a non-Indian welfare agency. At the end of the year, she will return to university to study for her Master's degree, after which she will begin a career of social service among her own people.

Another scholar interested in social work is Carl Richard Latham, 25, of the Six Nations Reserve. This young man holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Western Ontario and has just completed his first year at the Toronto School of Social Work.

Hobbema players win at hockey

The young men of Hobbema Reserve, Alberta, play a sparkling brand of hockey that took them through the entire past season of league play and play-offs without a single defeat.

Much credit for their brilliant performance goes to Playing Coach Percy Wolfe. This fine young athlete tried out for the Regina junior hockey team last fall and, although he was not chosen for that team, made a good impression. He has been outstanding both as coach and player on the Hobbema team.

Other team members are Andrew Ward, Victor Rattlesnake, who plays goal; Willard Littlepoplar, George Montour, Baptiste Ermineskin Jr., Bernard Buffalo, defence; Sylvester Wolfe, Maurice Wolfe, Raymond Deschamps, Raymond Littlechild, Ross Littlechild, Lawrence Wildcat, Vernon Omeasoo, forwards.

The team defeated the Winterburn club in the Northern Playoffs and went on to beat a team from Morley Indian Reserve by taking the first two games of a best-of-three series to take the provincial honours and the Dr. Barr-Murray trophy.

ROUGH GUEST

Chief Henry James of Spuzzum, B.C., had an unexpected guest last winter.

A young black bear broke into his root cellar and somehow or other managed to lock the door from the inside. Then, secure in his "cave", the bear hibernated all winter among boxes of apples.

When Spring sounded her alarm clock, Bruin awoke, tore down a rock wall, and departed without even saying "thank you".

Roads kept up in expert way by Six Nations

The Six Nations Reserve has an efficient, well-equipped road maintenance organization that will be spending approximately \$88,000 on its 120 miles of reserve roads this year.

This sum includes \$40,000 that will be required to carry out the first-year program for a hard-surface road across the reserve. Ordinary road expenditure will be about \$45,000, of which \$40,000 will be refunded by the Ontario Department of Highways under a policy of repaying half of any expenditures made on road maintenance in the province.

These large projects are under direction of Cleveland Anderson. Mr. Anderson retired from the salaried position of Road Superintendent but council persuaded him to return to service so that it could benefit from his experience during the new project.

A valuable assistant to Mr. Anderson and to the council is 28-year-old Leslie G. Smith, a slim, smiling young man who maintains road ledgers, pay rolls and other records, as well as providing monthly and annual reports to the Ontario Department of Highways in his capacity as Road Clerk.



L. G. SMITH

Mr. Smith, a veteran of the Second World War, is married and has two children — Guy Leslie, five, and Gordon, one-year old. He took high school training in Buffalo, N.Y., and worked for eight years in high steel construction before accepting his present employment.

His brother, Harry, is a successful character actor in motion pictures who goes by the name of Jay Silverheels, and whose most famous role is that of Tonto, the Indian companion of the Lone Ranger. This talented Six Nations Indian first gained fame as a boxer, lacrosse player and wrestler before he began his acting career.

In order to carry out their road work, the Six Nations have bought with their own funds a large road maintainer, a dump truck, a tractor with a front-end loader, a pick-up truck, a leaning wheel grader, and a small power grader.

Each spring the road committee, of which Councillor Joseph F. Hill is chairman, conducts a road inspection tour in order to plan the road program for the coming year.

The entire arrangement and operation is one that does credit to the Six Nations people and would be an asset to any other community.

Hockey meet won by Fort Frances

Hockey is a going concern at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School, which dominates juvenile play in the town and surrounding district.

At a well-fought hockey tournament in which all Indian residential schools of Northwestern Ontario took part last March, the St. Francis team took the championship and the trophy donated by Dr. Ferguson of Kenora for the third successive year.

In addition to this fine performance, the school took the local championship with its first entry in the Bantam Class without a defeat, and its Bantam A team took the league championship for the fourth year in a row. Bantam B teams brought championships to the school in 1951, 1952, and 1953.

The Northwestern Residential School playoffs are a festive affair each year. Entries gather from Sioux Lookout, Cecilia Jeffery, Kenora, McIntosh, and Fort Frances residential schools to engage in a round robin which lasts for two days. The two teams with the highest standing at the end of the round engage in a sudden death playoff.

The first tournament was held in 1950 at Kenora, where the Sioux Lookout team was victorious. Next year, also at Kenora, the Cecilia Jeffery boys took the honours. Poor ice cancelled the 1952 event. In the last three years, the tournaments have been held at Fort Frances and the local entry won each time.

Top scorer of the Fort Frances team and top scorer for the past five years in the Fort Frances Midget League is 15-year-old Alfred Morrison. Vernon Mainville, 14, is another outstanding player who received the most valuable player trophy in the Fort Frances Bantam B League, and was top scorer each year with Donald Morrisseau a close second. Two outstanding defence men were Thomas Perrault and Joseph Shebageget and Glen Jourdain did an excellent job of keeping the puck out of his goal.



TALENTED GROUP: "This charming group of young ladies are students of Kamloops Indian Residential School who won the "Melva Dwyer Cup" for their folk dancing in competition with entries from Kamloops, Vernon, Kelowna, Lytton, Quesnel, Merritt and Salmon Arm at the recent Yale-Cariboo Musical Festival. The girls shown above in the costumes they made themselves received top marks—a record—for their Irish jig entry. Other folk dancing entries from the school received high praise from the adjudicator. Each of three choirs entered by the school won a shield in competition with the senior choir getting the highest mark in the festival for choirs.

Day school children on Six Nations study lessons under Indian teachers

Children on the large, 6,000-member Six Nations Reserve are learning their school lessons from teachers who are well qualified to understand their special problems, for 25

of the 27 teachers employed in the day schools are members of the Six Nations.

Supervising principal of all the teachers employed in the day schools is J. C. Hill, an energetic young man with a warm smile and even warmer enthusiasm for his job. Mr.

Hill worked his way to education and success without the usual assistance of parents and family associations. He managed to get work on a part-time basis in a small grocery store when he was a boy, doing chores and serving customers in return for his board and lodging. He worked with enthusiasm and skill and soon became so valuable and well-liked that he was offered a partnership in the store. That wasn't his goal, for he wanted to become a teacher. Through years of little money and hard work, he studied to reach his goal. Today, with 19 years of teaching experience behind him, he is a prominent member of the Six Nations and is honoured as an able, admirable figure by Indians and non-Indians alike.

Taught Many Years

Members of the Six Nations have been teaching in their own schools for many years. Among the veteran teachers are three sisters—Julia, Norah, and Mary Jamieson—whose combined teaching experience adds up to more than 90 years. These well-liked women often find themselves teaching the children of former pupils—in fact, Miss Julia Jamieson has taught children whose grandparents studied under her. She still is spry and merry after 47 years in the teaching profession and has abundant optimism about the futures of her young students.

The contribution of this family to

Muncey pupil tops in contest

Two children from Muncey reserve won honours for their performance in a contest sponsored throughout Canada by the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

The children were Margaret Williams, age twelve, and Virginia Doxtator, age nine, both pupils of Oneida No. 2 junior room on the reserve.

The children were required to submit written answers to questions on each of five lessons on temperance and the papers were judged on originality, neatness and penmanship. They were first judged in the township, then the winning entries in each age group were sent on to the counties, the province and the Dominion.

Miss Williams placed first in the Dominion, was rated second in the province, and first in county and township. Miss Doxtator placed second in the Dominion, first in the province, and first in township and county in her class.

Twenty-five other pupils of this school wrote the same papers and received honourable mention.

education on the reserve does not end there, for their younger brother Andrew, who holds the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, also teaches on the reserve.

Mr. R. W. Hill, who teaches in Ohsweken Central, has had a varied career, during which he won the Governor-General's Medal at Upper Canada College, represented his school as a featherweight boxer, held the Canadian archery championship, worked as an accountant, a department store salesman, and helped operate a credit union off the reserve. He was a powerful force in helping to establish the very worthwhile credit union on the reserve.

School sports are under the capable direction of Cecil Montour, a tall, good-natured young man who graduated from Hamilton Normal School and who has special teaching qualifications in physical education and agriculture. He is interested in the militia and holds the rank of lieutenant in the 56th Field Regiment, R.C.A. He is married and has three sons.



VIETKAN TEACHER: Miss Julia Jamieson has taught on Six Nations Reserve for 47 years.

Shulus villagers build fine new system for water supply

Fire no longer has as much chance to destroy property as it used to in Shulus Village, British Columbia.

The industrious Band members have built an efficient water system with good pressure and 10 standpipes with enough fire hose to reach all the houses in the main group of buildings.

The new system already has proved its worth. Formerly, fire had to be battled by men, women and children with buckets which often were filled at a distant well or carried up the hill from the Nicola River. Under such circumstances, it was considered fortunate if any fire could be controlled.

Villagers did work

All the work for the water system with the exception of trenches, which

Efficient sawmill

An efficient sawmill crew is operating at Moose Factory, where Indian teamwork and industry is turning out a large number of logs sawn by the James Bay Agency sawmill.

The lumber will be stockpiled until seasoned, then it will be planed and stored for future welfare projects in various settlements of the James Bay Indian Agency.

The girls in Grades 6, 7 and 8 learn a lot about operating a home in the Home Economics classes taught by Mrs. F. E. Hill. Mrs. Hill, who is highly rated as a Home Economics teacher off the reserve as well as on it, teaches the girls sewing, cooking, preparation of healthy diets, how to meet the problems of family life, and how to budget expenses.

J. S. Moses is music teacher in the schools and he often is complimented on the fine choruses he produces. Toward the close of the school year, his children's choirs provided a large part of a fine, well-attended school concert in Ohsweken community hall.

Other Indian members of the well-qualified teaching staff in Six Nations day schools include the following:

Day School No. 1—Mrs. S. Sandy, who has taught on the reserve for 18 years, and G. Beaver.

Day School No. 3—Mrs. W. Jamieson.

Day School No. 5—Mrs. O. A. Moses.

Day School No. 6—Mrs. V. P. Clench.

Day School No. 7—J. L. Garlow, who has taught nine years on the reserve, and Mrs. M. Longboat, who has five years experience.

Day School No. 8—O. M. Smith, with eight years experience.

Day School No. 9—I. L. Thomas.

Day School No. 10—Hubert Skye.

Day School No. 11—Mrs. A. D. Lickers and Miss F. K. Bomberry.

Day School No. 12—Miss F. M. Bomberry.

Ohsweken Central—Mrs. H. W. Hill, who has 10 years experience, Mrs. M. M. Hunter, who has taught for nine years, and Mrs. E. W. Moses.

L. S. King, who has taught for 10 years, is in charge of the New Credit Day School.



ACTION PLAN: Mrs. Helen Hill and Mrs. Mildred Hunter (seated) check over a lesson together. Both teach Grade 8 in Ohsweken Central Day School.

Six Nations give pageant

Once again, the handsome outdoor theatre on Six Nations Reserve came to life from August 12 to 20 when members of the Six Nations band presented their seventh annual pageant at Ohnedagowat (Great Pine) Forest Theatre in General's Woods, Smoothtown, on Six Nations Grand River Lands.

The pageant this year gave a dramatization of the life of the Iroquois teacher and prophet Skanyatoria (Handsome Lake), whose monument stands at Onondaga, near the City of Syracuse.

In addition to the pageant, the players presented a short sketch of the life Mohawk Poetess E. Pauline Johnson, whose books take a prominent place in Canadian literature.

Sponsored by League

The production is sponsored by the Indian Defence League of America; production manager is Gordon Martin; stage directors are Josephine General and Mrs. Walter Hunter; dances are directed by Howard Skye and Arnold General; director of publicity is William Smith; Chief Deskaheh is historical adviser and Mrs. Gordon Martin, R.R. 6 Hagersville, Ont., is secretary.

The productions of this organization are always as historically correct as possible. Mrs. Hunter, one of the stage directors, explained that any dramatic speech in the productions not only is kept as close as possible to the historic character of the person speaking, but whenever possible the speech is drawn from historical records.

Skanyataro, the subject of this year's pageant, was a Seneca chief who claimed to have been chosen by the Creator to tell the Iroquois people how to live. He condemned the use of alcohol and immoral behaviour and under his influence many of his people began to live better lives.

FRIDAY FINERY

Friday is a special day for the senior pupils at Muncey Indian Day School. On other days of the week, clothes worn are the usual every-day variety, but on Friday all the seniors wear their good clothes to finish off the week with a bit of brightness and to stimulate the desire to make a good appearance.

PEIGAN ROUNDUP BIG BUSINESS

June is the most active month on the Peigan Reserve, for that is when band members stage their huge roundup, gathering their herd of approximately 3,000 cattle from various parts of their large range and conducting the annual branding and dipping operations.

To a person whose knowledge of the West is confined to western movies, in which the population always is rigidly divided between cowboys and Indians, the reserve range might be confusing—for the Indians are also cowboys, and good ones, too.

The rich range once was a favourite of huge buffalo herds and one still can see old buffalo trails, wallows, and bones. An unusual feature of the range is the warm chinook winds which come through the Crownest Pass in winter, keeping the prairie free of snow so that cattle always can find pasture except for an occasional week when the chinook arrives late and the heavy snows are not yet dispersed.

It takes about a week to gather in the cattle from the plains, gullies and river beds on the huge reserve, which is approximately 20 miles long and 17 miles wide. The cattle then are sorted into groups such as steers, dry cows, cows with calves, and yearlings. They then are driven through a vat and dipped.

The vat contains medicants to prevent such diseases as scabies and blackleg. As they go through the dip, the cattle are recorded according to individual brands, of which each cattle owner has one. The herd brand of the Peigan Band is a circle. The members have individual brands such as their initials, a number, or some other identification. In addition, many of them further identify their cattle by cropping an ear or wattle the skin at various points.

Following the dip, the yearlings are placed in a separate pasture and dry cows and steers to be sold in the early fall are sent to a pasture of their own. Cows with calves are pastured near the dip for immediate branding.

Then, after three weeks of hard riding and strenuous work for 14 to 16 hours a day, the cowboys disperse—some for a well-earned rest, some of the more tireless ones to compete in local rodeos.



THE SENTINEL: A stockman stands watch over a herd of cows and their calves. The calves are sorted and branded during the roundup and dipping operations.



HERDING THEM IN: A group of cowboys urge the cattle toward the dipping pens. The annual dipping protects the cattle from diseases from which they otherwise might become infected.



THE BRANDING: A calf kicks up much dust as he feels the hot branding iron. Besides the circular band of the band, individual owners use various methods of marking their cattle.

Youngsters hold spirited rodeo at St. Mary's

Alberta may be famous for its colourful cowboys and the world renowned Calgary Stampede, but the students of St. Mary's School on the Blood Indian Reserve, 55 miles southwest of Lethbridge, have added something new in the line of rodeos.

Earlier this summer the ambitious students went into the stampede business for themselves in a big way when they staged the world's first all-Indian junior rodeo.

More than 185 enthusiastic young Indian boys and girls, representing tribes from all over Southern Alberta, flocked to the event. They had the rough and ready air of seasoned veterans as they arrived, dragging complete stampede regalia borrowed from their big brothers and fathers, many of whom are famous around rodeo circuits in Canada and the United States.

Throughout the day the youngsters strove to uphold the honour of their respective tribes. In all, five Indian nations were represented including the Bloods, Piegans, Blackfeet, Stoneys and Sarcees.

Nearly 2,000 people sat in the hot sun to watch the entrants participate.

One of the most popular contests was the equipment race. It tested contestants' dexterity in an everyday skill. The group left their saddles and other equipment at one end of the arena, raced to the opposite end, returned and saddled up then raced back to the finish line.

The contest which perhaps required the most unusual skill was the ring spearing contest. The riders were required to spear a suspended ring while passing it on a moving horse.

Ponies took the place of full-sized horses and cows were used instead of the regular steers and Brahma bulls. But their use didn't prevent the usual number of spectacular and bruising spills and many a dusty and breathless youngster could testify to the spirited rides offered by the animals.

The young Indians also tried their hand at calf-roping and found this the most difficult of the 18 classes.

One of the top girl contestants in the stampede was Linda One Spot, 14-year-old member of the Sarcee tribe. Two years ago this determined young lady disguised herself as a boy and entered the junior steer riding event at the Calgary Stampede. The ruse was quickly discovered and she was disqualified.

Entrants ranged in age from 12 to 16. To be eligible they had to be students from an Indian school on a reserve.

The boys from the school, which stands alone on the flat prairie in the shadow of the Rockies, built the arena themselves. It boasts regulation size chutes, catch pens and field.

All details of a grown-up stampede were present, even including a clown. Rufus "Rawhide" Goodstriker, top rodeo performer and authority on Indian tribal customs, kept the crowd entertained during the afternoon with a clown's customary antics.

Winners were awarded cash prizes totalling \$300 along with riding equipment, belts and wallets.

Prize winners included 15-year-old Tommy Day Runner, of the Sarcees, the all-round champion; Leonard Weasel Fat, Lawrence and Patricia Panther Bone, Pete Big Head and the Many-fingers sisters Virginia, Geraldine and Clothilde.

Kamloops sparkles in basketball wins

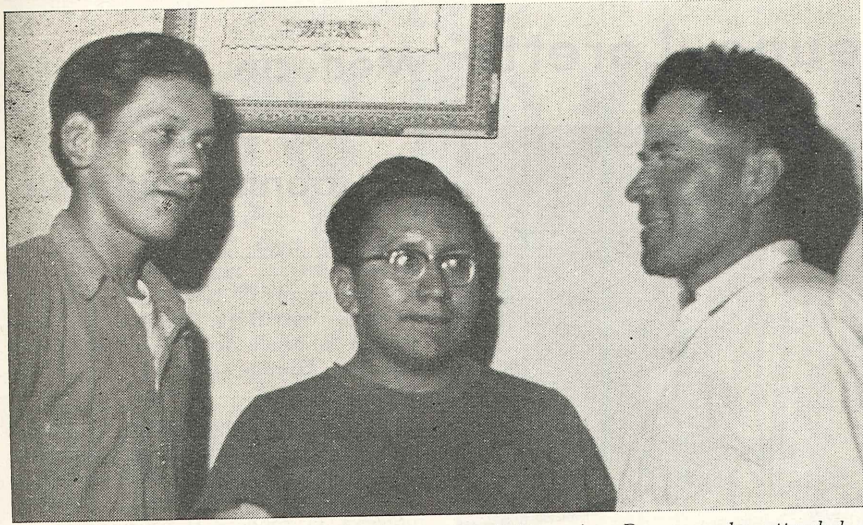
Basketball was a lively concern for students of the Kamloops Indian Residential School, as the four teams ended the season with two championships and two second places.

The bantam boys raced through the opposition in fine style, led in scoring by Willie Smith. They won the finals against an all-star team picked from the other three league teams.

The other championship team was the bantam girls, captained by Lula George, which lost only once, and took the finals in four straight games.

The juvenile girls ended second in league play and were eliminated only in the last game of the finals. Violet Amos was the team's leading sharpshooter.

The juvenile boys played well all season and entered the final playoff game with an eleven-point lead, but could not maintain it. Scoring leader for the season was Dennis August.



YOUNG LEADERS: Two young men of Moravian Reserve who attended a leadership course at CCamp Keelmora sponsored by the Ontario Recreation Association are shown talking to Omer Peters, president of the Athletic Club, which sponsored their attendance. The young men are, left, Bobby Huff, 17, a second-year high school student, and Richard Snake, who attends vocational school at CChatham. The Athletic Club was organized last winter to give the youth of the reserve healthful activity and good social training. Besides Mr. Peters, officers of the club include Mrs. Mathew Stonefish, secretary, and Mrs. Pliney Stonefish, treasurer.

Leadership courses continued to interest Indian bands

Leadership training continues to be of great interest to Indians, it was proved by the great interest and co-operation of those who attended leadership courses held recently on the Squamish Reserve, North Vancouver, B.C.; the Blood Reserve, Alberta, and the Pequis Reserve, Manitoba.

Those attending were much impressed by the warm welcomes and ready assistance given by members of the reserves on which these courses were held.

A total of 56 delegates attended these three courses—21 in British Columbia, 16 in Alberta and 17 in Manitoba—and some travelled great distances in order to join the training and exchange of ideas.

In explaining the goal of leadership training, Miss Margaret Payne of Indian Affairs explained to British Columbia delegates that if all people interested in correcting social ills on Indian Reserves worked together, many problems would be reduced and more help provided for those in need. She said that many people living on the reserves were ready and willing to take part in any movement to improve conditions. There were others whose interest could be roused with a little help.

Leadership is necessary to direct and co-ordinate the interests and energies of these people towards providing such a movement, she said.

She pointed out that the training programs were first started last year, when 93 men and women participated in courses across Canada. This year eight courses will be held and approximately 150 people will attend.

Other speakers on the course included Dr. W. G. Black on "Possibilities for Community Leadership;" J. Patterson, who discussed the use of documentary films available from the National Film Board, and F. E. Anfield of Indian Affairs who discussed "Council Government."

Animated discussions were held on several subjects by the 16 delegates to the Alberta course. Subjects included the new problems which have resulted from changing family life and customs, marriage counselling, public speaking and the proper relationship of a Homemakers' Club to the band council. With regard to the latter, it was decided that the council should support the club but leave it free to make its own decisions.

After hearing several speakers, the Manitoba class discussed problems in groups and proposed solutions.

To prevent juvenile delinquency, they suggested appointment of community leaders to control the children and keep children of school age from going to places where the company or behaviour is bad.

For broken homes and abandoned children, they suggested social workers and community leaders who could give good advice.

Many other problems were discussed

Indian Girls Record Conference Minutes

Miss Joan Lois Thom, Mrs. H. Dempsey, and Miss Agnes Young, all Indians, handled the secretarial duties at meetings in Western Canada during the summer at which Indian delegates elected by their bands met the Deputy Minister, the Director of Indian Affairs, and senior Branch staff to discuss the Indian Act and other matters relating to Indian Affairs. All three secretaries are employees of the Indian Affairs Branch.

Miss Thom, who was secretary of the meeting in Vancouver, has been employed by the Indian Affairs Branch since 1951, when she was assigned to the staff of the Lytton, B.C., agency. She has been a stenographer in the Commissioner's office at Vancouver since February 1, 1954. Born at Ashcroft, B.C., Miss Thom attended St. George's Indian Residential School and later the Lytton Provincial High School. After completing Grade I, she attended Duffus Business College at Vancouver.

Mrs. Dempsey, an efficient worker, who served as secretary at the Edmonton conference, was educated at St. Paul's Anglican Residential School on the Blood Reserve, at Prince Albert Collegiate, and at Alberta College in Edmonton. The first trained stenographer from her reserve, she worked for a lumber company before joining the staff of the Edmonton agency in 1949. Mrs. Dempsey comes from one of the most prominent Indian families in southern Alberta. Her father, James Gladstone, is a past president of the Indian Association of Alberta. Two of her older sisters are nurses. One of these sisters represented the Canadian Indians at the Coronation of the late King George VI

in 1937. An older brother was calf roping champion of Canada in 1948.

Miss Young, the secretary of the Prince Rupert, B.C., conference, is a stenographer at the office of the Skeena River agency. She entered the Branch service in 1950 after graduating from the King Edward High School in Vancouver, Miss Young is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Young, of the Haida Tribe, who live at Skidegate, B.C.

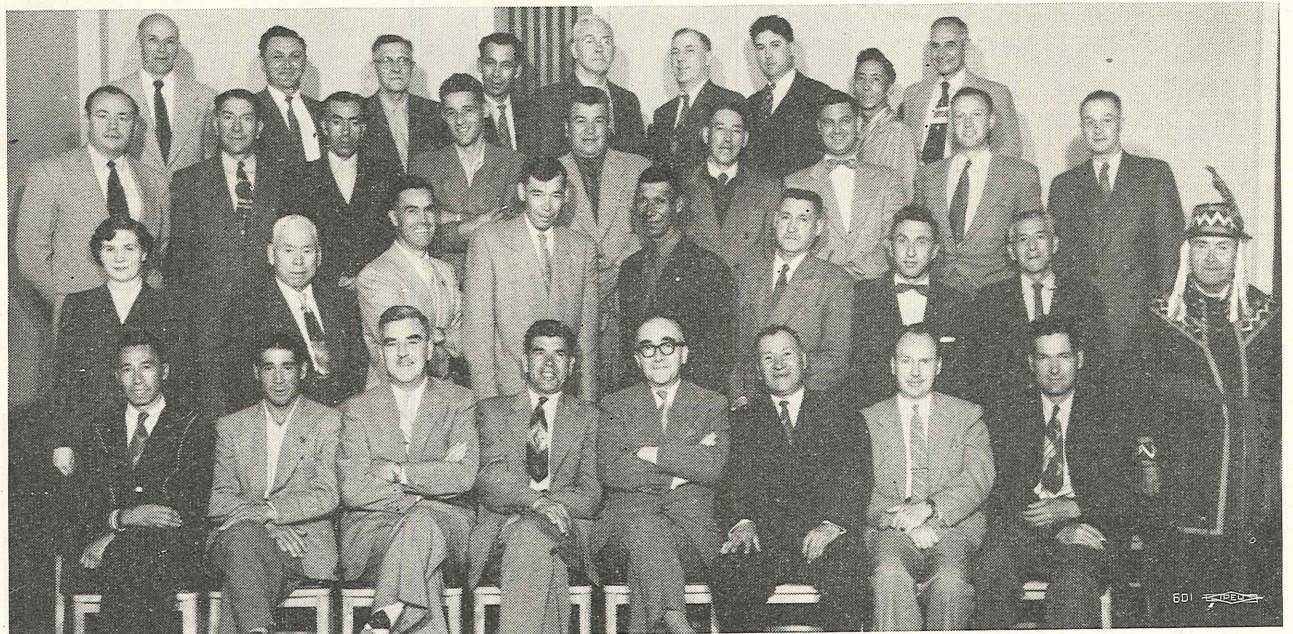
The fact that these Indians were chosen to act as secretaries of these important meetings is indicative of their value to the Indian Affairs Branch and symbolic of the way in which persons of their race are achieving success in the business world.

Will Serve In Advisory Post

Three leading members of the Indian population of Ontario have been placed in the important position of advisors to the Ontario government in matters concerning Indians in Ontario.

They have been appointed by the Ontario Department of Public Welfare, which intends to name two more members to the Advisory Committee. The committee will visit various Ontario reserves and seek advice from the bands on matters involving social welfare and other things that may become the responsibility of the province. Membership consists of Chairman Elliot Moses, Six Nations Reserve; Mrs. Benson Brant, Tyendingaga Reserve, and William Boyer, Mississauga Reserve, Spanish.

Mr. Moses, aged 67, retired in 1953 from the Six Nations Agency office after approximately 20 years service.



RECENTLY MEMBERS OF INDIAN BANDS, elected by their Bands to represent them, met at a series of conferences across Canada with the Deputy Minister of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration, the Director of the Indian Affairs Branch and other officers of the Branch to discuss the Indian Act and the administration of Indian Affairs. Above is a photograph of those attending the conference for the Maritime Provinces, held at Amherst, Nova Scotia. Those attending are as follows:

Front Row: Chief Michael LaBillois, Eel River Band; Chief Oliver Polchies, Woodstack Band; Col. H. M. Jones, Director of Indian Affairs; Chief Andrew Francis, Big Cove Band; Col. L.

Fortier, Deputy Minister of Citizenship and Immigration; Ben Christmas, Sydney Reserve; L. L. Brown, Superintendent of Reserves and Trusts; Chief Hubert Levy, Red Bank Band.

Second Row: Miss M. R. MacNeil, Chief Paul Taylor, Burnt Church Band; Councillor Frank Wightly, Shubenacadie Reserve; Max Martin, Pictou Landing; Councillor Matthew Peters, Lennox Island Band; Chief John G. Sylliboy, Eskasoni Reserve; R. L. Boulanger, Regional Supervisor of Indian Agencies; Frank Sapien, Kingsclear Band; Chief Dan Paul, Eel Ground Band.

Third Row: F. B. McKimmon, Regional Supervisor of Indian Agencies;

Councillor John B. Condo, Maria Band; Councillor William Cook, Restigouche Band; Paul J. Paul, St. Mary's Band; Charles Glode, Truro; Sandy Marshall, Whycomagh; C. I. Fairholm, Administration Division, Indian Affairs; F. W. Purser, Supt.; E. J. Blakey, Supt.

Back Row: N. H. McPhail, Supt.; C. R. Nadeau, Supt.; H. C. Rice, Supt.; Councillor Bennett Sacobie, Oromocto Band; E. J. Whalen, Supt.; J. D. MacLeod, Supt.; J. D. MacPherson, Supt.; Councillor Paul Perley, Tobique Band; D. D. Steeves, Supervisor of Construction.

Photos from other conferences will appear in subsequent issues of the "Indian News".

Une fabrication variée à la Jeune Lorette Médecin indien

Chez Bastien : expérience de 3 générations

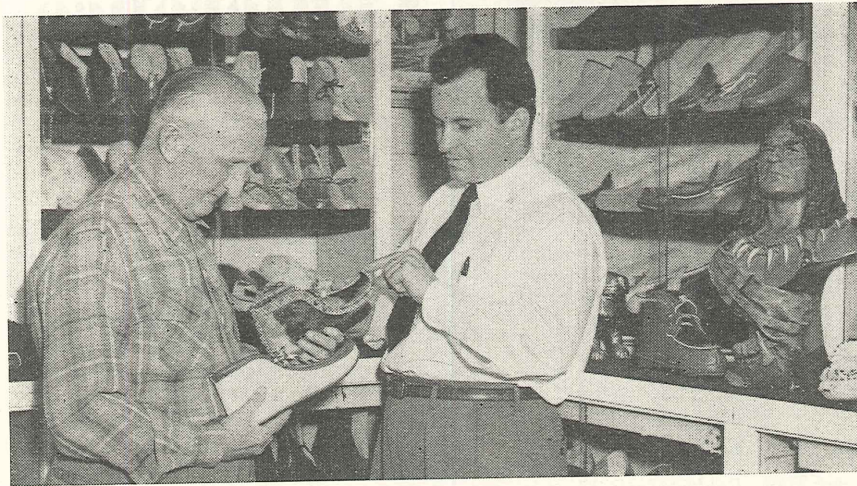
Plusieurs membres de la bande de Jeune-Lorette, village des Hurons, à Québec, travaillent à peu de distance de leur foyer, car nombre d'entre eux trouvent, en effet, leur gagne-pain dans une importante fabrique de mocassins, exploitée dans la réserve par la même famille depuis trois générations.

Maurice Bastien est le directeur actuel de la fabrique. L'entreprise a connu bien des perfectionnements modernes depuis qu'il en a pris la gestion et ses produits sont connus par le monde entier. Pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale, cette fabrique a produit de vastes quantités de chaussures et d'autres fournitures pour les forces armées et les civils. M. Bastien souligne encore avec orgueil les réalisations de son grand-père, Maurice Sébastien, grand chef des Hurons qui commença l'exploitation de cette fabrique.

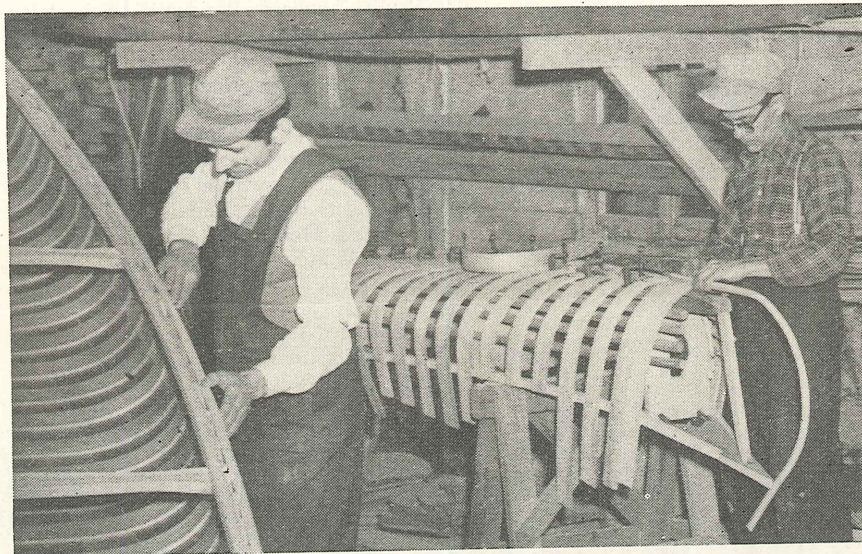
Cet homme intelligent et très estimé de tous avait étudié au collège de Châteauguay, près de Montréal, mais choisit la vie des bois plutôt que l'emploi qui lui avait été offert à la ville. Il s'établit dans la réserve comme fabricant de raquettes et de mocassins et devint le chef de son peuple. Il comptait des amis dans la noblesse de plus d'un pays européen et eut l'honneur de recevoir la médaille de Victoria, la médaille du roi George IV et une décoration du roi Alphonse d'Espagne.

Son fils Maurice, qui abrégea le nom de famille pour prendre celui de Bastien, se livra également à la fabrication de raquettes et de mocassins, outre celle de pantoufles. Il prit la gestion de l'industrie familiale en 1878.

En 1919, le troisième fils du nom de Maurice prit la direction du commerce qu'il exploite encore. Pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale, la fabrique employait jusqu'à 140 ouvriers réguliers et d'autres à emperler les mocassins. Le commerce ralentit après la guerre et perdit d'importants marchés européens, mais il existe encore une forte demande pour les pantoufles, mocassins, raquettes et canots que fabriquent les habiles artisans de la Jeune Lorette.



PRODUITS BIEN CONNUS: Lorsque, -au siècle dernier, Maurice Sébastien lançait une fabrique de raquettes et de mocassins il ne rêvait pas qu'un jour ces produits seraient connus par le monde entier. C'est pourtant ce qui se produit, un siècle plus tard. On voit ici M. E. Bastien, propriétaire de la fabrique, et son neveu, Roland Bastien, examinant des échantillons des célèbres mocassins-pantoufles fabriqués dans leur établissement. L'artisanat et les techniques modernes ont permis aux Hurons de lancer sur le marché des produits recherchés pour leurs qualités, dont le confort n'est pas la moindre.



CANOTS LEGERS ET RAPIDES: Le canot, si populaire aux premiers temps de la colonie, jouit toujours d'une grande faveur auprès des pêcheurs, des chasseurs et des simples villégiateurs de notre pays. Ceux que fabriquent Maurice Picard, à gauche, ancien sous-chef, et Emile Paul, autre membre de la bande, serviront-ils à des chasseurs habiles ou aux plaisirs des amoureux? Ou bien, fidèles contemporains de leurs semblables des jours passés, conduiront-ils des explorateurs modernes à la recherche des ressources inexploitées du Nouveau Monde?



DES MILLIONS DE POINTS: Pauline Sioui, Jeannette Picard et Rosanna Groslouis travaillent à la fabrication des mocassins et pantoufles à l'usine Bastien.

Médecin indien alliant science et bonne humeur

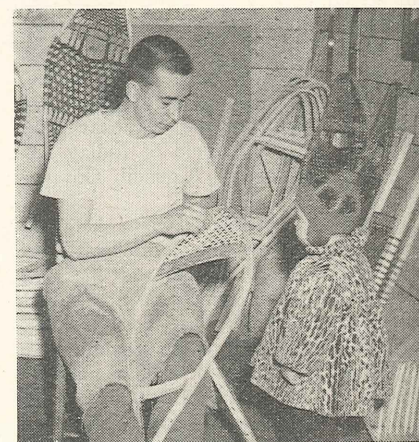
Le Dr Léon Groslouis est l'un des personnages les plus populaires et les plus importants de la ville de Courcelles (P.Q.). Son frère, Delphis, est sous-chef de la bande Jeune Lorette du Village des Hurons, près de la ville de Québec.

Le jeune homme robuste et courtois est l'unique médecin de cette localité de 1,700 personnes et sa réputation toujours croissante attire les malades de plusieurs milles à la ronde. Il affirme que les jours de beau temps, jusqu'à deux cents malades se rendent à son bureau. Il a donné la preuve de son talent en se classant au premier rang lorsqu'il a reçu son diplôme ainsi que la médaille d'argent du Gouverneur général et le prix spécial accordé à l'élève qui avait fait le meilleur diagnostic.

A la suite d'une visite au maire pour discuter avec celui-ci de la nécessité d'avoir un médecin dans la municipalité, il s'est établi à titre de médecin résidant à Courcelles, au cours de l'été 1952. Il a eu vite fait d'être agréé et de participer activement à la vie du village, particulièrement dans le domaine de la musique, car le Dr Groslouis est un chanteur exercé et bien doué qui possède à un degré élevé les qualités d'organisateur. En plus de chanter des solos de ténor à des réunions de village, il a mis sur pied un chœur d'hommes de vingt voix pour s'occuper du chant à l'église. Il a formé par ailleurs un chœur de femmes aussi important en nombre et, lorsque la paroisse a commencé à amasser des fonds pour acheter un orgue neuf, il a donné un concert à l'Hôtel de ville, fusionnant les deux groupes pour la circonstance. Les recettes de la soirée ont été versées au fonds de l'orgue. Lors d'une autre occasion marquante de l'année, la dédicace de l'orgue nouveau, le Dr Groslouis a dirigé son important chœur combiné dans un concert spécial de musique sacrée.

Le jeune médecin ayant commencé ses études à l'externat du Village des Hurons a suivi un cours commercial à l'Académie de Lorretteville. Il a fait par après ses études classiques au Collège St-Jean-Eudes, puis il a suivi les cours de l'Université Laval pour y recevoir le diplôme de bachelier ès arts. Il a entrepris alors les cinq années d'étude qui devaient le conduire au diplôme en médecine.

"Je ne crois pas que ma qualité d'Indien m'ait été un sérieux handicap à l'université," remarque-t-il. "Certains camarades étaient portés à douter quelque peu au début, mais leur opinion a vite changé."



Philippe Groslouis pose un lacet de cuir