

Saugeen band buys land off reserve

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CHIPPAWA HILL - Saugeen Indian Reserve has become the second band in Canada to purchase land outside the reserve for use in a cow-calf operation.

Band Administrator Garin Mason has announced the Saugeen Band is the first in Ontario to buy privately owned land, a 26-acre farm near the reserve, for a beef cattle operation.

The land the operation offers more than an employment opportu-

nity for the more than 500 residents. It's going themselves custom knowing they can be self sufficient and not rely on paternal instincts of the Department of Indian Affairs.

Miss Mason informed the registry office at Walkerton was reluctant to make the deed transfer because the land was not within the reserve boundary. However, the Indian Act, according to Miss Mason, sees a band

can buy land off the reserve providing it is reclaiming land it once owned. The farm qualified because it was part of the Reserve before 1857.

The price of \$700, an acre is felt to be a good price. The farm has a good barn plus a house and shed. It is expected the house will be rented out. Reports to the band and leasing of the land is



The old and the new combine for a picture and shows staffs and Mrs. Mary Slade, present 23-hour director who is retiring this month after nine years service. Monday was get acquainted day for the five. (Linda Wastowski photo)

New library personnel in South

SOUTHAMPTON - The new 23 hour supervisor of Southamptonian public library is Mrs. Linda Mowhenny of Southamptonian. She has already commenced her new duties, as of Monday, Aug. 21.

Mrs. Mowhenny was chosen to replace Mrs. Mary Slade who is retiring this month. Mrs. Slade has served nine years with the

new library.

Mrs. Joyce Johnson, supervisor Brown County Library, Port Elgin, told the Supervisor Mrs. Mowhenny has a most suitable background and experience, but this will be her first library post.

The appointment was announced at the regular board meeting last week.

A new assistant was appointed from among the career applicants as Mrs. Aileen Johnson, who has been at the Southamptonian library for some time has resigned.

Mrs. Eliza Graydon will be taking on these duties. Mrs. Graydon is fairly new to the area and has a commercial background. She also assumes her job Aug. 21.

Conservation

Conversations on Chesley Lake have won a round in their favour. At Amabel Township Council's meeting this month, a letter from Eric Clark of Chesley Lake was read, requesting that areas close to lakes not be sprayed for weeds. Mr. Clark was upset that his property had been sprayed by the township and was concerned about the adverse effects the spray would have on the lake habitat when washed down by rains and

natural drainage.

After discussing the matter, Amabel Council decided to issue a directive to the Souths Department that in areas close to the lakes, roadside growth be clipped or treated rather than sprayed with poison. Congratulations to both Mr. Clark for his persistence and to Amabel Council for considering and safeguarding our environment!

This week Bob Kirkland has been taking down the 'tree orchard' as we have always called the orchard back by the bush. Many of the 'elder natives' of the community will

remember when the orchards at Elbert, Powell and the Smith farms were planted. Philip Morrow was the representative to the nursery the trees came from. I can remember Mr. Morrow as he trained, attaching the 2-3 ft grafts on, 2-3 grafts on, as that would be almost 20 years ago.