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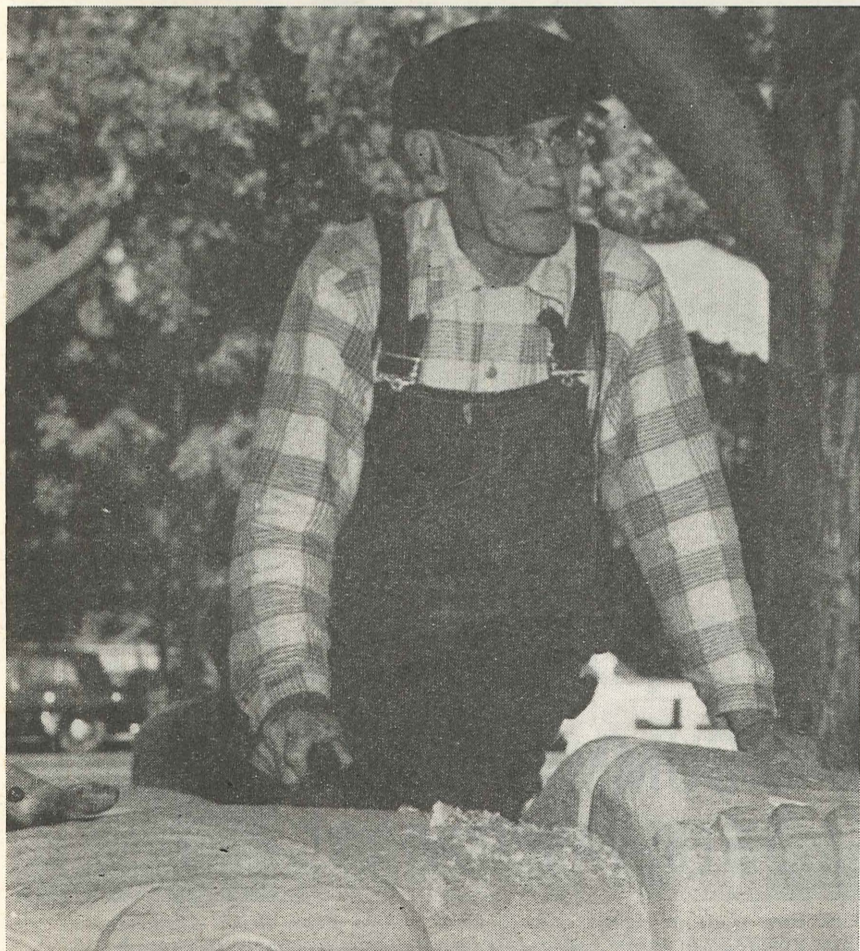
CHIEF MUNGO MARTIN

Eighty-three years old, Chief Mungo Martin, famous totem pole carver and Indian leader, passed away recently on the West Coast.

A monument to his memory is the world's highest totem which stands in Beacon Hill Park, Victoria. Another of his totems was presented to Her Majesty the Queen, and is erected in Windsor Park.

Chief Mungo Martin who was also an avid collector and recorder of the ancient songs of his people, never failed to promote the West Coast Indian culture.

Shortly before his death, knowing the end was near, he expressed the wish to re-visit his own people, the Kwakiutl. After lying in state in Kwakiutl House, which he had built in Thunderbird Park in 1953, he was put to rest at Fort Rupert, where he was born.



Chief Mungo Martin working on the giant totem pole presented to Queen Elizabeth by the Province of British Columbia to mark the province's centennial.

Ministerial Message



The Hon. R. A. Bell

"It is fortunate that the current issue of "The Indian News" should coincide, almost, with my appointment to the department of Citizenship and Immigration.



The Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough, Postmaster General of Canada

As Superintendent General of Indian Affairs I am very pleased to have this occasion to send you my warm good wishes and to assure you that I shall do my utmost to foster a better standard of living and an improved status for the Indians of Canada. In this I shall be grateful to have the benefit of your views and advice.

In almost every issue "The Indian News" tells inspiring stories of Indian accomplishments. Yet, much remains to be done. Above all we need to know one another better and to achieve deeper mutual understanding and confidence.

It is my sincere hope that in seeking a better life you will preserve your rich cultural heritage. Let the past be an inspiration and the future an incentive for the day when the Indians shall enjoy on a basis of equality the full life of citizens of this great country."

HON. RICHARD A. BELL,
Minister of Citizenship and Immigration,
Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

OUT OF THIS WORLD

A visit to the World's Fair at Seattle was the highlight of the RCAF Vancouver Station Air Cadet Summer Camp. As would be expected the boys were drawn to the National Aeronautical and Space Agency exhibit.

Air Cadet Leonard Anderson of No. 590 Prince Albert Indian School Squadron met NASA guide Phil Ross, who is wearing the same type space suit that astronaut Col. John Glenn wore on his orbital flight. NASA officials went out of their way to make the cadets' visit to the space exhibit a memorable one.

SOUTHERN ONTARIO HOMEMAKERS

Delegates from seven Indian reserves in Southern Ontario participated in the 17th Annual Homemakers' Convention at the Sarnia Council House during the latter part of August.

The convention, which lasted three days, elected Mrs. Lloyd Williams of the Sarnia Reserve, regional president; Mrs. Wilson Ruff, Moravietown, vice-president and Mrs. Nancy Antone of Oneida, secretary-treasurer.

Among the topics discussed were job placement and higher education. It was stressed that Indian teenagers should be encouraged to complete their secondary education in order to improve their chances to obtain employment.

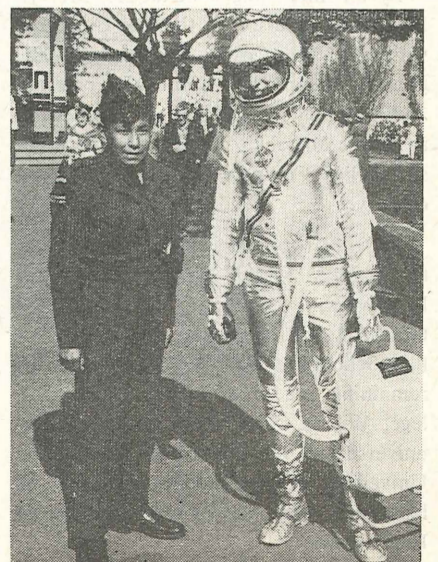
Special booths were set up outside the council house during the convention, and the delegates were able to see an interesting display of Indian handycraft. The exhibits included rugs, dolls, carvings, woven baskets and paintings.

In addition to the fashion show on opening day, there was also a baby show the last day. First place was awarded to 14-months old Julie Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kennedy.

In a contest for the best floral centrepiece, the first prize went to Mrs. James Bigwin of Alderville, the retiring regional president.

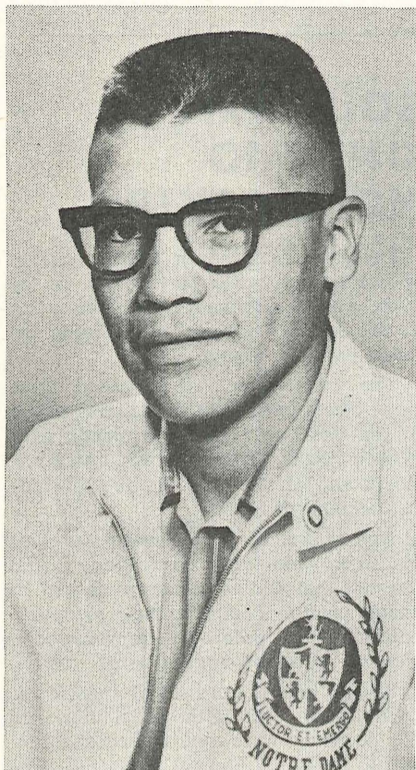
Scholarship

The next issue of The Indian News will carry the full story of the 1962 Indian Affairs Branch scholarships. Twenty nine young Indians have been awarded scholarships ranging from \$375 to \$1,750. This is the sixth year that these scholarships have been awarded.



Ancient Legends Reflected in Modern Art

AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP



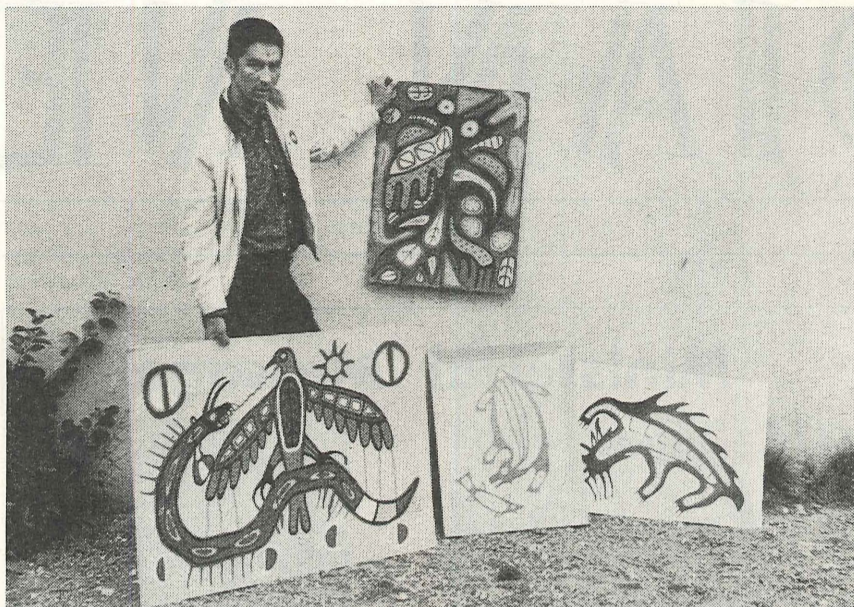
Melvyn Ross Lavallée

An 18-year old Saskatchewan Indian, Melvyn Ross Lavallée, selected by the Indian-Eskimo Association of Canada, is the first winner of a scholarship established last year by Hudson's Bay Company to provide a university education to outstanding Indian or Eskimo students.

The four-year scholarship, which is being administered by the Indian-Eskimo Association, has a value of up to \$10,000. The winner of this scholarship, to be given every four years, can be considered to be the top Indian or Eskimo student in Canada since he or she is chosen from the strongest candidates for the various university awards offered by other agencies. The Hudson's Bay Company is willing to consider helping the scholar through graduate studies and to give him summer employment.

By an interesting coincidence, Melvyn Lavallée, grand-son of the late Chief Lavallée of the Cowessess Band, is the great-grandson on both his paternal and maternal sides of Indians who served as scouts and mail carriers for the Hudson's Bay Company in the nineteenth century.

Melvyn, one of four children, attended day school on the reserve at Broadview, Sask., up to Grade 8; took Grades 9 and 10 at the Indian Residential School at Lebret, Sask. and his remaining grades at Notre Dame College, Wilcox, Sask. Free to attend any university of his choice, he selected the University of Saskatchewan where he has been accepted in the College of Engineering.



Norval Morriseau, 31, a member of the Red Rock Band, has become a most interesting young artist. His paintings of Ojibway mythology and legends are being exhibited at the Ontario Museum in Toronto, where they have caused a sensation.

Morriseau became interested in painting more than three years ago while working at the Koshner Gold Mines at Red Lake, Ont. Initially he became curious about the ancient legends of his people and started asking questions of his elders who could still recall the ancient tales. His own grandfather was of great help in reconstructing the legends of the Thunder Bird and the Water God, which Morriseau first painted on paper, birch bark and masonite.

He was encouraged by a local resident. This made him even more eager to go on recording the cultural heritage

of his people. Two years ago Red Lake was visited by Mr. Selwyn Dewdney, a historian and writer from Western University, who had come to record Indian pictographs. His research showed that Norval's figurations of the legendary figures were correct in every detail and that the young artist's work was of great historical value.

When Jack Pollock of the Pollock Studios in Toronto was in Beardmore recently to give art courses, Norval took some of his paintings to Mr. Pollock for criticism. Mr. Pollock was so impressed with his work that he took back twenty paintings to Toronto. On Sept. 15, the exhibition of Morriseau's paintings was opened at the Royal Ontario Museum.

Says Mr. Morriseau: "From the time I was a small boy, I have wanted to preserve these legends in art form. I knew they had never been recorded."



Booming Gas Business on Reserve

The April issue of "The Indian News" mentioned that Gerald Tail Feathers had completed the construction of his service station on the No. 2 Highway on the Blood Reserve, at Standoff.

In seven months Mr. Tail Feathers, who opened his service station last December with the assistance of a Revolving Fund Loan in the amount of \$8,000.00, has sold more gas than the oil company had estimated he would in one year.

Mr. Tail Feathers is shown above at one of his gas pumps having filled up an agency vehicle.

R.C.A.F. Plays Host to Indian Air Cadets

Members of the No. 590 Prince Albert Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Cadets, attended the Air Cadet Summer Camp, RCAF Station Vancouver this summer. All told more than 500 cadets from Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia participated.

The boys underwent a busy program of drill, lectures on leadership and organized sports. To top it all they visited the Seattle World's Fair. There was also rifle handling and firing, and flying in RCAF aircraft during the two-week stay at the RCAF Station.

All the cadets from Saskatchewan and Alberta were airlifted to camp by Air Transport Command in the RCAF's new Hercules aircraft.



Back Row (Left to right): Edward Cook, Lloyd Bear, Brian Ahenakew. Front Row (Left to right): Leonard Anderson, Ernest Ballantyn, Jonas Bird. All the boys are from the Prince Albert Indian School, Sask. They were the guests of Mr. A. Thompson at the Seattle World's Fair.

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WINTER WORKS ON INDIAN RESERVES

Indian bands working with Agency staffs across the country have become increasingly involved in the development of winter works projects as a means of providing jobs on reserves.

This program sponsored by the Federal Department of Labour and available to Indian Bands for the past three winters is designed to create employment through municipal projects carried out between October 15th and April 30th, and which would not otherwise be undertaken.

TYPES OF PROJECTS

Types of projects which may be undertaken as part of the program include roads, streets, sidewalks, water systems, parks, playgrounds, fencing, Christmas tree propagation, community hall buildings, extension of power systems, irrigation ditches, sewage disposal, cemeteries, sea walls, implement sheds, etc. A total of 58 bands participated in this program during the winter of 1961-62. The various projects gave employment to close to 1,200 Indian men and provided \$205,000. in wages. The bands concerned received Federal Department of Labour subsidies on wages in the amount of \$103,000. This meant twice

the employment which would have been possible had the bands financed these projects without federal support.

A typical project was the community hall built by the Lytton Band in British Columbia. An account of \$11,550 was paid out in wages by the band, \$5,775 being reimbursed by the Department of Labour.

IN OPERATION THIS YEAR

The Winter Works Incentive Program will be in operation again this coming fall and winter and bands interested in participating should make early application to the local Indian Superintendent.

Applications must originate with the Band Councils which must approve the proposed expenditures by resolution. Application forms are then submitted by the Indian Affairs Branch to the Department of Labour. The Superintendent is in turn advised of approved applications.

Only Bands who have sufficient band funds to finance the full cost of the projects can be considered. The Department of Labour, however, will refund by Receiver General cheque to the Band fund 50% of direct payroll costs on projects approved by that department.

THE NEW MINISTER

The new Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, is the Honourable Richard A. Bell, P.C., Q.C., B.A., Member of Parliament for Carleton, Ont. He succeeds the Honourable Ellen L. Fairclough, who has accepted the Postmaster General portfolio.

Mr. Bell was born on September 4, 1913, at Britannia Heights, Ont., on the property originally settled by his great grandfather, in 1818.

Mr. Bell attended the University of Toronto where he obtained the degree of Bachelor of Arts (Honour), and Osgoode Hall Law School. A past President of the County of Carleton Law Association, he was a Bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada from 1956 to 1961.

Mr. Bell was Assistant Private Secretary to the Minister of National Revenue from 1934 to 1935 and Private Secretary to the Leader of the Opposition from 1938 to 1943.

First elected to the House of Commons in 1957, Mr. Bell was re-elected in 1958 and in 1962. He was appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance in 1957 and Parliamentary Secretary two years later.

In November, 1961, he was the leader of the Canadian Delegation to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris. He was sworn of the Privy Council and appointed Minister of Citizenship and Immigration on August 9, 1962.

A member of several clubs and organizations, the new minister was a Director of the Ottawa Board of Trade for three years, and is a past Vice-President of The Canada Foundation.

Dr. Monture Nominated for High Post

Dr. Gilbert C. (Slim) Monture has again made the headlines. A mining engineer of international reputation, Dr. Monture has been nominated in London, England, for the chairmanship of the International Tin Council, in competition with nominees from Australia, France, Indonesia and Italy.

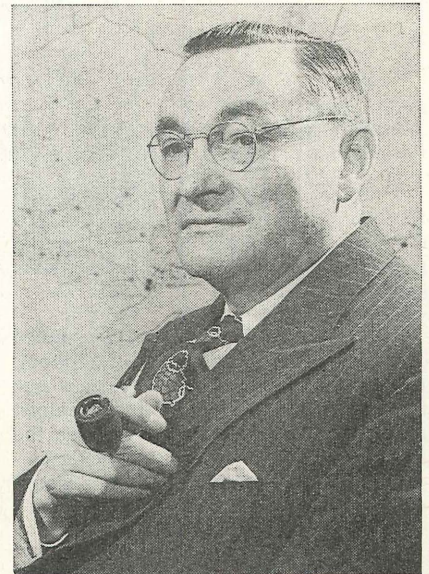
A great-grandson of Capt. Joseph Brant, famous Chief of the Iroquois, he was born on the Six Nations Reserve, near Brantford.

The Tin Council is made up of some 20 tin-producing and non-producing countries, and one of its most important jobs is to set floors and ceilings on world tin prices.

An expert on tin production, Dr. Monture retired in 1956 as Chief of the Mineral Resources Division of the Federal Department of Mines and Technical Surveys.

Dr. Monture has represented Canada at many international conferences on minerals. During the Second World War he was Canadian Executive Officer of the combined Production and Resources Board in Washington. In this capacity he represented Canada in the allocation of strategic minerals.

In 1953 and 1954 he was a member of the United Nations committee set up to study world resources of iron ore. Between January and April of 1956, he was a member of a Colombo Plan mis-



Dr. G. C. Monture

sion which studied the mineral economy of Indonesia.

For his exceptional wartime leadership ability as executive assistant to the metals controller of the Department of Munitions and Supply, a post he assumed in 1940, he was made an officer of the Order of the British Empire by King George VI.

A Very Happy Occasion

"This is a unique and happy occasion," said the Director of the Indian Affairs Branch, Col. H. M. Jones, in his speech at the St. Regis Reserve this summer. "It is unique because to my knowledge it marks the first time that the annual picnic of the Indian Affairs Branch has been held on an Indian Reserve. It is a happy occasion which provides all of us with an opportunity to enjoy this wonderful site on the banks of the St. Lawrence."

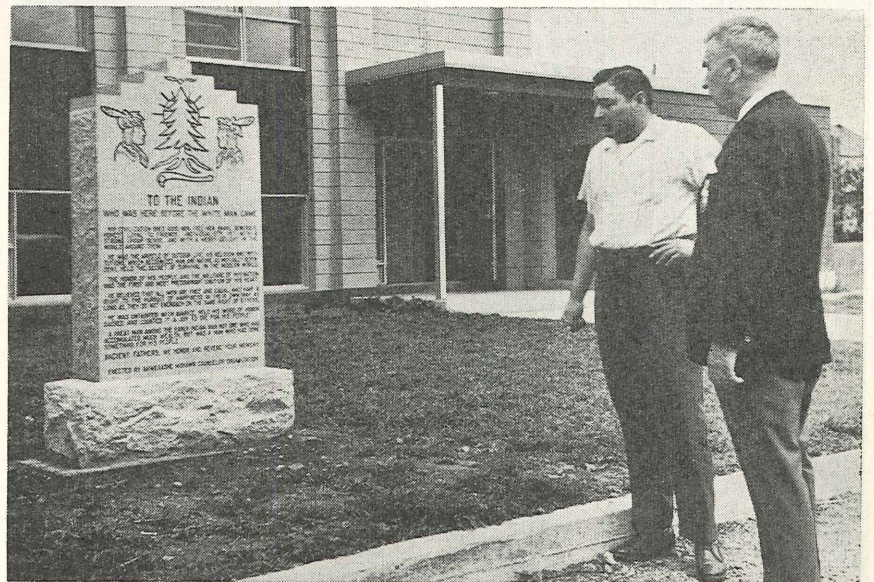
The Director was speaking on behalf of the Minister, who unfortunately was unable to be at the picnic, which was

attended by more than two hundred IAB employees and their families.

The visitors were greeted by Chief Councillor Alex H. Oakes, and then took in an exhibition lacrosse game put on by the St. Regis boys.

Following the game there were races for the children with prizes for the winners, and a tug-of-war between the IAB ladies and the St. Regis ladies, and between the IAB men and the men of the reserve.

The interesting program, which included softball games and a picnic supper ended with a dance in the new \$70,000 community hall, built with band funds.



Chief Councillor Alex H. Oakes and Col. H. M. Jones, Director of the Indian Affairs Branch, before the monument erected in honour of the Indian in front of the new community hall on the St. Regis Reserve. The members of the band had invited the IAB employees and their families who held their annual picnic on the reserve.

Why I Became a Nurse

by

Mrs. Wilma Strongeagle

Mrs. Wilma Strongeagle, the former Wilma Whitehead of the The Pas Band, Man., is presently on the nursing staff of the Fort Qu'Appelle Indian Hospital, Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask. Her husband, Herbert Strongeagle of the Pasqua Band, Sask., is a clerk in the office of the hospital.

I attended the Prince Albert Indian Residential School, where I received my elementary education, and then the Prince Albert Collegiate where I finished grade XII.

My determination to become a nurse originated from the Indian School. Later, in high school, I used to ask our nurse about her profession. It seemed the more she told me about nursing, the more I wanted to know. I was determined to become a nurse, even if it would take a three-year course.

After high school I was accepted at the Victoria Union Hospital, but because of my age I had to wait a year. The Matron, however, realized how disappointed I was to have to wait a full year, and suggested that I work as a Ward Clerk in the hospital. This proved to be very helpful later during my training. It gave me more confidence, and I was very proud to work with the nurses.

I saved my money and when I started training, I was able to get along without financial assistance. It gave me a great feeling of satisfaction to be able to undergo my training on my own.

How well I remember the day I gave my first "needle"! I was petrified, but it all came off very nicely.

We rarely had an Indian patient in our hospital, but I didn't have any diffi-

culties with the non-Indian patients. When they asked what language I spoke, and why I had chosen to become a nurse, I was proud to answer that I was a Cree.

Training Completed

When I finished my training, I went home to The Pas and worked in St. Anthony's Hospital for eight months. This is a hospital for Indians and non-Indians. It was a wonderful feeling to nurse some of my people. I really felt at home, and decided to work in an Indian hospital, so I came to Fort Qu'Appelle Indian Hospital.

This hospital has a capacity of 113 beds. I have always enjoyed nursing children, and found great pleasure in working on the Isolation Ward, where the oldest patient was 12 years old. I have found that Indian children are most susceptible to pneumonia and malnutrition, and it is wonderful to nurse them back to health.

Looking back upon this period, it seems to me now that the three years I spent training went by like a wind. And the results more than made up for the hardships. I am now in a position where I can care for my people. To see a sick person come back to health — whether the patient is Indian or not, is a wonderful experience.

Outstanding Students

Studying is a pleasure for British Columbia Indian children who live at the Edmonton Indian Residential School and attend Jasper Place High School.

Most of the 130 students, attending grades six to twelve, who live at the school, are from the B.C. coast.

Two of these students with perhaps the highest ambitions, are Irene Milton and Jack Cecil.

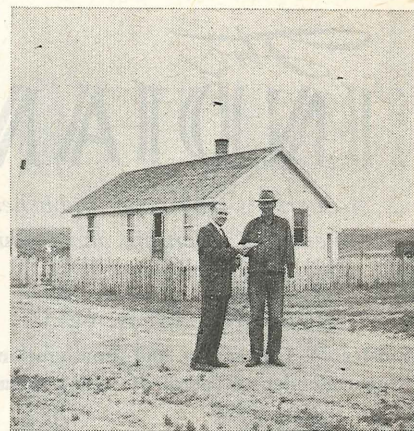
Irene, a grade XI student from Skeena Crossing, is a member of the Kitsequekla Band. Not only does she want to be the first member of her band to graduate from high school, but she also wishes to become a doctor. Her favourite subjects are science and mathematics, and her average is 85 and 95 per cent. She says that she would practice medicine among her own people, as she is painfully aware of the crying need for doctors.

This fall Irene will attend a science seminar at the University of Alberta on a scholarship. She has also received an IODE bursary which will provide her with spending money during the school term.

Another outstanding student of the school is Jack Cecil of the Gitlakdamix Band. He is only in Grade X, but is already determined to become a dentist. He too wishes to practice among the Indians.

Following junior high school, Jack left school for a couple of years, but found that jobs were scarce for persons without a good education. He then applied to the Indian Affairs Branch for an opportunity to complete his schooling.

During the summer months Jack returned to his band and worked with other band members in commercial fishing. He has also received a bursary from the IODE.



GIVEN HOME IMPROVEMENT AWARD

In order to encourage continued work on individual homes, a Home Improvement Prize was recently awarded to Mr. Dave Grier of the Peigan Agency, Alberta.

Mr. Grier who is a farmer and rancher, lost an arm in an accident several years ago, but has been self supporting ever since in spite of his handicap.

He purchased his house with a loan from band funds, and moved it to its present site himself.

Mr. Grier, who has a daughter in nursing, is seen receiving the award from Mr. Ragan of Indian Affairs Branch Headquarters, Ottawa.

TOM LONGBOAT AWARD

Mr. Bruce Bruyère, 32, was the recipient of the Tom Longboat Award this year.

A member of the Couchiching Band Council, he lives on the Rainy Lake Reserve with his wife and three children. He is employed by the Minnesota-Ontario Pulp and Paper Company at International Falls.

Mr. Bruyère became interested in hockey and baseball while attending the Fort Frances Indian Residential School. After leaving school, he played hockey for various minor league teams, and then played intermediate hockey in International Falls.

He was assistant coach for the residential school's bantam "A" team, and has played organized baseball for nearly fifteen years, including seasons with the Rainy Lake Indians, the Legion and Mando.

NORTHERN GRADUATION

The community of Jousard on the south shore of Lesser Slave Lake, Alta. honored the first class to graduate from the high school section of its Indian Residential School early this summer.

More than 50 people gathered for the occasion. Three members of the graduating class, Dennis Badger, Fred Badger and Gerald Badger, all of the Sucker Lake Reserve, took their early schooling at the Jousard school, the fourth graduate, Robert Yellowknee, received his elementary schooling at Wabasca.

After introductions by Harold Cardinal, a Grade X student, each graduating student delivered an address. Each said that he intends to pursue his studies further.

The administration of the course was under the direction of Mr. Dean McCubbin who, with the four Indian delegates representing the four groups and the three resource leaders, formed the Course Council.

GENEVA PARK COURSE



Gertie Dokis and Theodore Simon find finger painting exciting. Gertie teaches finger painting on the Dokis Reserve. Theodore is from the Sheshegwaning Reserve.

The July issue of The Indian News featured the leadership training courses for chiefs and councillors held in northwestern and southwestern Ontario. A similar course was also held for northeastern Ontario, at Geneva Park, where twenty-three delegates and nine resource leaders under the auspices of the Community Programmes Branch of the Ontario Department of Education and the Indian Affairs Branch were in attendance.

Indian leaders from eleven different bands were divided into four smaller groups which in turn elected a representative to the Course Council. These groups were retained throughout the course and became very effective working teams, handling problems and assignments conscientiously and effectively.

Among the problems discussed were education, social recreation, election procedures and health services. Instruction was given in public speaking, banking and financing and effective leadership.

While the course was very demanding and required maximum efforts from the participants, there was time for some entertainment. The various groups presented skits, displayed their handicrafts and staged sing-songs.

Following the course, the four working groups assessed the week's program under categories provided to them by the Course Co-ordinator. One group rated the course "very good", the three others "excellent".

WOMEN IN THE NEWS

COUNCILLOR

Yet another woman has been elected to a band council. Mrs. Florence Thomas, mother of six boys ranging in age from 23 to three years, was recently elected to the St. Regis Band Council at St. Regis, Quebec.

This election of the young looking grandmother marks the first time a woman has been appointed to the Council which, up to the present has been made up of 12 men.

Mrs. Thomas was born and raised on the St. Regis Reserve.

When asked recently what her husband and family have to say about her election, Mrs. Thomas said, "my husband (Angus Thomas) was all for it when I was nominated, and now that I'm on the Council, he is as enthusiastic about it as I am."

She added, "I have to take a lot of good-natured teasing from the children, but actually they are proud of my election to the Council."

WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Miss Edith Jackson, of the Saddle Lake Reserve, was one of three Albertans to receive a scholarship from the Calgary Canadian Citizenship Council at recent ceremonies in the foothills city. The other two awards went to university students Norbert Schedules, Edmonton, a German-Canadian; and Romualds Boreiko, a Latvian-Canadian. Miss Jackson is taking her first year of nursing at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton.

Sponsored by the Calumet Indian Club of Calgary, Miss Jackson was selected as the most outstanding Indian student in Alberta at the university level. Her scholarship of \$150 is the first given by the council to a native Albertan.

A daughter of former councillor Z. Jackson, she was raised on the reserve and besides the residential schools at Saddle Lake and Edmonton, she attended school at Alberta College.

HAIDA TOTEM for MEXICO

A totem pole made by the Haida Indians of British Columbia will be presented to Mexico as a gift of the Canadian people.

The pole will be more than 30 feet high and will weigh five tons. It will be erected in Chapultepec Park, the city's largest recreation area covering several hundred acres in the centre of town.

I. O. D. E. TEA

A tea was held recently at the home of Mrs. A. Melnyk, Municipal IODE Regent, Edmonton, Alta., honouring four Indians girls graduating from the I.O.D.E's 12-week domestic training course. The girls were Caroline Labouchan, Evelyn Jackson, Virginia Aberdeen and Geraldine Soloway.

The girls plan to enter domestic service with the aid of I.O.D.E.

INDIAN BOY IS SECRETARY

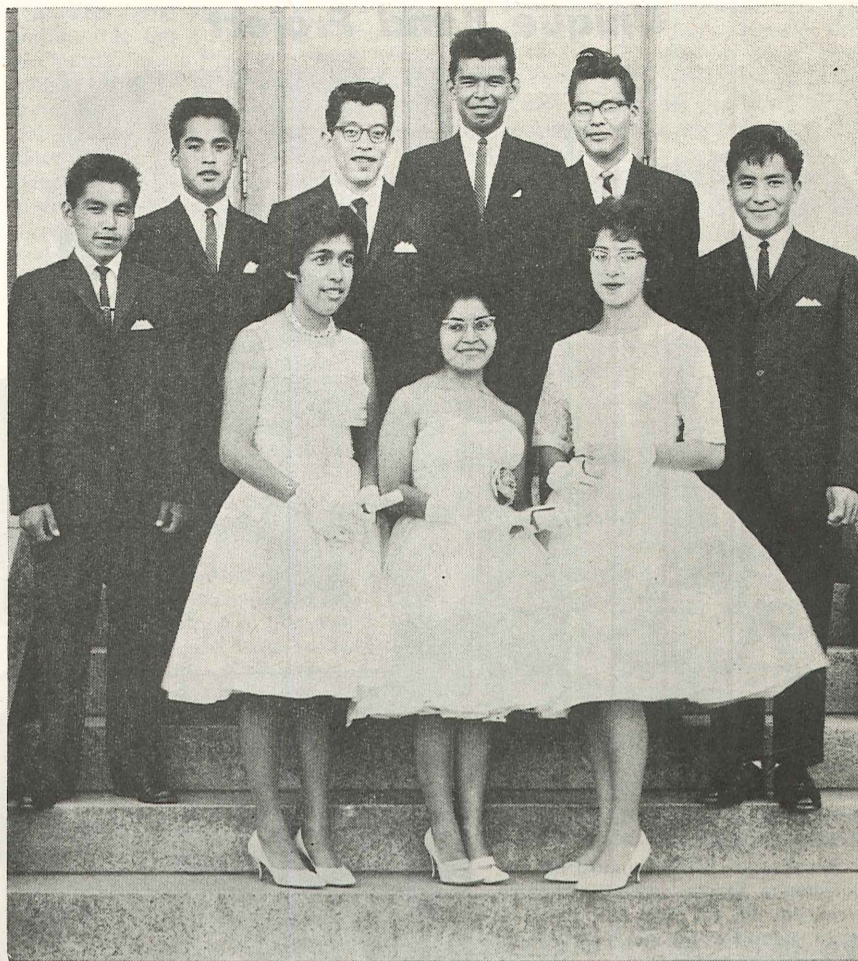


Roderick Clifford, 19, a member of the Hazelton Band of the Babine Agency, B.C. is no stranger to the typewriter. He attended the Edmonton Indian Residential School and the Jasper Place High School, Edmonton, and then entered the secretarial course at the Vancouver Vocational Institute.

Following his graduation in July of this year, Roderick obtained employment with the Peace River Constructors Ltd., as a Personnel Clerk. His employers provide the labour relations services on the Peace River project, of the world's biggest power developments.

Roderick is now at Hudson Hope, the centre for the project, which will employ some 3,000 workers over the next ten years.

1962 GRADUATION CLASS ALBERNI INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL



Left to right: Boys: Robert Daniels, Cliff Atleo, Eric Ryan, Brodie Hunt, Luke Atleo (the winner of the Chamber of Commerce essay contest), Allan Mason. Girls: Dorothy Cootes, Francis Dixon, Sheila Ryan.

A young Indian boy from the Residential School in Alberni won first prize in an essay contest sponsored recently by the Port Alberni and District Chamber of Commerce. Luke Atleo, won over 34 entries containing 53 different ideas

on how to prevent hunting accidents. Luke Atleo's prize was a \$15 cash award. The winners together with the two runners-up will be invited to lunch with the Chamber of Commerce, and be requested to read their essays to the members.

NATIVE LEAGUE IN SASKATOON

Young Indian and Metis people studying or working in Saskatoon have organized a club to help both themselves — and others — in adjusting to city life while maintaining contact with their own cultural background.

They call it the Native League and they have already elected a council and drawn up plans for future events.

The majority of young people who belong are students taking courses at the University of Saskatchewan, the Canadian Vocational Training School, Teachers'

College, schools of nursing and business colleges. In addition to these, numbering about 80, are 20 young people already working in Saskatoon.

The League's aim is simply stated: "to promote friendship and recreation for all Indian and Metis people in Saskatoon."

Social evenings have been started on alternate Friday evenings. The club is hoping to enter teams in city sports' leagues — one good way of mixing with people of other backgrounds.

The Men Served the Dinner

The Fountain Band Homemakers Club recently gave a farewell party for two teachers, Miss Hughes and Miss Wilson, who were leaving the Fountain Indian Day School where they had taught for ten years.

The Homemakers Club made arrangements to have all former pupils of the teachers on hand for the banquet, and the male members of the band served the dinner.

Both teachers were presented with go-away gifts.



Our photograph shows the members of the Homemakers' Club seated at the table, after the men had served the dinner.

TWENTY-SIX NEW HOMES FOR SARNIA RESERVE

Unique Band Project



Twenty-six families of the Sarnia Band have moved into new homes this fall thanks to a most unusual project, initiated and completed by the band council.

Because of further industrial expansion in Sarnia, some 200 homes were put up for sale and removal by the Bluewater Redevelopment Committee of Sarnia.

Chief Telford Adams of the Sarnia Band immediately took up this opportunity up with his band council. It was decided that the council should get in touch with the Re-development Committee in order to make a bid



on some of the houses. The committee agreed to accept an offer from the band to purchase 26 of the houses for \$6,500.

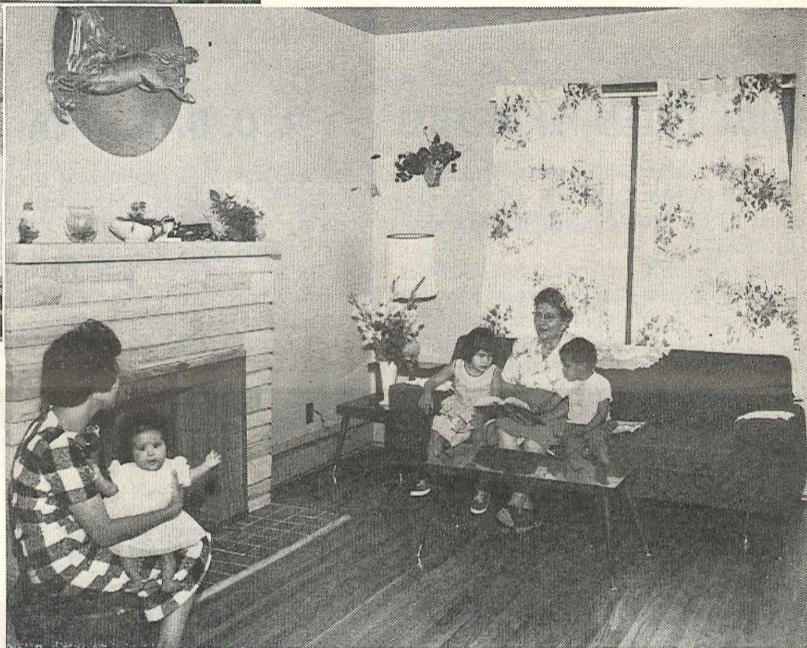
The photographs from left to right:

Mrs. Edna Rogers, Councillor; Chief Telford Adams; Kenneth Plain, Councillor and Mrs. Lillian Williams, Secretary of the Sarnia Band. The house in the immediate foreground belongs to Mr. Leonard Washington, the next house to Mr. Clifford Rodd, and the third house in the row is that of Mr. Noble Nahmabin.

Mrs. Rosemarie Adams, wife of Gerald Adams works on the lawn in front of their new home.

Mrs. Edna Rogers visits her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Muriel Rogers in their comfortable livingroom. The baby, Shelly, 2 months old, is on her mother's knee. Seated on the chesterfield are Peggy, 4, Mrs. Edna Rodgers and Brian, 2.

Credit is due to Chief Adams and his council, which, at the time when the idea originated, consisted of Kenneth Plain, Chris Adams, Mrs. Edna Rogers, Lawrence Williams and Alfred Rodd. Ray Rogers and Bessie Grey are new members of the present council which has brought the project to a successful conclusion.



RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL COURSE



The Indian Residential School at Portage la Prairie played host this summer to a two-week summer school for supervisory staff of Indian schools.

The course, which is the first of its kind, was attended by some 75 principals, matrons and supervisors from all parts of Manitoba, from parts of Saskatchewan and Western Ontario. Ten of the participants were Indians.

The students discussed such topics as aptitudes, duties and responsibilities of residential school supervisors, culture of the Indian people, physical and mental development of children and many other related topics.

The ten participating Indians wrote to the Indian Affairs Branch following the course, and expressed their great satisfaction with the opportunity they had

to consider these problems with colleagues from other areas.

In opening the course, the principal of the Portage la Prairie Residential School, Mr. J. O. Harris, said that the keynote would be the sharing of knowledge and ideas by the delegates.

The course was organized after many principals had expressed their desire for such training on behalf of the supervisory staffs.

The Indians attending the course were: — Norman Bird, Brandon; George Greyeyes, Qu'Appelle; Arthur Obey, Qu'Appelle; Boniface Mason, Guy; Christine Pechawis, MacKay; Vic Pierre, Cross Lake; Charles Malcolm, Sandy Bay; Mrs. Dorothy Elk, MacKay; Mrs. Pat MacKay, Brandon; Ed. W. Stonechild, Brandon.

The next step was for the band council to receive applications from families on the reserve without homes of their own. The applicants were then taken to the Bluewater District where they inspected the houses and made their choice.

At a meeting of the band council and the Re-development Committee the band's offer was formally accepted. Each band member then applied to the council for a loan to have the house of his choice removed and renovated. The original \$250 purchase price for each unit was added to each individual loan.

Eighteen of the homes have full basements and oil furnaces, while the other eight are block foundations. Each unit contains built-in cupboards, a sink, three piece bath, hardwood floors throughout, and a tiled kitchen.

The first home was moved May 15 by one of the four contractors involved in the operation. The home owners were free to pick their moving contractor, and the contractors in turn agreed to hire Indian labour to do the job.

All the homes are now in place and the owners have started to do interior and exterior painting, put in septic tanks and connect hydro lines. The proud new owners were paid for the work they performed on their own homes, but the money came out of their own loans from band funds.

HOUSEWARMING

A housewarming party took place this summer in the Nicola Indian Agency, British Columbia, in the home of Mrs. Mabel Joe of the Shulus Village in the Nicola Mameet Reserve No. 1.

While construction of a new home certainly is no rare occasion in Shulus Village, where eleven new homes have been completed in the past three years, it was particularly gratifying to see the widow with seven children move into a new home.

Earlier this year, Mrs. Joe had the foresight to place fire insurance on her old log home, and when a fire in the upper floor of the house damaged it beyond repair, she was able to start building a new home with the money she received in settlement.

Mrs. Joe's new home has a full concrete basement, complete plumbing and heating and electrical wiring. The home is equipped with a new electrical range, electric water heater and other furnishings that were made possible through assistance from the Indian Affairs Branch.

The house was blessed by the Rev. C. Dickson of the Shulus Indian Mission. Representatives of the Shulus Homemakers Club together with friends and neighbours of Mrs. Joe attended the party. The Superintendent and his staff also participated.

L'artisanat indien mieux connu

Les Indiens de la réserve de Maria, dans le comté de Bonaventure, excellent dans la fabrication d'articles d'artisanat qu'ils vendent aux nombreux touristes qui, l'été surtout, effectuent le tour de la Gaspésie. Jusqu'à ces dernières années, les Indiens de Maria se contentaient d'exposer leurs articles dans des petits étalages de fortune érigés au bord de la route et qu'ils devaient fermer en vitesse à l'heure de l'averse. Aujourd'hui, c'est dans une boutique des plus modernes et remarquablement bien située qu'ils mettent en vente paniers, canots minuscules, mocassins et autres articles d'artisanat. De plus en plus, les Indiens sont soucieux d'améliorer leurs conditions de vie et ceux de Maria nourrissent aussi cette ambition. Dans cette attrayante boutique, le touriste a naturellement le goût de s'arrêter et de faire des achats!



RECEPTION CENTER OPENED

More than a 100 persons attended the opening this summer of the United Church of Canada's Indian and Metis Reception Lodge, in Winnipeg.

Initially a delegation representing the neighbours of the center had approached the city's health and welfare committee to protest the establishment of the lodge, but by the time of the official opening all animosity seemed to have vanished.

The three-storey white and green former rooming house has been remodelled at a cost of \$10,000 and will accommodate up to 20 Indians when they first arrive in the city from the reserves.

Two Indians, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McKay, will manage the lodge for the United Church. "No finer people could be found," said the board chairman of the lodge, Mr. E. W. Sharp. "They can extend a welcome in Cree, English and Saulteux."

Rev. MacAulay recalled that "four hundred years ago the Indians had this continent to themselves. Now they are compelled to try to live up to the white man's ways. The last 50 years have seen a sweeping change in our pattern of living. Indians and whites alike are moving into the cities. For the Indians, there is a 400-year cultural gap to span and many need help in adjusting to their new life."

Ald. Slaw Rebchuk brought greetings from the city, and Dr. W. G. Martin represented the province.

THREE!

A rather rare occurrence took place at Long Lac, Ont. recently when Mrs. Ina Fisher of the Long Lac Band gave birth to triplets.

Triple births are considered most unusual among Indians. Indian News sends best wishes! !



Roads and Dams for Blood Band

Members of the Blood Band have been busy working on some major road and dam projects.

To date the band has constructed and maintained all roads on the reserve, and during the past two years approximately twenty miles of new roads have been built each year. In order to speed up the program, it is hoped that some 35 miles of roads will be built this year.

The work of the Indians in the construction of roads has been commended by the Engineering Branch of the Provincial Department of Highways. The



new roads are wide enough to permit two cars to meet without difficulty and many complicated problems have been overcome.

Last year the Blood Band Council voted \$34,950 for the operation of its Roads and Dams Department. This year a total of \$65,000 has been budgeted, and it is expected that it will all be used by March 31st. next. Dams are also built for Indian cattlemen and many other minor jobs have been completed around the reserve.

Indians Build Their Own Church

This summer Indians were busy building their own church at Senneterre, Quebec. All the work on the Indian Pentecostal Mission church was done by the Indians themselves who also plan to pay for the building!

Our photograph shows John Mark pushing the wheelbarrow, while Harry Ottereyes is giving him a hand.

A camp was held on the site this summer with participation from both Algonquins and Crees.

FOREST FIRE FIGHTERS

Indians have again played an important role this year in the protection of Ontario forests from fire. Some 2,500 Indians served with Department of Lands and Forests fire crews, and special crews have been trained in various parts of the province. Officials of the Department report that the Indians excel in this type of work, and that they are recognized for their natural ability as woodsmen and their knowledge of forest lore.

To facilitate the employment of Indians as fire fighters, and for the purpose of keeping proper records, the Department of Lands and Forests worked out an arrangement with the trading post managers in northerly Indian settlements.

A number of Indian forest rangers already are members of the Department's regular forest protection staff.

The specially trained Indian fire-fighters, who lived in a camp at MacFarlane Lake, were so good that Bert Forest, head of firefighting training for the Sudbury District of the Lands and Forest Department, said recently: "Whenever I send a 10-man Indian crew to a fire ranger, he will always ask for them the next time."

Mr. Forest believes training the Indians for firefighting duties is a much more efficient method than recruiting unemployed men from cities and towns in the area.

"These men know the bush. They cut pulp on the island for a lumber firm and come to us prepared. They know what to wear and what is needed. They seldom complain and they act quietly and efficiently under instructions. Often they do jobs without being told."

Mr. Forest passes orders to the crew through an Indian foreman rather than give direct orders to the men, who speak varying amounts of English, but usually speak their own language between themselves.

When the Indians are not fighting fires, they live in camp at MacFarlane Lake-site of the future Lands and Forest offices. Although they have a three-hour work period every morning, the men spend most of their time playing softball or pitching horseshoes.

If a fire ever requires more assistance than the 43 men in camp provide, arrangements have been made to bring Indian reinforcements from the reserves, West Bay and Wikwenmikong, to the area within hours of a call.

This area has a special fire problem because sulphur fumes from the nickel-smelting operations cover the bush areas, killing and drying vegetation. Sulphur which has penetrated the ground through course of the years, increases the fire-fighters' difficulty in stopping a blaze.

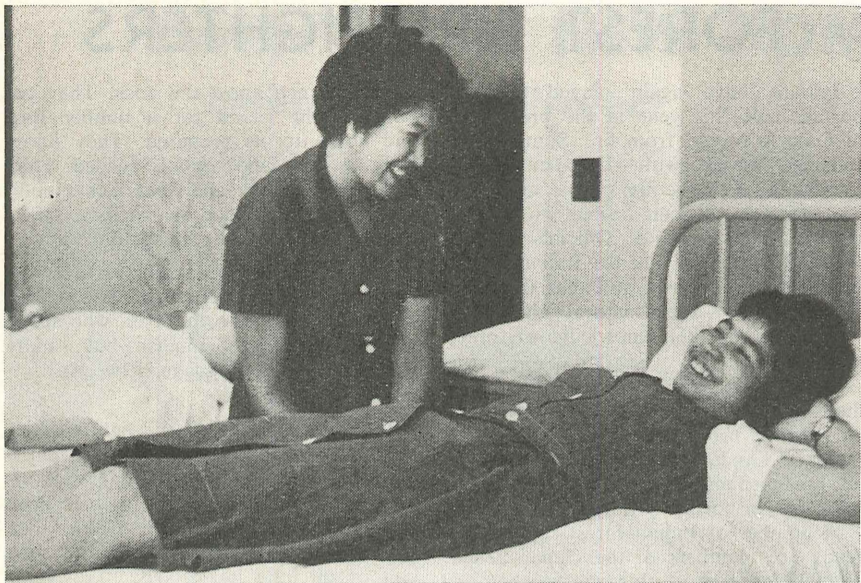


Darlene Brown, 15, of Bella Bella was recently awarded the P.T.A. Achievement Award and Trophy for the greatest improvement in standing during the 1961-62 school year.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Reid, and has been attending Grade IX

at Cambie Jr. High School, Richmond, B.C. where she won out over 212 other Grade IX students.

The photograph shows Mrs. Jean Case, President of the Cambie Jr. High School P.T.A. presenting the award to Darlene.



The Vancouver Vocational Institute has now trained over 250 Indian students. Some twenty Indian girls are trained as practical nurses each year.

Our photograph shows Beatrice Moore practising the art of bandaging on Dorothy Smith, both from Hazelton, B.C.

Beatrice is 22 years old and married, and has two young children. She worked at the Wrinch Memorial Hospital, Hazelton, for five years before starting her course at the Vocational Institute.

Dorothy Smith is 19 and is the daughter of Mr. Joseph Smith of Hazelton. She also worked at the Wrinch Memorial Hospital, and both girls will graduate in December 1962.

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The Brandon Indian Residential School, Manitoba, has a very active sewing club. Sewing is also taught at Oak River and Birdtail Sioux day schools.

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Long Plain, Oak River and Wayway-eescappo Bands have their community halls complete and equipped with television. Rolling River Band use the day school, which was turned over to them by the Education Division of the Branch, and the Swan Lake Band has raised funds for their community club and use an old Agency building for a meeting place.

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The Home Makers' Club on the Sarcee Reserve is doing a very good job. They again have awarded a \$100 scholarship to the three best Grade 9 pupils.

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A grade eight student at Kinistino, Sask., Shirley Constant, 17, has been declared the winner of a writing contest for grade seven and eight Indian pupils in Saskatchewan, sponsored by the Saskatoon Branch of the Canadian Women's Press Club.

The winning story told the legend of Wee-sa-ki-chak, the one who wanders, a character familiar in many Indian legends.

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It is estimated that some 3,000 Indians camped on the Standing Buffalo Reserve, Sask. during the great Indian Celebration this summer. Another 2,000 Indians visited the reserve daily during the three days the celebrations took place, and more than 2,000 non-Indians participated.

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Joan Morris, 14, a Grade VII student at Kuper Island Indian School, B.C. won an essay contest sponsored by the B.C. Indian Arts and Welfare Society. Her home is on the Songhees Reserve.

The purpose of the contest was to encourage Indian children to take a deeper interest in Canadian culture and customs, and the prize-winning essay which won the writer \$25 was called "The Legend of Six Frogs".

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A past Chief of Enoch's Band, Alta., Alexis Morin and his wife, the former Margaret Taylor, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Two hundred friends and relatives paid their respects to the couple.

Chief Morin was Chief of his band for 29 years and a member of the council for 20 years. Uncertain about his exact age, he believes himself to be around 90 years of age, while his wife is 70.

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Margaret Nolie, 18, from Takush, B.C., who attended Aldergrove High School, was recommended in ALL her Grade XII subjects this Spring.



Under the British Columbia system, a high school can recommend that a student who is particularly strong in a sub-

ject may be exempt from writing provincial exams.

Margaret, who probably is the first B.C. Indian student to have achieved this distinction, will enter the School of Psychiatric Nursing, Essondale this Fall.

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Some 20,000 seedlings were planted this year on the Rainy Lake and Big Grassy reserves. The supervision was carried out exclusively by the Indians from the Rainy Lake Reserve, and a member of this band also acted as foreman on Big Grassy.

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Two Indian carpenters have been employed in the construction of new housing units on the Rainy Lake and Manitou Rapids reserves, both in Ontario.

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A special project has been launched on Christian Island, Ont. The Indians on the reserve are offering pheasant shooting to hunters for a fee.

The pheasants were incubated and reared on the reserve, and after liberation the hunters are invited to go after a daily bag. The organizer of the project also insist that the hunters employ Indians from the reserve as guides.

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Harry Stacey of the Caughnawaga Reserve recently arranged a fashion show which brought in more than \$200 for mentally retarded children. The show was held in the Knights of Columbus Hall on the reservation, and was arranged by Harry, his wife and Miss Elizabeth White.

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Wood-carving with the adze and two-handed knife used formerly by West Coast Indians was a new feature of the Summer School of Visual Arts at University of B.C. this year.

A local expert on Indian carving, William Reid, assisted sculptor William Koochin in demonstrating and instructing in the sculptor's studio course.

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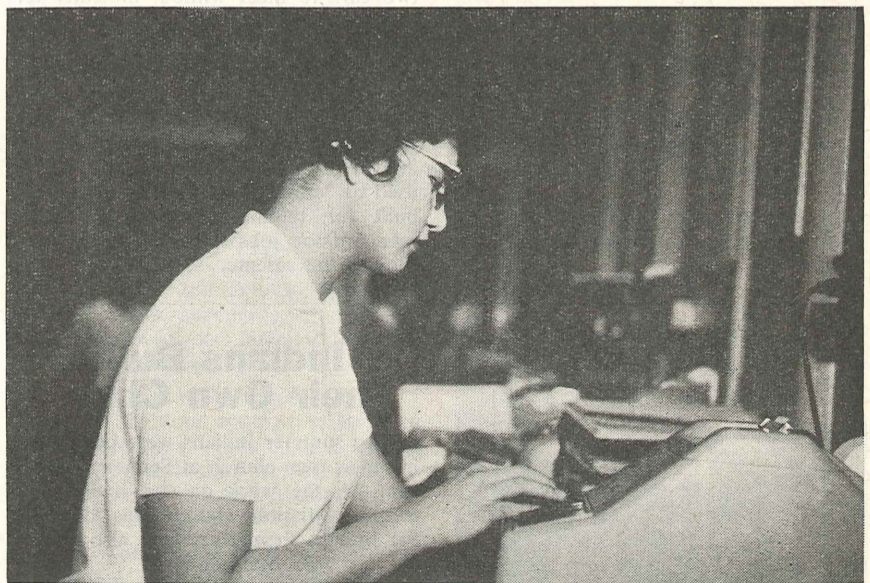
One of British Columbia's best-known choirs is the Indian choir of Hartley Bay Emmanuel Church in northern B.C. There are 17 members. Choirmaster is Steven Robinson and organist Lewis Clifton, both of whom share the duties of training the singers. The choir is noted for singing in the Tsimsean tongue. The members are: Mrs. William Robinson, Mrs. Ambrose Robinson, Mrs. Hebert Ridley, Mrs. Alfred Anderson, Mrs. Robert Reese, Mrs. Cora Robinson, Mrs. Gideon Robinson, Mrs. Steven Robinson, Gideon Robinson, William Robinson Jr., Christopher Bolton, Jack Eaton, Weiler Robinson and Allan Robinson.

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The Indians from the St. Regis Reserve have participated very successfully in the United Counties Lacrosse League. This was the first year of Intermediate competition for the local squad. Both teams in the finals were from the reserve with St. Regis and Cornwall Island finishing first and second in the eight-team league, and St. Regis coming out on top in the finals with four out of seven games.

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This year's Six Nations' Pageant was a tremendous success. Some 1,500 people attended the closing performance at the Forest Theatre on the Reserve, and the total attendance for the four nights was about 3,400. Next year a story on the life of Joseph Brant will be featured.



Josephine Fisher, 19, of the Columbia Lake Band, Kootenay Agency, B.C., is a happy secretary. After attending the Kootenay Indian Residential School and the Mt. Baker Jr.-Sr. High School at Cranbrook, she entered the Secretarial Course at the Vancouver Vocational Institute.

To-day Josephine is a secretary with the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, a position she considers "tops".