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GUIDES BRUSH UP ON NATURAL WOODLAND SKILLS



Guides learn proper canoe techniques at Quetico. Tom Madison, in canoe, left, comes from Emo, near Fort Frances. John Skead, Rat Portage, is getting in.

(This article is reprinted from *The Northern Sportsman*. It tells the story of the guides course held earlier this year at Quetico, Ontario. Photos come from the Ontario government.)

Indians have been taught the tricks of living in the wilderness at a work-shop conducted at the Quetico Conference and Training Centre near Kawene, Ontario.

The project, which on the surface might seem as necessary as teaching a fish to swim, is regarded by some authorities as vital both for the Indians and for the tourist industry. But this was the first training course for guides.

The objectives were to provide training — and thus help establish high standards for the guiding trade — and to provide a means of improving earning power for some of the area's Indian population.

Twenty-five men, all employed in the outfitting or tourist guiding business and all but two of them Indians, took part. They received instruction in aspects of bush life ranging from hygienic cooking to moose and duck calling, from map reading to tourist relations.

H. E. Thomas, representative of the community programmes branch of the Ontario Department of Education, one of 11 agencies and organizations sponsoring the course said:

"Indians, through their upbringing, are generally suited to do an excellent job of guiding. But surprisingly, they lack knowledge of such basic things as ordinary camp practices, map reading and using a compass.

"You might wonder why an Indian who knows the woods around his home like the back of his own hand would have to bother with maps and compasses — and some of them asked about this.

The answer is that a good guide should be able to take a party anywhere — even into country he

has never seen before. The delegates all saw the sense of this and they really worked at learning."

On the economic aspects of the course Mr. Thomas said:

"With increasing travel and tourism there's a real opportunity for them to play an important part in the service industry. In fact, with the proper training there's no reason why they shouldn't operate their own tourist outfitting businesses."

Russ Larson of Fort Frances, an authority on Northwest Ontario tourist business and publisher of the outdoors magazine, *The Northern Sportsman*, who presented awards at the workshop, said the guides are an important factor in tourist business and good ones are hard to find.

"An American tourist will come back to a particular outfitter year after year because he knows a particular guide will take him where the fish are likely to be biting, or where the game is. A poor guide will have the opposite effect, driving business away."

He said the number of non-Indians in the guiding trade is steadily diminishing, offering an excellent opportunity for Indians to step in.

One problem, Mr. Thomas said, is that there is no recognized standard for guides.

"We're hoping the Ontario government will establish a standard for guides and have some form of testing. And we hope this course will help set an example of what qualifications a guide should have."

The course involved demonstration by experts and practice under supervision. The demonstrations had their lighter moments. During a practice session on preparing a meal on the trail, most of the Indian guides used prepared and packed biscuit mixes to make bannock, the traditional unleavened bread of the woods!

(More photos on page 2)

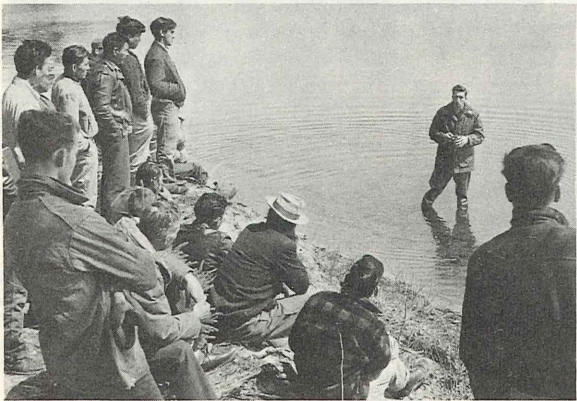


Learning how to read a compass, which every guide should carry, is Larry Boyd, Islington Band. Instructor is Dave Gimmer, Indian Affairs Branch.

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John Skead, Rat Portage, left, and Tom Madison, Emo, practice proper method of skinning a deer.



Ron Hall, Nipissing Indian Agency, demonstrates newest fishing equipment.



Larry Chateauvert explains that tourism in Canada is big business. Larry Boyd, Islington, centre, and Carl McPherson, Rainy Lake.

GUIDES LEARN NEW SKILLS FOR WILDERNESS CAMPING

These photos were taken by an Ontario government photographer at the training course for guides in northwestern Ontario earlier this year.



Being able to find one's way from a map can save lives. Mark Saubrie, Ontario Dept. of Lands and Forest, demonstrates.



Omer Grace, Thunder Bay Game and Fish Association, shows need for proper sighting of rifles. Left to right are: Henry Hawk, Emo; Alex Fiddler, Bearskin-Trout Lake Band; non-Indian guide Albert Kast, Sioux Narrows; and Walter Meekis, Deer Lake.



Each guide received a certificate of qualification. John Skead, Rat Portage, proudly receives his from Russ Larson, publisher of the Northern Sportsman.

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Newspaper Discusses Walpole Island Budget

Instead of our usual editorial we reprint here, in its entirety, and without comment, a news story which appeared recently in the weekly Wallaceburg News. The writer is obviously impressed with the way the Walpole Island Band is handling its finances.

For the first time on record the Indian Council of Walpole Island Reserve is operating on a well-planned budget which was approved early in February of this year.

The Chief and Council gave its approval for the budget of \$57,000 to pay for all expenditures of the Indian Band for the current year of 1961.

A short time later the complete approval of the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs, the Honourable Ellen L. Fairclough, was received. Actually the budget will leave the band with a surplus of about \$12,000 since revenues for the fiscal year ending March 21, 1961, amount to slightly more than \$69,000.

Some of the items slated for construction this year will consist of a two-stall fire station in which to house the island's fire fighting equipment. This is to be built half way between the Anglican church and the Indian Agency office.

19 Firemen

The fire chief has two deputy chiefs and a company of about 18 volunteers. They have already been trained in handling the equipment which includes a 500-gallon tank of water, as well as a well-conditioned pumper and the usual auxiliary equipment.

Also included in this year's budget is the amount of \$8,000 as the band's share of costs of Physician's Services Incorporated and Ontario Hospital services. This is the first time on record that the 1,200-member band has shared in medical contributions.

An increase cost in education (many children of the island reserve attend town public and high schools) has been seen in the past few years. There are also salaries of the island staff, plus the salaries of the Chief and Councillors the later amounting to \$500 for the chief and \$2,400 for the councillors.

BUDGET ITEMS

Some of the interesting items include road and repairs \$10,000 (including ditching operations); care of the aged, \$4,000; relief \$2,500; park and recreation, \$2,500; travel, sports and publicity \$750.

There was an appropriation for dyke and marsh pumping which calls for an expenditure of \$4,000. Housing loans amounted to \$5,000; seed and fertilizer loans \$1,500; care of buildings and office supplies \$1,000.

Tenders were called for major improvements to the main hunting areas in southern parts of the island. Consent was given by the Department for construction of a 7,200 ft-long dyke along the north shore of Johnston harbor and digging of a 9,000 ft. canal in the marshland north of the harbour.

Greater part of the work has already been accomplished and each month, as the Chief and Councillors gather to talk business, there is a carefully prepared report from the Indian Agency office which reviews all the expenditures made to date.

2 Leaders, 11 Delegates At Citizenship Seminar

Two of the group leaders at this year's Western Citizenship Seminar at Banff at the end of August were Indians. Eleven of the delegates were also Indians.

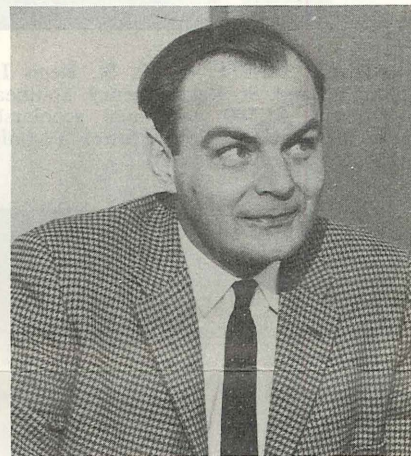
Group leaders were William Wuttunee, a lawyer who is now a regional liaison officer with the Citizenship Branch of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration, and Carl Latham, a social worker covering Saskatchewan for the Indian Affairs Branch.

Indian delegates were: Marion Meadmore, Winnipeg, housewife and secretary of the new National Federation of Indians; Erma Delorme, Winnipeg, student at Manitoba Teachers' College; Gladys Bear, Winnipeg, bookkeeper; Mona Dumont, St. Vital Sanitorium, Manitoba, student; James Edward Elk, Winnipeg, car mechanic and farmer; Larry Guno, Skeena River, British Columbia, student; William Jones, Vancouver, representing the Coqualeetza Fellowship; Larry McKay, Port Simpson, British Columbia, student; Melvin Musqua, St. Phillips, Saskatchewan, vice-president of the St.

Phillips Indian Youth Club; Tom Stevenson, Winnipeg, Associate of the Royal Ontario Conservatory of Music, who is studying piano; Jim Young, Skidegate Mission, Queen Charlotte Islands, British Columbia, student.

Forty-one delegates attended, including Chinese, Japanese, Doukhobors, Jews and Anglo-Saxons. The seminar helps to develop leadership skills in Canada's different ethnic groups and encourages these groups to realize citizenship responsibilities. By living and working together, delegates gained greater understanding of why people behave as they do.

Mr. Wuttunee, told the delegates that Canadians must realize that Indians do exist and are not decreasing. "Nor is their culture vanishing; rather it has survived and is growing," he said. "Ethnic prejudice is best combatted at an early age. I advocate the abolition of 'cowboys and Indians' on television which is really a directed form of prejudice."



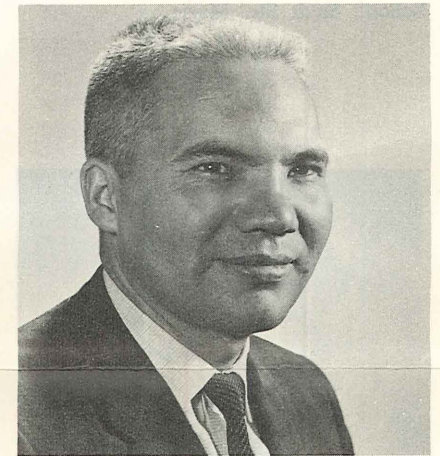
MR. LATHAM

Mr. Latham, a member of the Delaware Band, was born in Buffalo, but moved to Canada with his parents when he was seven and attended schools along the Grand River including the Mohawk Institute, Cayuga High School, and Brantford Collegiate. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Western Ontario and then worked in industry for several years.

As his interest in social work increased, he enrolled in the School of Social Work, University of Toronto, where he obtained his Bachelor of Social Work degree.

From 1955 to '57 Mr. Latham was employed as an administrative officer with the Indian Affairs Branch working both in Alberta and in headquarters at Ottawa. He left the government and returned to the School of Social Work at Toronto where he obtained his master's degree. He made a study of the Indian Affairs placement programme in Toronto as part of the requirements for this degree.

He has had field work experience as a welfare visitor for the city of Toronto, as a probation officer with the Juvenile and Family Court of York County and



MR. WUTTUNEE

Mr. Wuttunee is 32, and attended high school in Battleford, Saskatchewan. He is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan and he received his law degree in 1952. Upon graduation from university, he entered the Saskatchewan government service as a solicitor in the government insurance office. In the summer of this year he was appointed a regional liaison officer in Alberta by the Citizenship Branch.

Mr. Wuttunee is a member of the Saskatchewan John Howard Society and of the Provincial Minority Groups Committee. He was a key figure in the organization of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians. In connection with this federation, he prepared a brief for presentation to the provincial government and assisted in the Saskatchewan government's brief on Indian Affairs delivered to the Joint Senate-Commons Committee. He has had close association with the Department of Citizenship and Immigration and has attended citizenship conferences at Minaki and Banff.

as a caseworker with the Children's Aid Society of Brant which is responsible for providing family and child welfare services, to residents of the Six Nations Agency.

Girl, 9, Praised for Bravery

A nine-year-old Indian girl whose heroism saved four lives has been presented with a certificate of honour by Patrick Carey, a member of the Northwest Territories Council.

The girl is Celine Nataway, who lives at Snowdrift on the southeast shore of Great Slave Lake. She disregarded her

own safety to rescue four children she had been babysitting, when fire broke out in the house.

Mr. Carey said she has "magnificent courage" and described her behaviour in the emergency as "an unforgettable act of heroism."

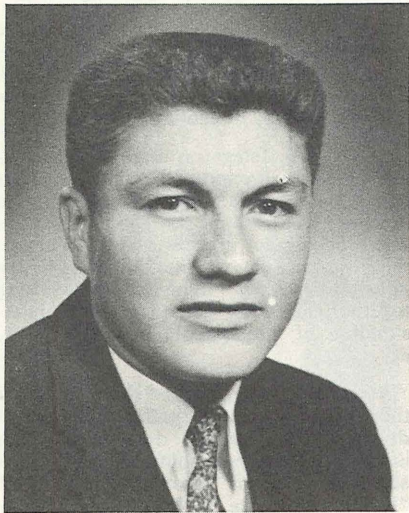
TWENTY-SIX YOUNG PEOPLE WIN

New Awards in Drama Forestry and Dentistry

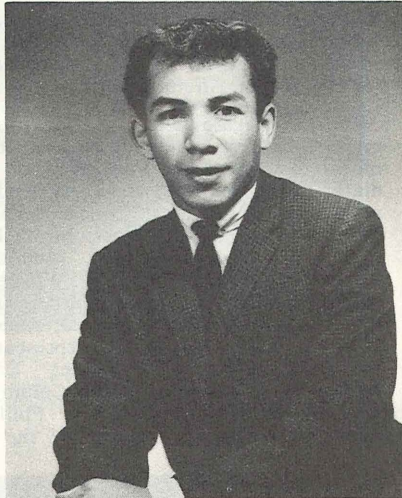
Twenty-six scholarships to \$1,750 have been awarded to young people of outstanding ability to enable them to pursue their studies in universities, nursing schools and teacher training colleges.

The awards, as in the past, are based on academic ability, leadership and character. They are intended to help them pay their school fees and in meeting their personal needs.

One young Saskatchewaner, Edouard Cree, of the Cowesses Band, has won a \$1,750 cultural scholarship to study drama at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He is studying music in Winnipeg with the Tyendinaga Band, in Ontario. Another scholarship to permit him to pursue his studies at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. A Nations member, has won a \$750 teacher training scholarship to attend St. Mary's Teachers' College at Chapeau. For the first time an award in dentistry: Edouard Cree of the Oka Band has won a scholarship to enable him to study dentistry at the University of Montreal. It goes to the first time also a scholarship to a student of forestry. It goes to the Montagnais of Lac St. Joseph. The Maria Band in Quebec, Raymond Gedeon, has won the first scholarship to be awarded in the field of drama.



ABEL SINCLAIR KITCHEN — 18, Waswanipi Band, Abitibi Agency, Quebec, \$900 vocational scholarship to take grade 11 at Sir James Dunn Vocational School, Sault Ste. Marie.



BRUCE WHITE — 19, St. Regis Iroquois Band, St. Regis Agency, Southern Ontario, \$1,500 vocational scholarship to take grade 12 at Central Technical High School, Toronto.



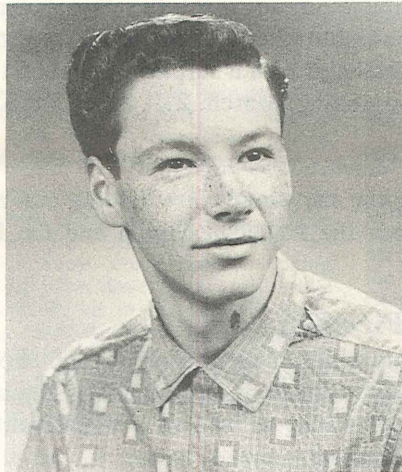
PAULINE COTE — 19, River Desert Band, Maniwaki Agency, Quebec, \$750 teacher training scholarship to attend St. Mary's Teachers' College at Chapeau.



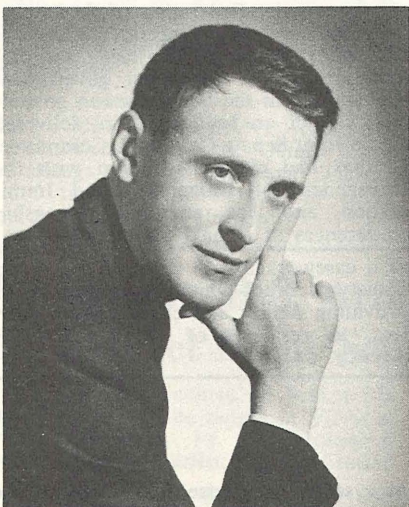
BERNICE STONECHILD — 18, Muscowpetung Band, File Hills-Qu'Appelle Agency, Saskatchewan, \$525 nursing scholarship to take registered nurses training at St. Paul's Hospital, Saskatoon.



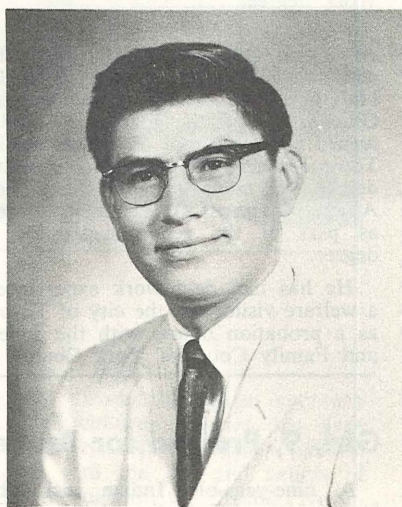
ELIZABETH ACHINI — 20, Montagnais (Seven Island) Band, Quebec, \$500 nursing scholarship to attend Ste-Anne de la Pocatière School of Nursing.



RENE BANNON — 18, Fort William Band, Port Arthur Agency, Northern Ontario, \$775 vocational scholarship to take industrial arts at Selkirk High School, Fort William.



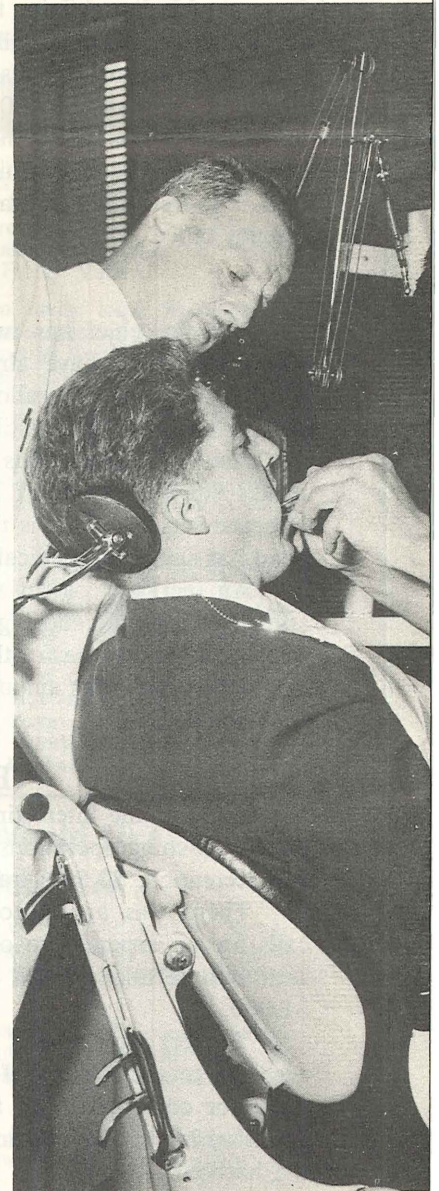
RAYMOND GEDEON — 24, Maria Band, Restigouche Agency, Quebec, \$1,750 cultural scholarship to study drama at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.



HARVEY TOOTOSIS — 23, Poundmaker Band, Battleford Agency, Saskatchewan, \$1,375 university scholarship to take third year engineering at the University of Saskatchewan.



ELIZABETH MATHEWS — 22, Eskasoni Band, Eskasoni Agency, Nova Scotia, \$250 nursing scholarship to attend St. Rita's Hospital School of nursing, Sydney, N.S.



This is EDOUARD CREE, winner of dentistry at the University of Montreal. He is from the Oka Band in Quebec. Here he is being examined by an instructor while other students watch.

INDIAN AFFAIRS SCHOLARSHIPS

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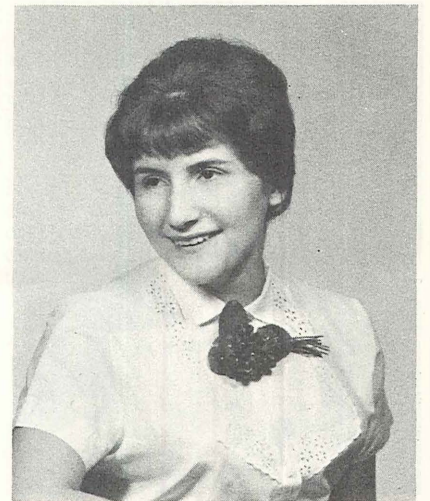
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J. NORMAN CONNOLLY — 20, Montagnais of Lac St. Jean, Pointe Bleu Agency, Quebec, \$750 forestry scholarship to attend Duchesnay School of Forestry.



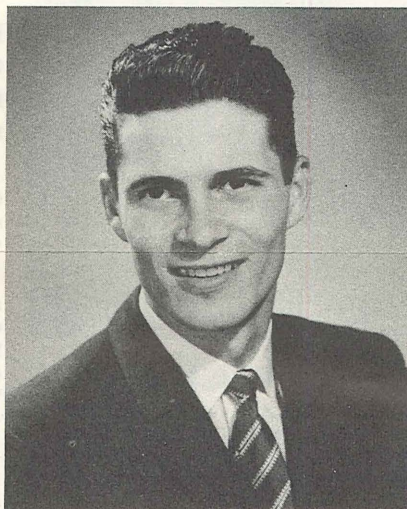
LAUREN CHRISJOHN — 16, Oneidas of the Thames Band, Caradoc Agency, Southern Ontario, \$600 vocational scholarship to take a Grade 11 business course at H.B. Bael Technical and Commercial High School, London.



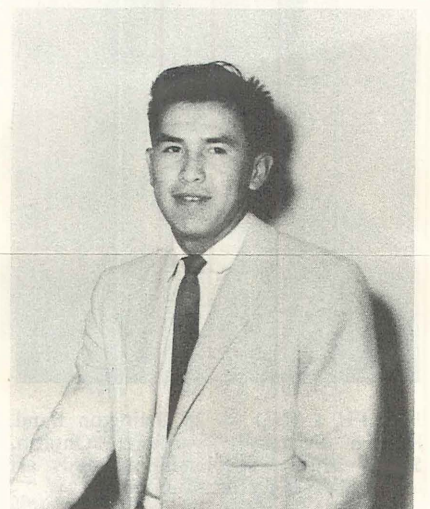
IDA RUTH CROWE — 19, Piapot Band, File Hills Qu'Apelle Agency, Saskatchewan, \$1,250 teacher training scholarship to study at Regina Teachers' College.



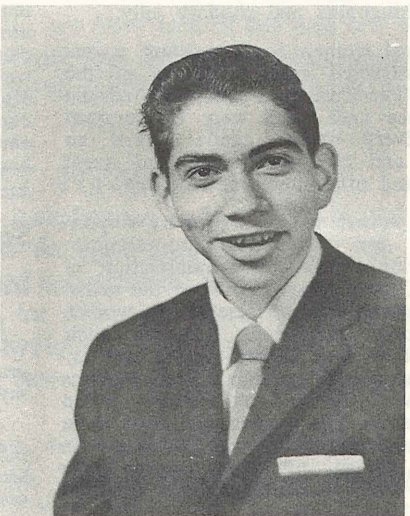
JOAN JOHNSON — 18, Eskasoni Band, Eskasoni Agency, Nova Scotia, \$1,050 university scholarship to take second year home economics at Mount St. Bernard College, Antigonish, N.S.



CLAUDE PHILIPPE — 23, Montagnais of Lac St. Jean, Pointe Bleu Agency, Quebec \$1,200 vocational training scholarship to attend the Institute of Technology in Three Rivers.



WILLIAM ETZERZA — 20, Tahltan Band, Yukon Agency, \$1,050 vocational scholarship to take a commercial course.



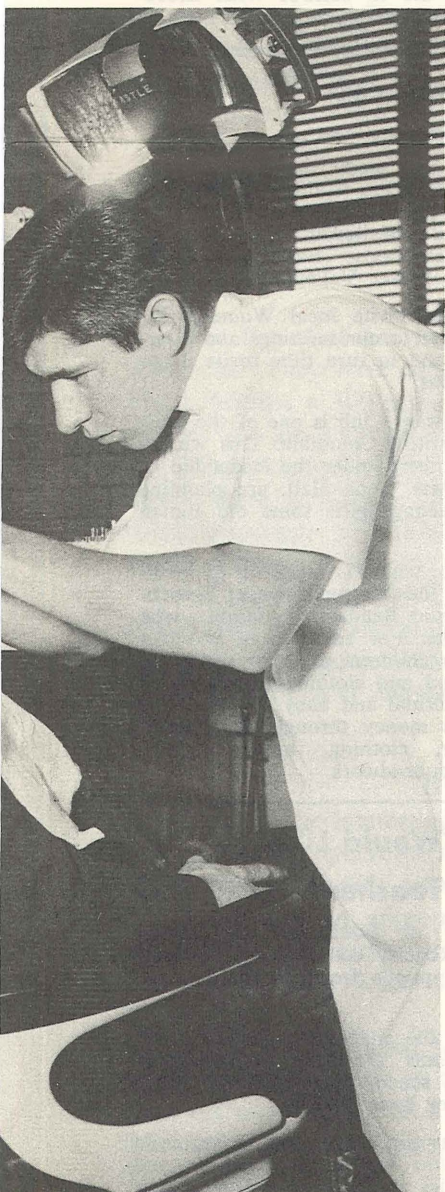
CARL SACOBIE — 19, St.. Mary's Band, St. John River Valley Agency, New Brunswick, \$950 university scholarship to attend St. Thomas College, Chatham, N.S.



CATHERINE LEO — 17, Kyuquot Band, West Coast Agency, British Columbia, \$1,200 university scholarship to take first year arts at the University of British Columbia.



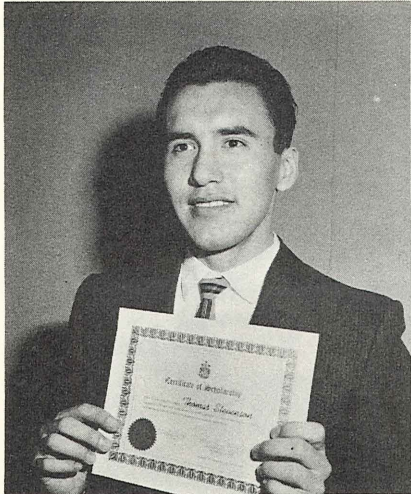
JANICE KING — 13, St. Regis Iroquois Band, St. Regis Agency, Southern Ontario, \$500 cultural scholarship in music to study voice and piano at the Cornwall School of Music.



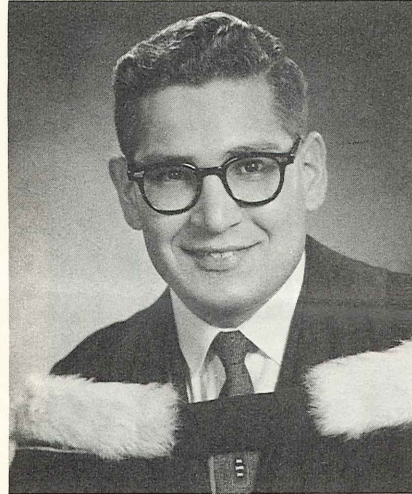
...a \$1,750 scholarship. Edouard is studying
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(More awards on page six.)

THESE YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE WON BEFORE



HOWARD E. STAATS — 21, Six Nations Band, Six Nations Agency, Southern Ontario, \$1,150 university scholarship to enter Osgoode Hall, Toronto, for law studies.



THOMAS STEVENSON — 25, Cowessess Band, Crooked Lake Agency, Saskatchewan, \$850 cultural scholarship in music to gain his certificate for music teaching.

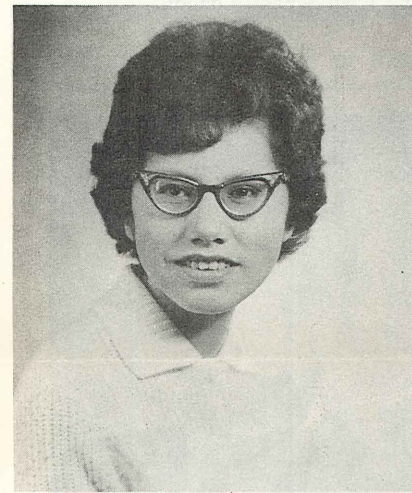


JOSEPH LAND — 25, Islington Band, Kenora Agency, Northern Ontario, \$1,500 cultural scholarship to study art at the University of Manitoba.

RENNIE BROWN — 21, Gitlakdamix Band, Terrace Agency, British Columbia, was awarded a \$1,200 teacher training scholarship to study at the University of Alberta, but joined the army before receiving the award.

DAVID SPARVIER — 23, Cowessess Band, Crooked Lake Agency, Saskatchewan, \$1,300 university scholarship to take an arts course at the University of Ottawa. His photograph will appear in the next issue.

CLARE CLIFTON BRANT (right) — 20, Mohawks of Bay of Quinte Band, Tyendinaga Agency, Southern Ontario, \$1,500 university scholarship to study medicine at Queen's University.



ROZELLA MCKAY — 20, Kahkewistahaw Band, Crooked Lake Agency, Saskatchewan, \$525 nursing scholarship to take second year nursing at the University of Saskatchewan.



Well-known B.C. Artist To Instruct Night School

A night school course on Indian life and customs is to be taught in Victoria, British Columbia, by the prominent Indian writer and artist, George Clutesi.

"I believe this is the first time that such a course will use an Indian to teach what he knows about his culture, and explain how the Indian peoples think and where they sprang from," he says. "It will be a good thing, I think, and better things will come of it in the future."

He will discuss the Indian approach to art, tell children's stories that have become folklore of West Coast Indians, and deal with the life and beliefs of Indians throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Mr. Clutesi, who has exhibited his art in one-man shows in the West, recently gave a one-hour interview on the CBC's national television network.



Preparing delicious cookies are, from left to right: Irene Cote, Yvonne Shingoose, Florence Shingoose, Maude Cote and Barbara Kakakaway.

Better Meals For All As A Result of Course

Indians of Saskatchewan's Cote Reserve No. 1 are benefitting from a home economics course which Cote women attended every Wednesday in the basement of the day school. The women are preparing better meals for their families and their children are going off to school with more nutritious lunches.

The women of the Cote Homemakers' Club asked Indian Affairs Branch to sponsor the home economics course under its adult education programme.

The setting of the course was made to approximate conditions of most homes on the reserve. Utensils used can be found in almost every home; cooking and baking were done on a wood stove which was set up in the school's basement. In addition, meals were prepared with produce available to members of the band and using foodstuffs which band members could reasonably be expected to purchase.

The women were mainly interested in cooking and baking. They studied nutrition and paid special attention to Canada's Food Rules, suggestions for buying food supplies and the planning and preparation of meals. They learned how to prepare meat dishes, breads, biscuits, rolls, cookies, raisin squares, tarts, doughnuts and rhubarb jelly.

Several women are competent sewers and instructed other members of the group. The Cote club owns three sewing machines and these were in constant use. Every woman made herself an apron and pot holders. Several made skirts and other items of clothing.

The women assumed primary responsibility for conducting the sessions. Following a talk and demonstration by Mrs. Charles Russell, wife of the assistant assigned to Cote Reserve, the women undertook assignments. During their spare time they copied recipes and exchanged sewing patterns. Their sessions were very informal and usually ended with lunch. The women said their main purpose in attending was to meet with other women and learn about home affairs which would benefit their families.

The women who attended regularly were: Maria Shingoose, president of the Homemakers; Hazel Whitehawk, secretary-treasurer; Irene Cote, treasurer; Julia Stevenson, Hilda Cote Sr., Myrtle Cote, Elizabeth Severight, Janet Cote, Yvonne Shingoose, Pat Cote, Barbara Kakakaway, Florence Shingoose and Irma Cote.

Homemakers' Club Invites Non-Indians

"One of the nicest things about our Homemakers' Club is that we have got to know a lot of white women," says Mrs. Richard Malloway, a member of the Yakweakwoose Band in British Columbia's Fraser Valley.

"We often invite local Women's Institute groups to our meetings and afternoon teas and in turn they invite us to their sessions."

The Wigwam Club is one of the most active in British Columbia. This winter, the 27 members under the leadership of president Mrs. Lena Hall, are planning to teach teenage girls some old Indian crafts.

The club, which is made up of members from the Yakweakwoose, Tzeachten and Skway Bands, helps families who are destitute. For example, it provides clothing to children going to school as well as food and clothing for adults. It also gives bridal and baby showers. The club raises money through the sale of embroidery, clothing, knitted goods, baskets and beadwork.

Sarnia Would Like Indian Teachers

Director of Education for Sarnia, William Rogers, commenting on integration of pupils from Sarnia Reserve, says:

"Within the city's educational system, more Indians are not only reaching secondary school but are completing courses they have chosen.

"It is our aim to have the Indian child get the same educational facilities and opportunities as city children. It is their right."

He said the Sarnia school board would like to see Indian children go through the local school system, then return to teach in city schools.



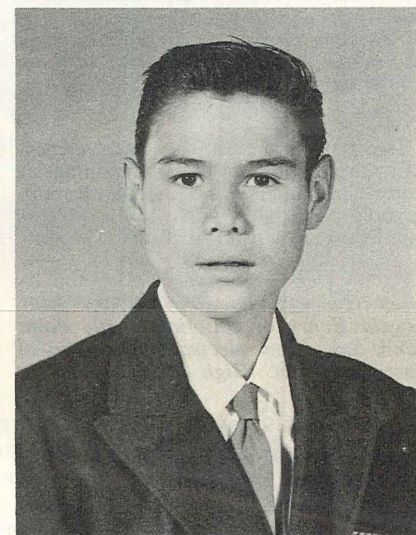
Violoniste Chez les Jeunesses Musicales

Parmi les centaines de jeunes artistes qui se sont rendus, cet été, au camp national des Jeunesses Musicales, au Mont Orford, P.Q. se trouvait un violoniste indien âgé de 14 ans: Kenneth Wolfe.

Kenneth, qui appartient à la tribu indienne des Cris d'Ermineskin, Hobbema, est un élève de l'Ecole résidentielle indienne d'Ermineskin. Il est inscrit au cours de violon depuis moins de deux ans et déjà s'est révélé un étudiant brillamment doué pour la musique.

Lorsqu'il se présenta, en juin dernier, devant la Commission de Musique de l'ouest pour les examens annuels, il attira l'attention du président de cet organisme, M. Leacock, et se mérita une remarque très prometteuse: "C'est un garçon plein de talents!"

En mai dernier, lors d'une visite que fit à l'Ecole résidentielle d'Ermineskin le directeur national des Jeunesses Musicales, M. Gilles Lefebvre, ce dernier, qui est lui-même un violoniste de grand talent, remarqua le jeune artiste indien et c'est à sa suggestion que la Direction des Affaires indiennes décida d'octroyer à Kenneth la somme qui lui a permis de séjourner au Mont Orford.



Kenneth Wolfe, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wolfe of the Ermineskin Band in Alberta's Hobbema Agency, was selected to take a six-week summer course at the National Music Camp at Mount Orford, Quebec.

Kenneth, a student at Ermineskin Residential School, has been studying violin under the guidance of Sister Jeanne-de-Chantal. When he appeared for his examination at the Western Board of Music in June the presiding examiner noted: "He is a very talented boy."

The director of the National Music Camp visited the school earlier this year, heard Kenneth play, and strongly urged him to attend the Quebec summer course.

Five Indians from the Aklavik Agency have received high praise for their work on a seismograph survey in the Mackenzie River area.

They are: Joe Bernarde, Henry Horassie, Paul Nayally, Leon Nayally and David Yallee.

They were employed by Seismotech Ltd. of Calgary. H. W. Godwin, assistant manager, writes of their work:

"We wish to express our gratitude . . . for the fine job done by these men. There can be no doubt that their efforts accounted for much of the success of our operation."

Les Indiens et les techniques de loisirs

Trente-deux Indiens et Indiennes, appartenant à cinq réserves différentes de la province de Québec, ont bénéficié en juillet dernier d'une session d'études qui a été tenue pendant une semaine au Pensionnat indien de Pointe Bleue, P.Q. Les délégués, qui ont pris part à cette session d'une semaine, venaient des réserves de Bersimis, Oka, Odanak, Lorette et Pointe Bleue.

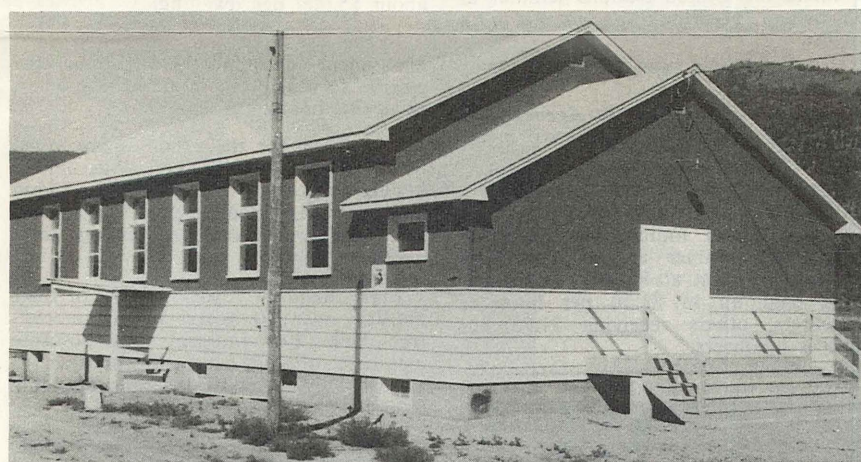
Le programme de la session avait été préparé conjointement par la Division des Affaires Indiennes et par le Centre de Culture populaire de l'Université Laval. Les cours donnés avaient pour but d'instruire les participants du sens et de la théorie des loisirs et aussi d'initier chacun d'eux à une ou deux techniques de loisirs.

De l'avis du secrétaire du Centre de Culture Populaire de Laval, M. François Provencher, la session, la première du genre offerte aux Indiens, a été un succès. "Malgré quelques difficultés, affirmait-il, cette expérience s'est avérée fructueuse. La collaboration et la réceptivité des Indiens ont été excellentes et tout le groupe sans exception a manifesté jusqu'à la fin de la session de l'enthousiasme, de l'ardeur au travail, un intérêt soutenu et la bonne volonté de profiter au maximum de l'enseignement donné."

M. Provencher aime aussi souligner la remarquable coopération des Indiens de Pointe Bleue laquelle a été un important facteur de succès dans les circonstances. "La part qu'ils ont prise au programme des activités sociales," déclare

le secrétaire du centre de culture populaire de Laval, "a grandement facilité notre tâche quand il s'est agi d'illustrer par des démonstrations les techniques de loisirs."

Dans la photo qui apparaît ici, on peut voir quelques uns des Indiens qui ont pris part à la session. Ce sont de gauche à droite: Alain Duchesne, étudiant de Pointe Bleue; Mme Jos. Canapé, ancienne présidente du Cercle des Ménagères de Bersimis; Mlle Aline Richard, étudiante d'Oka; Mlle Doris Robertson, étudiante de Pointe Bleue; Mme Maurice Gill, membre du Cercle des Ménagères d'Odanak; Mlle Micheline Courtois et Mlle Suzane Duchesne, étudiantes de Pointe Bleue.



Winter Work Pays Off OPEN NEW SHULUS HALL

As an example of good community development — and good sense in making use of the federal government's winter works incentive programme — members of the Lower Nicola Band in British Columbia built a new community hall:

It will be used for business meetings of the band, the Homemakers' Club, meetings of church groups and other band organizations, for dances and other forms of recreation. When the \$15,000 new building was officially opened in August, some 200 residents of Shulus, Lower Nicola, Merritt and surrounding ranches, — including many non-Indians — were present for the ceremony.

Said Chief Alex Swakum: "We have needed a new hall for a long time and we'll put in to good use."

Wayne Shuter told the crowd that the council had first thought of using band funds for a new hall over two years ago. "Last October we took advantage of the winter works programme to get it

started," he said. (Under the programme the government pays 50 percent of the costs of labour on any approved project carried out in the winter months).

Seven carpenters under foreman Leo Tessier were employed. The hall is 68 feet by 30 feet, electrically wired and insulated. It has a stage, dressing room and ticket room with maple hardwood floors, a coal and wood furnace, and a basement kitchen for catering.

Children of grades four to seven at Sunchild Indian Day School near Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, held a sale of hot dogs, pop, hamburgers and ice cream and made a profit of \$130.

The students decided it should be used for "adopting" a Korean War orphan for one year. Another sale will be held next year for the same purpose.

Marksman, Athlete Win Top Trophies

Outstanding athlete among the 378 high school boys from all over Saskatchewan who attended the six-week Young Soldier training at Camp Dundurn during summer was a young Indian lad called Private W. L. Ahenakew, 1st Battalion, North Saskatchewan Regiment, whose home is at Mont Nebo. He was presented with his trophy for winning the decathlon event by Brig. J. A. Pringle.

Brig. Pringle also presented a marksmanship trophy to Gunner Ahenakew of Victoire, Sask., who was one of three boys who made the highest scores on the range.



Private W. L. Ahenakew, Mont Nebo, Sask.



Gunner A. Ahenakew, Victoire, Sask.

Here and there

The Blood Band Council in Alberta has set up an annual fund of \$500 so that two scholarships of \$250 can be awarded to a boy and a girl to help them attend university. The fund is to encourage Bloods to continue their education.

A new Homemakers' Club has been formed at Teslin in the Yukon. Clubs at Mayo and Teslin are making good progress.

It is estimated that Indians in the Yukon Agency produced \$16,000 worth of handicrafts during the past year. One local outlet in Whitehorse handled over \$6,000 worth of moccasins and other crafts.

Steven Fox Jr. and Horace Gladstone, two members of the Blood Band in Alberta, served on a coroner's jury. "This may not be a first for Canada, but one would have to travel quite a distance in any direction from Cardston (which borders the Blood reserve) to find record of an earlier instance," remarked the Lethbridge Herald.

Homemakers' Clubs in Southern Ontario held their Annual Convention on the Six Nations Reserve in July. They were entertained by the Women's Institute groups on the reserve.

Two boys in the Skeena River Agency, B.C., are taking on-the-job training as motor mechanics in Prince Rupert. Reynold McKay is with McRae Motors and Frank Robinson at Rupert Motors.

Sylvia Henry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Henry of Ontario's Kettle Point Band, has been elected a member of Forest District High School Student Council.

Most of the able-bodied Indians in the Sioux Lookout Agency were employed by the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests as fire fighters in summer. Some returned to their reserves with as much as \$400 which represented for most men the returns from a whole winter's trapping.

Army Commission Gained by First Indian Woman



Kimberly-Clark Pulp and Paper Company has agreed to employ 20 Indians living at Aroland in Northern Ontario's Nakina Agency for pulp cutting operation. A total of 5,000 acres of pulp wood at \$9 per cord will mean an estimated \$45,000 will be earned by these workers.

After a winter of looking after Hereford steers, six boys from the Caribou Residential School at Williams Lake, B.C., triumphantly carried off the grand championship in one group and the reserve championship in another group when they entered their livestock in the Annual Provincial Bull Sale and Fat Stock Show. The boys entered their steers against 16 other contestants from B.C. and Alberta. They received the Perpetual Challenge trophy presented by the Hudson's Bay Company.

Isaac Beaulieu of Sandy Bay Reserve, Manitoba, represented Canadian Indians at a workshop on Indian Affairs at Boulder University, Colorado, in June. Mr. Beaulieu has been studying at the University of Ottawa and is an Indian Affairs scholarship winner.

Twenty Indians were employed on construction at Fort Simpson during the early summer, and part-time employment was provided for 30 others at Wrigley. In the Fort Simpson Agency 10 men worked with oil exploration companies.

Charles Sark, from Lennox Island Reserve, Prince Edward Island, has been elected president of the student council at the Provincial Vocational School in Charlottetown. Charles is studying to be an electrician.

Fort Franklin Indians cut 920 logs for five new houses in the Aklavik Agency; 1500 logs for six new houses were delivered to Fort Good Hope; 750 logs were delivered by the Old Crow Indians for four new houses at Old Crow.

Peter Yellowhorn, son of the head chief of the Piegan Band, Alberta, is the first Indian boy to graduate from grade 12 at the Matthew Halton High School in Pincher Creek.

Miss Irene Hoff, of the Abenakis of St-François Band in the Pierreville Agency of Quebec, is the first Canadian Indian woman to receive Her Majesty's commission.

She has been commissioned as a lieutenant in the Canadian Women's Army Corps and has been posted as assistant adjutant of the 4th Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, a militia unit in Ottawa. She has been in the reserve army for 10 years and had attained the rank of warrant officer.

Miss Hoff is a supervising clerk in the administration division of Indian Affairs Branch headquarters. She is responsible for keeping records of band council elections, election appeals and liquor referendums.

"Naturally, I'm delighted," she said when told that her commission was through. Even prouder is her mother, who lives on the reserve at Odanak.

After attending school on the reserve and at Chapleau, Miss Hoff served at RCAF headquarters during the war. She later went to England with the St. John Ambulance Brigade. After the war she joined the federal civil service.

In the army she follows the footsteps of more than 3,000 Indians, including 72 women, who were on active service during the Second World War.

Vivian Netamegisic of the Macdiarmid Indian Day School in Northern Ontario, won the second Provincial award for junior handwriting in the 1961 Brooke Bond Travel and Educational Awards Competition.

A labour survey in the Aklavik Agency during summer showed that several Indian girls are now working at the new hospital at Inuvik. Four men from Fort Norman spent the summer with a siesmotech survey crew and other men from Fort Franklin were employed by Northern Transportation Company. Eight men from Fort Franklin and Fort Norman were employed by Imperial Oil at Norman Wells.

Madeline Murdock, 17, of the Fisher River Band, was selected by Marvel Hairdressing School in Winnipeg as the school's representative in the annual Miss Manitoba beauty contest held at the Red River Exhibition.

During summer over 14 miles of road were under construction at the Saddle Lake Agency and 13 miles being re-gravelled and regraded. Sixty per cent of the people working on the road programme were Indians of Saddle Lake Reserve. Four were operating heavy equipment.

Shirley Machatis, a grade 11 student attending St. Paul public school in Alberta, was sponsored by the Professional and Business Women's Clubs of Alberta to attend the United Nations seminar at the School of Fine Arts in Banff in August.

Women in the Saddle Lake Agency held a Homemakers rally to discuss better housing programmes.

Fifteen Blood Indians were working during the summer at the new Shell Oil Sulphur Plant at Pincher Creek and being paid up to \$2.50 per hour as carpenters, others receiving \$1.75 per hour as labourers.

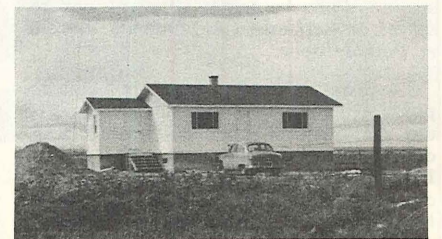
Big Changes Seen In Housing On Blood Reserve

(The following article, discussing housing on the Blood Reserve of southern Alberta, was published in the Lethbridge Herald. It is reprinted here in slightly condensed form).

A revolutionary change in modern housing has been in progress on the Blood Indian Reserve in Southern Alberta for the last 11 years and the last two years has seen even greater strides being made to equip the Indians with modern homes.

K. R. Brown, superintendent of the Blood Indian Agency, told The Herald that since 1950, 378 homes have been built on the Blood Reserve at an approximate cost to the Blood Band Fund of \$1,266,706. The fund is periodically enriched from oil, gas and farm leases.

Since 1950, when the programme was instituted by the building of five houses of simple frame construction, the standard of housing on the Blood Reserve has steadily improved until this year five-room bungalows, completely wired and with full basements, are being built.



About 25 modern houses will be built this year at an average cost of about \$5,000 per dwelling.

In the last three years the Blood Band has spent \$280,000 electrifying the reserve so that every home is as modern as a city home.

The funds for these homes are voted by the Blood Band Council at its annual budget meeting in February. Blood members then appear before the council to request a home, expressing their needs.

Band members repay the cost of their housing over 10 years on an interest-free loan. For indigent and destitute members of the band the houses are allocated by council on a non-repayable basis.

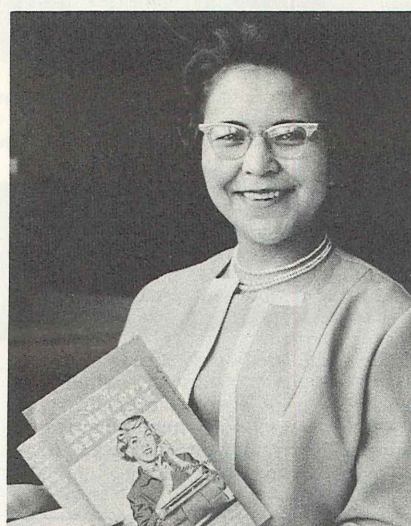


Several small houses, built about 10 years ago on the northern outskirts of Cardston, Mr. Brown said, will be enlarged and improved during the next two or three years as part of the programme.

Within the next few years it is also council's intention to improve and modernize such areas as Standoff and Moses Lake.

If and when a housing sub-division is made on the Blood Reserve, council will consult with the Old Man River District Planning Commission in working out the problems of such a scheme.

The Blood Band has an interesting and economical way of building homes. Three non-Indian supervisors and 30 members of the band are employed to do the work. In this way the Indians are utilizing their own Band funds and creating employment on the reserve.



Judy Brown, daughter of Wilfred Brown of the Bella Bella Band, British Columbia, won the 1961 class prize for the secretarial course at Vancouver Vocational Institute. She was presented with a book and honour diploma by Principal S. V. Clarke. She took her elementary schooling at the Bella Bella day school and grades 9 to 12 at the Alberni Residential School. Judy is now working as a stenographer at the United Church offices in Vancouver.