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Melvin Johnson (cont'd)-

Melvin married another resident of the Six Nations Reserve, a daughter of Mrs. H. M. Hill and the late Mr. Hill, of R. R. #1, Middleport (a graduate of Brantford C.I., Hamilton Normal School and Buffalo University). She taught on the Reserve, and is teaching now again at the Falls.

We think you will be interested in the careers of their family. Barbara, the oldest, has her B.S. in Nursing from Buffalo University. She won the 1962 "Maid of the Mist" Beauty Contest in Niagara Falls, N.Y. (There were 28 contestants). She now lives in Denver, Colorado, with her lawyer husband, and they have one son.

Suzanne is also a graduate of Buffalo University and lives in Los Angeles, Calif., and has 2 children.

Janice is a "cum laude" graduate of Potsdam Univ., and is their "career" daughter, having taught school, worked in business and is now with the N.Y. State Welfare Program.

Douglas is a graduate of Buffalo Univ., is married and lives in Niagara Falls where he also works with State Welfare.

Many people of this area know Melvin's mother, Mrs. Susan Johnson, of Ohsweken, now 93 years of age. She is a clan mother of the Mohawk people and is of the chieftainship "D o no go le da", an ancient name since the inception of the Six Nations Confederacy. Melvin was accepted as Chief by the Chiefs of this ancient confederacy and as a descendant of Joseph Brant, felt it an obligation to be of some service to his people. In his absence, Mr. Arthur Anderson serves as deputy.

Melvin and his wife "jet" to Los Angeles at Christmas and to Denver at Easter to vis it with their family. They belong to various clubs and organizations in Niagara Falls, and Melvin considers that he has been fortunate not to have encountered prejudices or bigotry in his business or social life.

We think a fitting closing to this article about one of the Six Nations Indians who has certainly made a fine contribution in the world of Industry and Education would be "Hail to the Chief!"

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Coming next issue an article on Jay Silverheels, "Tonto" - from the Los Angeles Times .

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THE MARKET SQUARE - BRANTFORD (Historical Research)

According to Reville's History of Brant County (First Edition) the Market Square was set aside as a Public Market by an Act of Dedication in the year 1830, in the following circumstances. The village of Brantford grew up on land which belonged to the Six Nations Indians by reason of the Haldimand Deed of 1784, whereby George III granted six miles on each side of the Grand River, from its mouth to its source, to the Six Nations.

In 1830, Lewis Burwell, surveyor, completed a map for the townsite of Brantford, which map comprised 807 acres of land. On this map, a square was reserved and the word "Market" printed on it. This is the present Market Square. This map was used as a basis for a deed. In 1830, the Indian Chiefs, in some unexplained manner, were pressured to give a deed to the Municipality of the Town of Brantford, for a token price of five shillings (about \$1.25) (Indian Treaties and Surrenders) for the 807 acres, and the Market Square was set aside, as stated above by an Act of Dedication as a Public Market which included Indians. Later on, portions of the Market Square were leased and buildings erected thereon. On November 8, 1858, a decree was made by the Court of Chancery for Upper Canada which declared the leases were in contravention of such Dedication and all buildings upon the premises were required to be removed at the termination of the leases so that the said premises may be forever used and enjoyed for market purposes.

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