

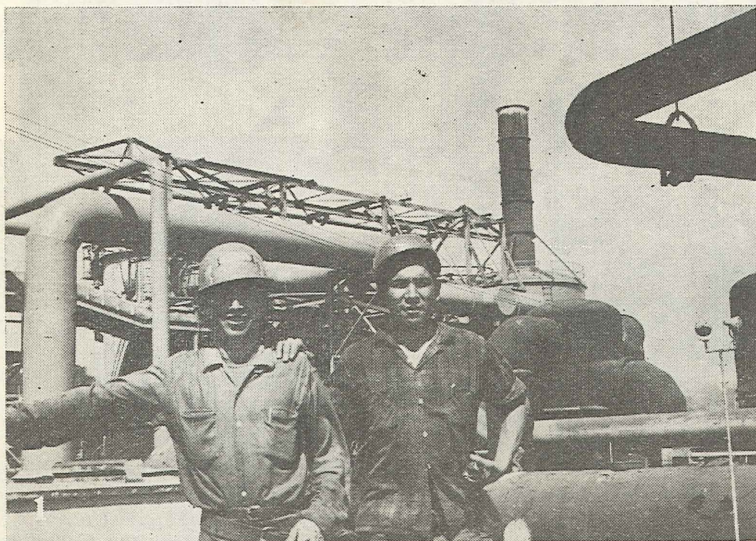
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## Find Steady Work in Acid Plant



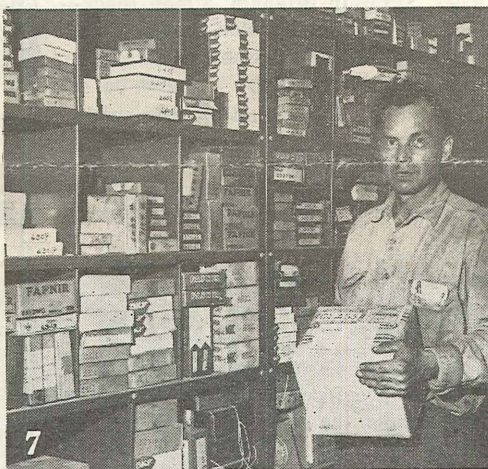
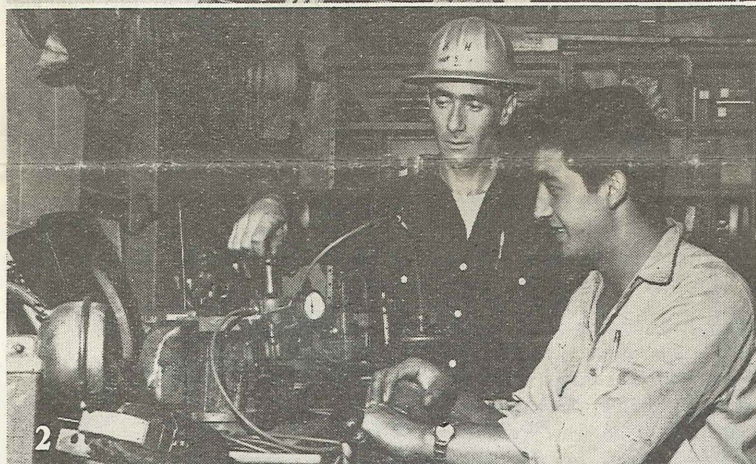
Industry is helping to change the lives of Indian people living on the north shore of Ontario's Georgian Bay. With the building of the giant, \$1,000,000 sulphuric acid plant by Noranda Mines at Cutler, more than 35 Indians have found steady employment. The firm employs 250 workers.

The Serpent River Band leased reserve land on a 99-year basis for the chemical plant. In return, the company gives first choice to Indians when jobs are vacant.

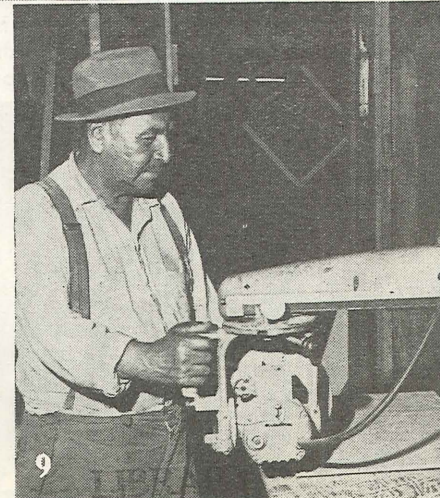
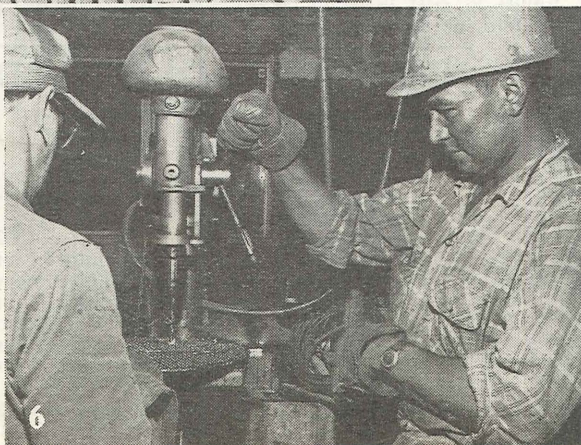
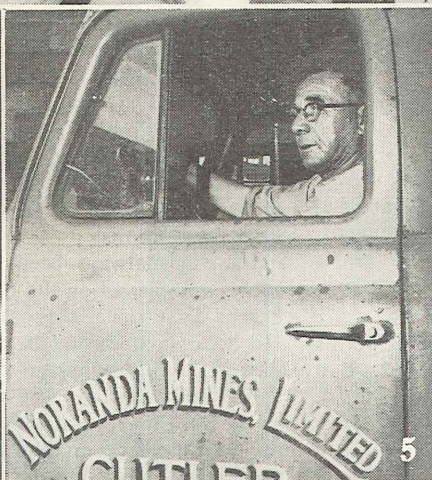
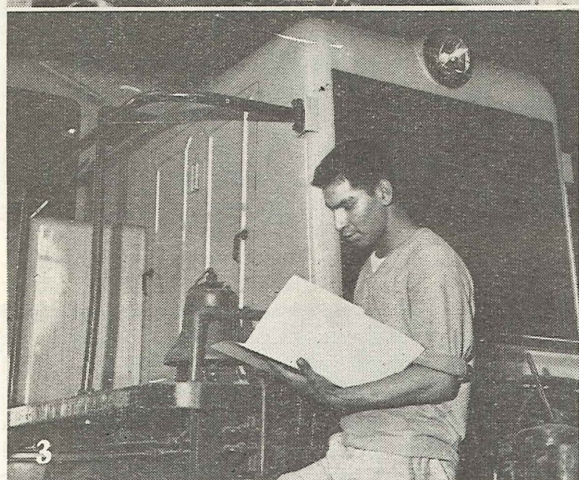
Previously, the band depended largely on fishing, trapping and lumbering. Today workers earn from \$1.75 to \$2.50 an hour. They are working well in the plant, which operates three shifts per day, seven days a week, to supply acid for the uranium mines in the Elliott Lake area.

T. R. Waring, General Manager, says that some Indians had difficulty at first in adjusting to set hours of work, especially on night and weekend shifts. "But they are settling down. So far as I am concerned everyone is treated alike in the plant".

Speaking of the chances for work, which Noranda offers the Indians who once trapped and cut timber for a living, Chief William Meawasige, a plant carpenter, says "I have seen a lot of changes in my life but I would like to see more—for the better."



1. Ernest Shawana, left, electrician and helper Arthur Meawasige.
2. Melvin Pervais, right, instrument repairman, with Al Hynes.
3. Bernie Jacobs, clerical worker.
4. Louis Pelletier, right, millright helper, Fort William Band, with Doug Leahy.
5. Augustine Pelletier, trucker.
6. Leo Day, electrician.
7. Albert Owl, storeman.
8. Lawrence Lewis, helper.
9. Chief Bill Meawasige, Serpent River Band, carpenter.



## WALPOLE BAND SPENDS OWN REVENUE MONIES



### "Chief" Teaches Anti-Sub Work

As a senior instructional chief, in charge of men on the instructional staff in Halifax, Chief Petty Officer George Edward Jamieson of the Six Nations Reserve proved one of the Royal Canadian Navy's most efficient and popular "chiefs."

A veteran of the Battle of the Atlantic and the Korean conflict, he served as the senior instructional CPO in the Torpedo Anti-Submarine School at Stadacona, Halifax. He is now due to retire.

CPO Jamieson was born in 1920 in Toronto, where his father was then employed. He attended school there, joined the Sea Cadets, then entered the pre-war Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve. Being under-age for normal entry, he was taken on as a boy bugler, "though I couldn't blow a note!" Later he transferred to the gunnery branch and was among the first reserves called to active service in August, 1939.

That fall and winter he served in harbour craft, then began anti-submarine training. He served in escorts on trans-Atlantic and coastal convoy duty throughout the war, rising to petty officer. When the tribal class destroyer Iroquois went to Korea in 1952 on her first tour of duty, he was chief torpedo anti-submarine instructor on board. On the trip back to Halifax he served as chief boatswain's mate, as well.

Essentially, as senior instructional chief, he is in charge of men on the instructional staff, works out examinations, marks tests, arranges syllabi and otherwise acts as a good right arm to the senior instructional officer of the school. In a specialized anti-submarine navy demanding a high degree of skill and proficiency, his is an important job.

The Walpole Island Band in southern Ontario has taken a major step forward in self-government by exercising its right to spend its own revenue.

The council drew up an operating budget of \$43,500 and submitted it to the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs, the Hon. Ellen Fairclough for approval. Items of expenditures for the current fiscal year include: \$6,000 for salaries, mainly for a full-time Indian game warden; \$10,000 for roads; \$11,000 for housing loans; \$1,500 for agricultural assistance; \$4,000 for irrigation on the famous Walpole Island duck marshes; \$3,000 for education, including transportation of kindergarten pupils and payment of a music teacher, not normally included in federal government expenditures for Indian education; and \$8,000 for relief.

Revenue at Walpole Island is from three sources: \$7,600 from government interest on the band trust funds; \$4,000 from repayment of housing loans and agricultural assistance; and \$32,000 from rentals and leases of land.

Burton Kewayosh is chief and serving on the council are: Cecil Johnson, Burton Jacobs, Parker Pinnance, Harold Riley, Simpson Brigham, Simon Blackbird, Raymond Nahdee, Lalieu Kewayosh, Nealand Johnson, Gordon Isaac and William Day.

Walpole is the second band to spend its own revenue money. The first was Tyendinaga, Ontario.

## PLAN SAFE WATER POSTER CONTESTS

Indians in Saskatchewan are organizing a province-wide poster contest to promote the use of safe water for drinking.

Indian and Northern Health Services started the ball rolling by asking chiefs to plan contests for adults and children on each reserve. Accompanying posters were headlined: "Ask Your Chief About The Safe Water Competition."

The children's competitions are being handled by the band councils, health committees or homemakers clubs. Adult entries will be judged on a provincial basis by Indians.

The posters are to illustrate six points: 1. Boil or chlorinate water; 2. Bad water can kill; 3. This well is safe; 4. Keep animals away, it is YOUR drinking water; 5. Get advice about safe drinking water; 6. Any ideas of your own about safe drinking water.

## HEADS SCHOOL BOARD

Canada's first Indian chairman of a school board is Gilbert Faries of the James Bay Agency in northern Ontario.

He heads one of the most unique school boards in Ontario which administers the newly-opened five-room school at Moose Factory.

The school has 212 pupils. Of these, 132 are Indian; the remainder are children of non-Indian residents, mostly government employees. The Indian Affairs Branch built the school, at a cost of \$186,000. Ontario helps to pay for its operation. It operates under the Ontario Education Act and must have a board of officials. Seen with Mr. Faries, (right) are Vern Gran, Indian superintendent, also on the board, and secretary Mrs. C. B. Robertson. At left Indian and non-Indian children play together.



Isaac Paul, young Indian athlete from Prince Edward Island, being instructed by one of America's leading track coaches, Don Canham of Michigan State University. Isaac was one of 150 Canadian young athletes taken to Toronto by the Canadian Legion in August to undergo a week of intensive track and field training. Standing behind are Hamilton Douglas of Mount Stewart Legion branch in P.E.I., who accompanied Isaac, and a non-Indian girl from P.E.I., Doreen Jay.

## Young Indian Athlete Given Track Training

One of Canada's great long-distance runners of the future may be an Indian boy of 19 from Prince Edward Island.

Isaac Paul has shown so much promise in track meets in the Maritimes that he was taken to Toronto in August by the Canadian Legion under its Youth Training Plan. There he was given intensive coaching by one of America's leading coaches, along with 149 other Canadian young athletes.

During his stay he entered the inter-provincial six-mile race at the Canadian National Exhibition and placed fourth in this gruelling event. At Waterloo he ran sixth in the Eastern Canadian championship. This is his first year in organized competitions.

Isaac has always been interested in sports and played on the Lennox Island baseball team for the past three years. He became interested in running only this year and took part in meets in Nova Scotia and P.E.I. As a result of several successes the Mount Stewart Legion became interested in him and put forward his name to attend the Legion's track and field school in Toronto.

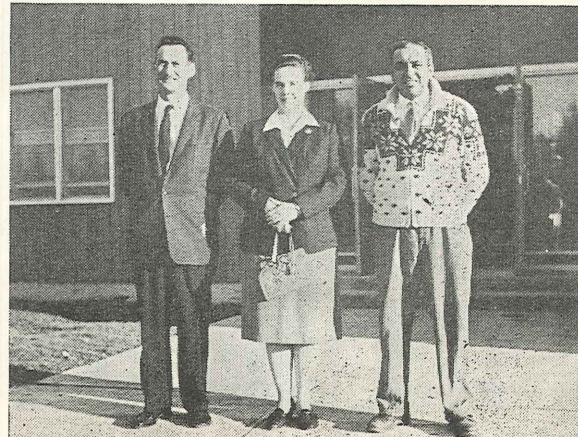
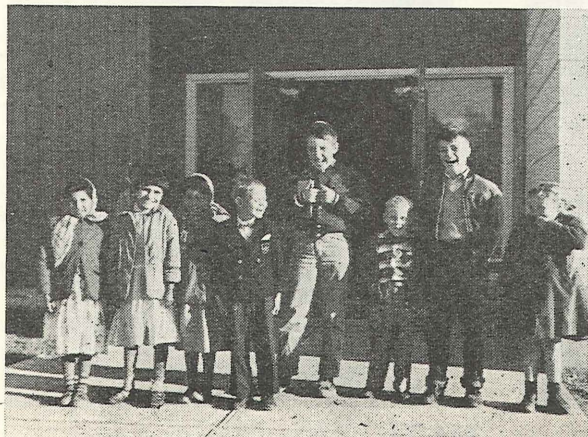
## Indians Gather Beet Harvests

Nineteen hundred Indians from the three prairie provinces helped to bring in this year's western beet harvest.

Of these, 1,050 worked in the southern Alberta fields.

Less well known is the Manitoba programme. This year 851 Indians gathered in the crop for farmers southwest of Winnipeg and south of Portage la Prairie. They came from the Dauphin, Portage, Clandeboye and Fisher River agencies, earned \$74,000, and averaged just over \$22 per acre. This was the largest year yet for Manitoba beets and 3,167 acres were worked.

Farmers and officials of the Manitoba Sugar Co. Ltd. said they were so pleased with the results that there will be more work for Indians next year.



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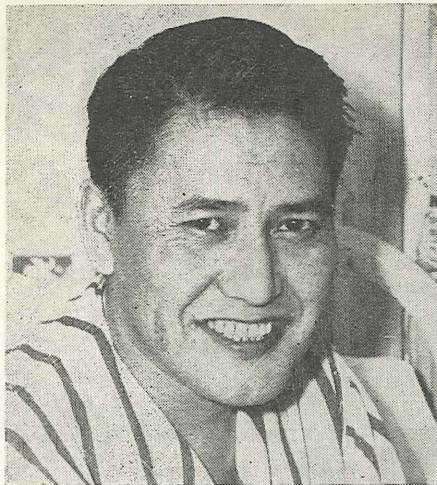
H. M. JONES,  
Director of Indian Affairs.

## What Schooling Means To Me

... By Jean Jerome Pascal

Mr. Pascal was a patient at the Camsell Hospital, Edmonton, from 1947 to 1951, suffering from tuberculosis. Later he went to high school for his grade nine, returned to work at the hospital as a hospital orderly. He took a business course and became a mail sorter at the Edmonton Post Office. In 1956 he went to Inuvik as assistant manager, bookkeeper and clerk with Semmler's General Store and married an Eskimo girl, Rosie Pokiak. Unfortunately he suffered a relapse and was re-admitted to Camsell Hospital in May this year. He is now studying grade 10 subjects. His ambition: to be able to help his own people.

I believe that education for our people is the most important thing right now. Looking back through the years I can see that there has been a great improvement in the education level of the Indian. This has been accomplished by the various schools, such as the residential and day schools, and the Charles Camsell Hospital school with its rehabilitation program. The progress is slow but it is a start anyway. So let us meet this problem and see what we can do individually to help. Each one of us can further our education and bring our homes to a higher standard of living if we truly try. If we do try we are benefitting not only ourselves, but our children who are growing up and who will follow us.



ren to go on for higher education and to take advantage of every opportunity that is offered them. We must start this in their early years.

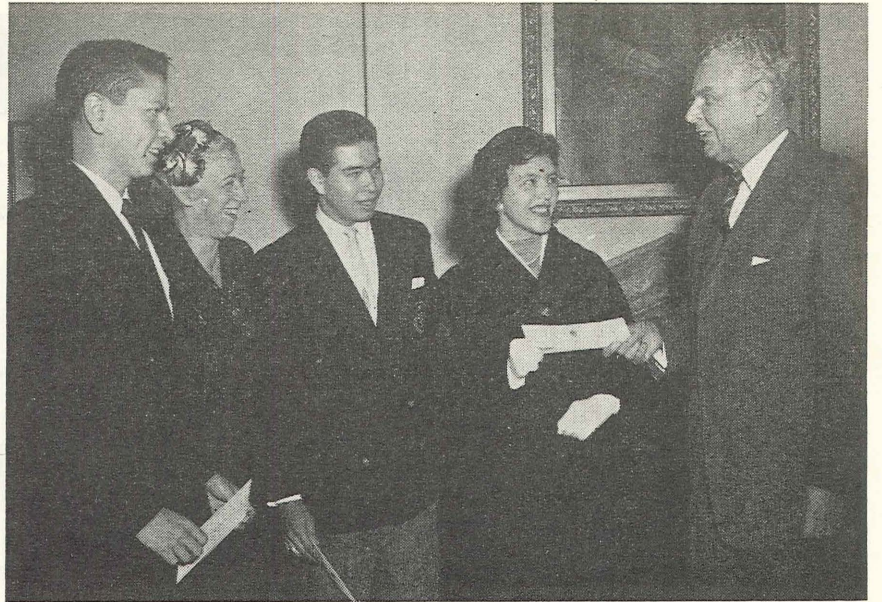
It has been difficult for us who were the first to attempt to step out and take advantage of the rehabilitation programs. We were often discriminated against; we were often discouraged, lonely and disheartened. Everything was new to us. We had to start from the bottom rung and work up. So let us accomplish as much as we possibly can and then we will be in a position to help the children of this generation when they get discouraged and look to their own people for encouragement.

It may not be easy for an Indian to make a living away from the reserve for many years yet; but each year it is becoming easier. There is more understanding and tolerance from the non-Indian than ever before. As I said, this is only the beginning but it will give us a great feeling of pride to know that we have blazed the trail for our children and for the generation coming up.

So many people are truly trying to help us. So we should try our best to work with them and co-operate. We need their guidance along this new road where we can't make progress alone. It doesn't hurt to show our appreciation for the help that is being given us either. No one expects thanks, I know. To see a steady improvement in our people, and to be able to see an increase in the number of successful ones, is all the thanks those people who are working for us need. That is the greatest thanks we can offer. So, wherever you are, on the reserve or in the city, keep your standards high, work your way up to a better living, and in this way you are helping the whole Indian people.

It is difficult to change our ways, I know—but it has been proven that it can be done. We can't just sit and wait for something to happen and we can't keep looking back to the days when we roamed the prairies. Those days are past. We must adjust ourselves to the present. By sitting idly and not helping we are not only hurting ourselves but we are hindering and slowing up the progress of our whole people. The government is doing all it can to help us. By being co-operative we can accomplish something and soon be independent.

Too many of us are not a bit interested in education and some even seem to resent such progress. We still don't seem to realize the importance and necessity of it. Our parents did not realize the importance of it and that has handicapped those of us who have tried to better ourselves. That, I feel, is one of the main ways in which we can help. We can encourage our child-



The first three winners were presented with their scholarships by Prime Minister Diefenbaker in his office at Ottawa on November 4. Above left to right are: Claire Brant from Tyendingaga, Mrs. Fairclough, Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, Ross Oke from Oka, Geraldine Restoule, Dokis Band and Mr. Diefenbaker.

The scholarship board of Indian Affairs Branch met as we were going to press and announced the names of this year's winners.

There are 17 in all. Our congratulations go to them and our best wishes for their future careers.

The awards are made on the basis of academic ability, leadership qualities and character. They are to help students in paying their tuition fees and in meeting their personal expenses while attending university, teachers' college, technical institute, schools of nursing, music or art.

The next issue of The Indian News will carry stories of the awards being presented and further details of the winners.

This year's winners are:

MARITIMES — Stephen Maloney, 19, Shubenacadie Band, \$975 now in his second year B.A. course at St. Joseph's University, N.B.; Lena Johnson, 19, Millbrook Band, Shubenacadie, graduate of Mount St. Vincent Academy, \$900 to attend Truro Teachers' College; Marilyn Francis, Lennox Island Band, P.E.I., graduate of Miscouche High School, \$250 to study nursing at St. Vincent's Hospital, Halifax.

QUEBEC—Jean Bernard, 18, Abenakis of Becanour Band, graduate of Académie de la Salle, Trois-Rivières, \$1,250 to attend University at Shawinigan Junior College; Henriette Volland, 18, Bersimis Band, \$850 to continue studies at Chicoutimi Normal School; Ross Oke, 19, Oka Band, \$500 to continue at Montreal Technical Institute.

SOUTHERN ONTARIO — Clare Clifton Brant, 18, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte Band, graduate of Quinte High School, Belleville, \$1,250 to attend Queen's University; Julianna Akiwenzie, 18, Chippewas of Nawash Band, Cape Croker, \$1,000 to complete training at Stratford Teachers' College; Theresa E. Deleary, 16, Chippewas of Thames Band, Caradoc, \$600 to attend H.B. Beal Technical and Vocational School, London.

NORTHERN ONTARIO — Geraldine Elizabeth Restoule, 19, Dokis Band, near North Bay, graduate of Sturgeon Falls

High School, \$900 to attend Sudbury Business College; Joseph Land, 24, Islington Band, near Kenora, graduate of McIntosh R.C. Residential School, \$900 scholarship to study art at the University of Manitoba School of Art. SASKATCHEWAN—Mavis Brass, 19, Key Band, near Kamsack, graduate of Qu'Appelle Anglican Diocesan School, Regina, \$1,150 to study for a B.Sc. in nursing under the University of Saskatchewan; Thomas Stevenson, 23, Cowessess Band, near Broadview, graduate of Birtle Presbyterian Residential School, Man., \$900 music scholarship to study at Holtby School of Music, Winnipeg.

ALBERTA—June Gladstone, 18, Blood Band, graduate of Cardston High School, \$1,000 to attend Calgary section of the University of Alberta; Alex Janvier, 24, Cold Lake Band, \$900 to continue 4th year art studies at the Institute of Technology and Art, Calgary; Theresa Weasel Head, 16, Blood Band, graduate of Blood R.C. Residential School, \$250 to study music at Cardston, while attending Kenmaria Convent at Pincher Creek.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—Delphine Vivien Alec, 18, Penticton Band, graduate of Kamloops R.C. Residential School, \$500 to attend St. Paul's School of Nursing.

## A Word From The Minister

I vividly recall a few days ago when the latest report of a fire on an Indian reserve, came to me. The parents had left three small children in charge of their eldest child, aged 14. One of the children got into mischief, played with matches, and the resulting blaze destroyed the home. Fortunately the children were saved.

Earlier this year a community hall was burned down due to carelessness. Not only did the band lose the hall, but all the equipment and uniforms of a cadet unit were destroyed too.

Both these fires could have been prevented. So too can nine out of every 10 fires in Canada. I am making a special appeal to all of you therefore to BE CAREFUL with fire.

A number of Indian homes have been destroyed by people using gasoline or kerosene to start fires in their stoves. It is better not to have gas in the house at all. Other fires are caused by overloaded electrical wiring. Many blazes are due to overheated stoves caused by plugged stovepipes. Some fires are caused by people smoking in bed; others by permitting children to play with matches and lighters; and few break out when oily rags or papers are set alight by sparks from the stove.

I am pleased that a few bands have formed fire brigades. I hope many more of you will become increasingly conscious of the menace of fire—and PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUR HOMES.

HONOURABLE ELLEN L. FAIRCLOUGH

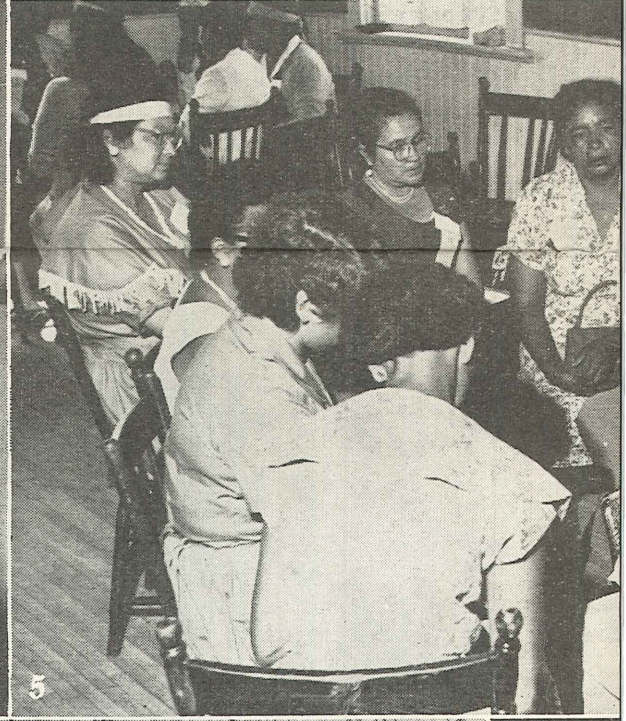
# Homemakers Hav

More and more, Indian women are taking an active part, especially through the influence of Homemakers. Pictures show northern Ontario groups at their annual convention at Garden Village, near Sturgeon Falls. Photos taken when southern Ontario groups met at Christie's near Midland, Ont.



- 1. GREETINGS . . . from Mrs. Jean Shawana, Serpent River, left, and Mrs. Ben McLeod, Garden Village.
- 2. REGISTERING . . . Mrs. Ted Goulais, left, and Mrs. Joan Commanda, both of Garden Village.
- 3. ORGANIZING . . . Mrs. Charles Goulais, president of Garden Village Homemakers', left, Mrs. William Meawasige, Serpent River, president of the Northern Ontario area, Mrs. Fred McLeod, Garden Village, chairman of conference.
- 4. EXHIBITING . . . Mrs. Lucy Stony-point, president, Spanish River Homemakers.
- 5. 6. 7. DISCUSSING . . . "Tell us how YOU do it . . . maybe we can try that on our reserve."
- 8. PREPARING . . . Mrs. Dave Com-

- manda, left, is Mrs. Alex Jacobs of Serpent River.
- 9. COOKING . . . Mrs. Joan Commanda, Sturgeon Falls, c.
- 10. DISHWASHING . . . Mrs. Beaucage, Sturgeon Falls.
- 11. SERVING . . . Mrs. Ben McLeod, Garden Village, lay tables.
- 12. MORE MEETING . . . work seems never ending. Mrs. M. Commanda, Garden Village, mans the tables.
- 13. ENJOYING . . . Mrs. Alex Copegog of the Mohawk from the Toronto office at the convention.
- 14. RELAXING . . . friends, like these, are from the Indian Island conference.



# Fun

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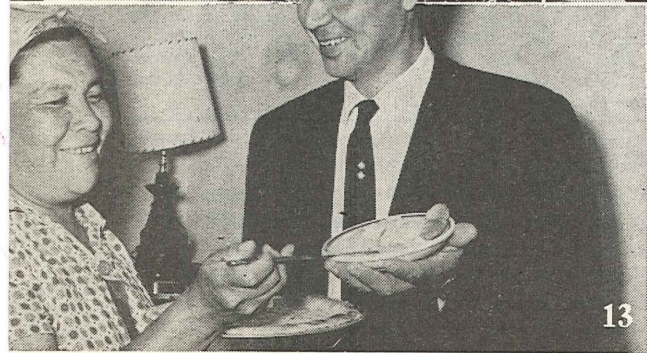
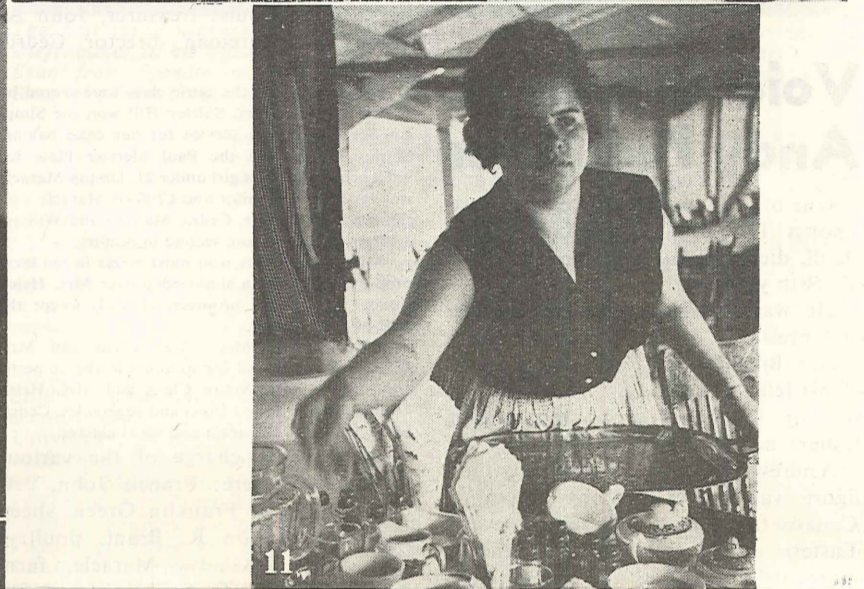
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## MOHAWK FAIR DRAWS OVER 1,000 VISITORS



## Voice of Indians, Andy Paull Dies

One of the most outspoken and best-known Indians in Canada, Andrew Paull, died in Vancouver on July 28 in his 68th year.

He was best-known as the founder and president of the North American Indian Brotherhood, using the methods of his fellow non-Indians to build it up into an influential group representing Indians across Canada.

Andrew Paull's tall, heavily-built figure was known to many Indians in Canada for he had represented several Eastern groups both in court and in municipal, provincial and federal committees. He had followed many careers—as a lacrosse player, a sportswriter, organizer and leader of the Squamish Brass Band, defence counsel and labour organizer.

Born in the Upper Squamish valley, he went to school in North Vancouver but his formal lessons ended in grade six. He was later tutored by the Oblates and went to work in the office of Judge Castilloux where he gained considerable knowledge of the law.

He was secretary of the Squamish Band for many years and in 1926 secretary of the Allied Indian Tribes of B.C. He helped to build up this group and later planned the national organization of the North American Brotherhood. Between 1949 and 1954 he edited "The Thunderbird," later known as "The Totem."

He is survived by his wife, the former Josephine Lackett Joe, one son and three daughters.

### Band Sells Cattle Through Auctions

Peigan Indians from southern Alberta are finding that it pays to ship cattle through the Community Auction Sales Association Ltd. at Pincher Creek.

In September the band sold 210 head, mostly two-year-old steers, through the Auction and received \$43,420.

The band has held membership in the association since 1947. Cattle-owners find they receive better prices for their livestock than by selling individual steers on a private basis.

Over 1,000 people flocked to the Mohawk Fair to set a new attendance record for the Bay of Quinte Mohawk Agricultural Society's annual exhibition. Held on the Tyendinaga Reserve, near Belleville, Ont., it also broke records for the number of exhibits in livestock and home cooking.

The first fair was held in 1901 and has been going strong ever since. The Agricultural Society also operates a seed cleaning plant, a gardeners' club, crop competitions and supports several benevolent causes on the reserve. Income comes from socials, dances, membership fees and grants.

President is Clifford Maracle; vice-president, Norway Maracle; secretary Mrs. Helen Louis; treasurer, John A. Brant; and foreman director Cedric Maracle.

Most points for the cattle class were scored by Cedric Maracle. Mrs. Shirley Hill won the Simpson-Sears silver tea service for her cake baking. Shirley Green won the Paul Mercier Plate for most prizes won by a girl under 21. Donna Maracle was top sheep exhibitor and Clifford Maracle won the main swine prize. Cedric Maracle and William J. Brant came first and second in poultry.

Mrs. Susan Claus won most prizes in the farm produce class with a slight edge over Mrs. Helen Louis. Mrs. Louis, however, virtually swept the field in ladies' work.

Eileen Green, Mrs. Susan Claus and Mrs. John A. Brant shared top honours in the domestic competition. Mrs. Susan Claus and Mrs. Helen Louis scored in sealed fruits and vegetables. Cedric Maracle won in the grain and seeds classes.

Directors in charge of the various departments were: Francis John, cattle and horses; Franklin Green, sheep and swine; John R. Brant, poultry; Dora Brant, Gladys Maracle, farm produce; Mrs. Francis John, sealed fruit; Carman Brant, Benson Brant, root and vegetables; Mrs. Hilton Leween, flowers; Benson Brant, grain and seeds; Mrs. Clifford Maracle, Mrs. Eileen Green and Mrs. John R. Brant, women's work.

## Cultus Lake Show Staged by Indians

More than 8,000 British Columbians turned out to see the second annual Cultus Lake Indian Festival, planned, staged and operated by Indians of the Chilliwack area.

They watched war canoe racing and native dancing, visited exhibitions of handicrafts by patients of Coqualeetza Hospital and ate barbecued salmon.

Miss Virginia Adams of Lytton was crowned Indian Princess.

Native dancers came from Washington State and were led by Chief Joe Washington; the native opera was planned by Able Joe from Duncan; the Rattlesnake Dancers were from Kamloops; and the Indian Boys' Acrobatic Team came from St. Mary's Indian school at Mission.

Bills amounting to \$4,000 were paid off within a week after the festival even though there was only \$25 in the treasury when the various committees started planning in spring. President was Albert Douglas; vice-president, Sam Jimmie; secretary, Gordon Jimmie, treasurer, Richard Malloway.

The Rev. G. McKinnon of St. Mary's Church, Chilliwack, who was adviser, said: "I had practically nothing to do all year, so well had the organizers learned from last year's festival."



Cooking prizes at the Mohawk Fair at Tyendinaga Reserve (Ont.) were won by Mrs. Susan Claus, right, and Mrs. Ruby Brant, centre. At left is the director of the cooking exhibit, Mrs. Clinton Maracle.

## ONEIDAS HOLD 79th FAIR

Despite a three-hour downpour before the opening ceremonies, the Oneidas at Caradoc Agency (Ont) went ahead with the 79th Indian Fair, although attendance dropped from the usual 1,000 to 700.

The fair was opened by W. H. A. Thomas, MP for Middlesex West. The rain curtailed the horse racing, but spectators had fun at the baby show, the Oneida Indian Band performance, the demonstration of war dancing, the exhibition of agricultural produce, and the wind-up dance.

Principal winners were: in the wom-

men's division: Mrs. Eunice Snake and Mrs. Phoebe Peters, both of Moraviantown; Mrs. Joseph Elm, Mrs. Simon Doxtator, Mrs. Ronald Doxtator, Mrs. Arletta Silver, Mrs. H. C. Jamieson, Mrs. Cornelius Day, Mrs. George Elm, Mrs. Dennison Cornelius, Mrs. Joe Antone, Mrs. Williamson Day and Mrs. Adeline Doxtator, all of Oneida; vegetables and grain: William John, Evans John and Norman Doxtator; horse racing: Joe Davis and Charles Hill Jr.; harness racing: Wayne Smith, Leonard Martin, and Sam Curley.

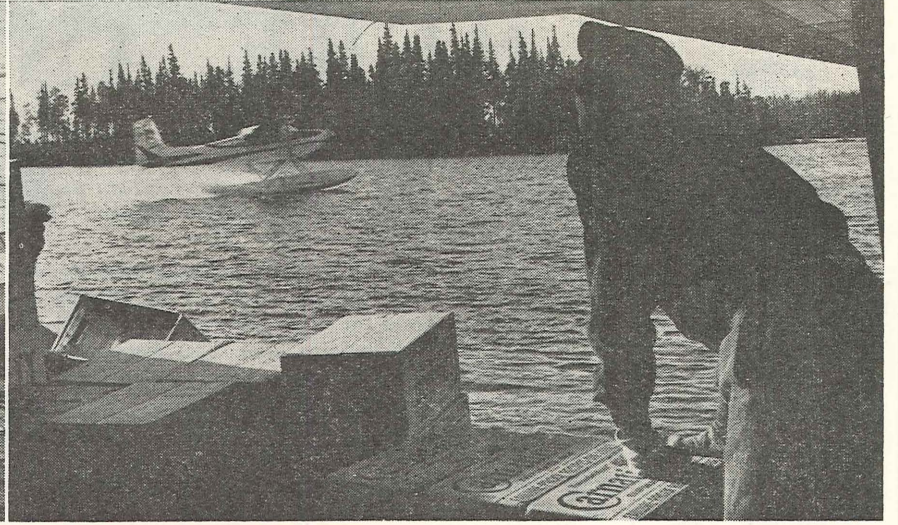


Thomas E. Brant, 75, watched by nephew Gerald, demonstrates his skill at the Mohawk Plowmen's Association annual match on the farm of Norway Maracle on the Tyendinaga Reserve near Deseronto, Ont. The Mohawk band held its first match in 1911 with three teams competing. This year there were 23, 13 of them from Indian farmers, 10 from neighboring non-Indians. John A. Brant won for the best tractor ploughing. Thomas Brant scored for the best horse-drawn plough.

## Talks About Indians . . .

Recognizing the need for more understanding among non-Indians of the Indian and his problems, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is now running a series of eight talks over the Trans-Canada Network.

The series is called "The First Canadians—the Indians at Mid-Century" and features men who have studied Indian problems for many years. On November 21 three Indian speakers will give their views.



For the Saulteaux . .

# A CHANCE TO EARN

The impact of commercial fishing in northern Manitoba is slowly changing the life of the Indian from a hand-to-mouth existence to a more settled economy.

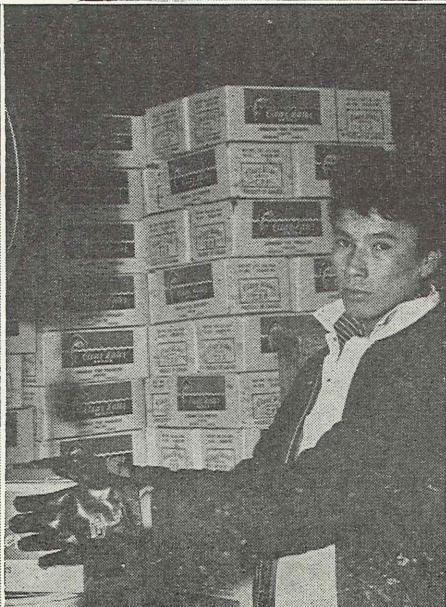
There are two main changes: commercial fishing is giving him a small but steady wage, despite his isolation; and because he no longer has to travel in search of food, his children can now attend school on a regular basis.

In Manitoba, where these photos were taken, the 1,800-member Island Lake band of Saulteaux earned \$100,000 this summer from fishing. Once nomadic, and living off the land, they now spend most of the year on their two reserves, then move to the fishing lakes from June to October. About 40 are employed by Peter Lazarenko, owner of Northland Fish Limited, at his Savage Island filleting plant.

Licenses are issued by the province, with Indians, who do 85 to 90 percent of northern Manitoba fishing, getting first crack. This year Island Lake men were paid 12c. per lb. for pickerel, 8c. for lake trout and 5c. for whitefish.

Lazarenko, a second generation Ukrainian, who has given new life to the Island Lake band, probably employs, or has business contacts with, more Indians than any other non-Indian. "We get along fine," he says. "They're good fishermen. Here in the processing plant they're just like any other non-Indian worker. And I treat them 'ust the same." He has just taken nine Fisher River Indians to work in his Winnipeg plant.

Next step for Manitoba's Indians: a major breakthrough in winter fishing as men like Lazarenko provide the means of getting the Indians' catches to the rich markets of the U.S.A.



# HERE AND THERE

EVELYN PELTIER, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pelier of Manitoulin Island Band, has been awarded a \$500 scholarship by the Masonic Order Foundation of Sudbury. It was given for her academic work at Wikwemikong day school.



Miss Peltier is now taking grade 12 at St. Joseph's College in North Bay and wants to be either a teacher or a nurse.

OLAND CONSTRUCTION of Lethbridge, employed several Indian workmen while building the new 12-room classroom block at the Blood R.C. Residential School.

TWELVE INDIANS from the Rainy Lake Band in the Fort Frances Agency are employed by Pitt's Construction Company who are building the new Rainy Lake causeway for the Ontario Department of Highways. Construction will take three years. The company has leased reserve land for its equipment.

GUIDING is becoming increasingly important as a source of revenue for Indians in the north, especially in the La Ronge and Reindeer Lake areas of northern Saskatchewan where all qualified guides were employed this year.

LUMBER SAWING on a share basis was carried on at Loon Lake, Big Island and Ministikwan areas in the Meadow Lake Agency (Sask.) Indians conduct the operations and hire an operator on a share basis. At Canoe Lake lumber was cut in spring and summer for Indian homes. At Waterhen the band is operating its own project from band funds.

INDIAN CARPENTERS from the Saugeen Reserve in the Bruce Agency (Ont.) were busy during summer building cottages at Sauble Beach. In summer Saugeen Indians sold rustic furniture and baskets to the tourist trade.

OLD CROW BAND men cut 1,000 logs for a new school in the Northwest Ter-

ritories. Fort Good Hope and Marie River bands cut logs for houses. Altogether, 34 new houses were built during the summer in the Aklavik Agency.

TWENTY-FIVE workmen from Pointe Bleue Agency (Quebec) are helping to build the new eight-room Pointe Bleue Residential School. They are employed by La Verendrye Construction Co. Ltd. of Champlain, Quebec.

THREE STUDENTS from Saskatchewan reserves attended a United Nations Seminar at Valley Centre, Fort Qu'Appelle, in August. The course lasted one week and was open to high school students. Indians present were Miss Priscilla Ahenakew, Mont Nebo, John Henry, Fort Qu'Appelle and Vern Bellegarde, Goodeve.

MANY HOMES on the Blood Reserve (Alberta) are now being connected to the main power lines recently erected by the Blood Rural Electrification Association. The project has cost the Blood band \$280,000. The band is also loaning families money so that they can wire their homes.

REPLICA OF A HOUSE built by grades 7 and 8 boys at Onion Lake Residential School (Sask.) was the highlight of the Indian school exhibits at the Provincial Exhibition in Regina. Among the prize-winners were: Maxim Iron of Beauval school; Margaret Scott and Leona Nanaquanchung, Lestock; Bernice Whiteman and Edna Moosetail, Qu'Appelle; Nancy Robertson and Lorraine Blackman, St. Michael's; Harriet Severight, Muscowequan; Agnes Drea-ver and Edna McAdam, Big River; Gloria Runns, Assiniboine; Teeder Kennedy, Little Pine; Linda Whitstone, Onion Lake.

PUPILS FROM Blue Quil Residential School won the majority of prizes at the Indian students' display at the Edmonton Exhibition. Ermineskin Residential School came second.

TOURIST DEMAND for souvenirs is being met by craftwork made by northern Saskatchewan Indians and marketed

through the new La Ronge Craft Shop operated by a non-Indian, Mrs. Barry Richards. Crees from the La Ronge area and Chipewyan Indians from Fond du Lac supply moccasins and jackets made of caribou skin.

TWELVE MEN from Christian Island (Ont.) Reserve worked during the summer for Ontario Hydro installing power lines from the reserve settlement to new cottages built on land recently subdivided and leased to non-Indians.

CHILDREN from the Mohawk Institute near Brantford, (Ont.) spent their annual holidays in camp at Christian Island in Georgian Bay.

MRS. ALFRED SIMPSON of the Alderville Reserve in the Rice-Mud Lake Agency (Ont.) has been appointed by the Ontario government to serve on the Indian Advisory Committee for the province. She takes the place of Mrs. Benson Brant of Tyendinaga who died in spring. Elliott Moses of Six Nations is chairman of the committee. The third member is Webster White of Walpole Island.

TWO NEW MEMBERS have been appointed to the B.C. Indian Advisory Committee by the B.C. government. They are Mrs. Kitty Carpenter of Bella Bella and Chief Edwin Underwood of the East Saanich Tsaout band. Mrs. Carpenter is the first woman to be appointed to the committee. She is president of the Bella Bella Parent-Teachers' Association which she started on the reserve five years ago. Chief Underwood has served as an elected member of his reserve's council for 20 years and was its first elected chief.



MARIETTA STANLEY of the St. Mary's Band in the Kootenay Agency (B.C.) has been elected president of the student council at Canal Flats Junior-Senior non-Indian high school.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL pupils at Kenora (Ont.) won first in the Kenora Division for their entry in the Ontario Forestry Association Forest Conservation Scrapbook contest. Don Start, forester of the Ontario-Minnesota Pulp and Paper Company, said: "It is encouraging to note the interest these young people are showing in forest conservation, a subject of great importance to all in the Kenora area."

OVER 90 PERCENT of Sioux Lookout public school supporters voted in favor of having Indian children attend the town schools. Voting was 547 for; 56 against. The school board is now building a two-room addition and 60 to 70 Indian children in grades 3 to 6 will attend.

SISTER ANNE CELESTINE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Sark of Charlottetown, P.E.I., received her diploma in nursing education from Assumption University in Windsor, Ont. and is nursing at Charlottetown Hospital. She graduated as a teacher from Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, taught for a year, entered the Order of the Sisters of St. Martha, and trained as a nurse.



## Work Together To Build Volunteer Fire Brigade

Indians and non-Indians have been working together to provide fire protection for the scattered homes on the Eskasoni Reserve in Nova Scotia.

Eskasoni's fire brigade now has 30 members and this year the band council set aside \$2,000 for a larger mobile fire fighting unit. It is now being built in a local garage.

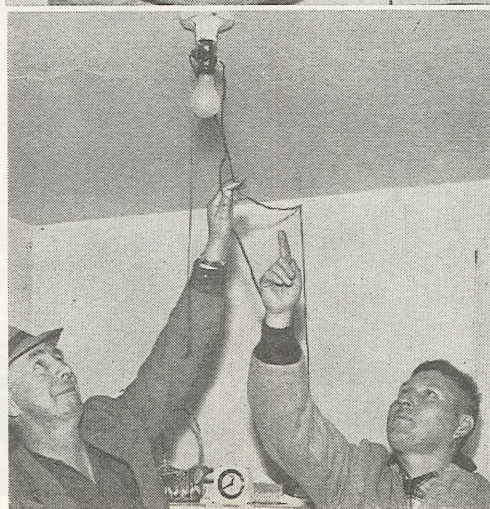
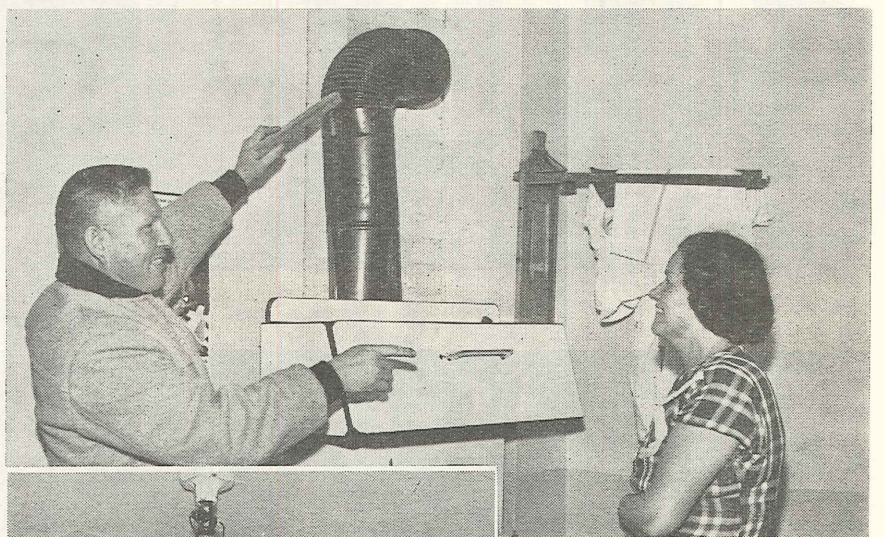
Because of a growing number of fires the council decided to organize a fire brigade in 1957 to protect the 170 families on the reserve. Help was provided by the Sydney River Fire Department and by W. C. Morley, manual training teacher at Eskasoni. Thirty men joined and a chief, deputy, secretary-treasurer, recreation officer and laddermen were named.

The council bought with band funds a 1951 Ford truck and mounted a 500 gallon tank donated by Imperial Oil Company.

A surplus homemaker's clubhouse has been converted into a fire hall and the recreation committee stages weekly socials and dances to raise funds for more equipment and for furnishings.

Although still in its infancy, the brigade is off to a good start. Its major problem now: to plan an alarm system for an area extending five miles on a provincial highway and without telephone service.

Fire chief is Levi R. Denny. Other officers are: deputy chief, Edward Morris; ward captains: Newell R. Denny, Charles Francis, John N. Paul and Peter Poulette; treasurer, Ben Silliboy; engine captain, John R. Denny; hose captain, Richard Poulette; ladder captain, Chief Wilfred Prosper; secretary, Charles Bernard; salvage captain Levi Lafford.



Fireman Roddie Stevens of the Eskasoni (Nova Scotia) volunteer fire brigade, tells Mrs. John D. Googoo this is the correct way a stove-pipe should be set into the wall. At left, Fireman Leo Sylliboy (left) and Stevens inspect an "octopus" electrical outlet. It's overloaded—too many wires running from a light socket can cause fire.