

SIX NATIONS NEWS

Indian Welcome on Board

BRANTFORD:

Most members of the Brant County Board of Education want an Indian representative on the board, says board chairman W. A. Cline.

"I would personally be in favor of it," he said. "I think our board would approve the seating of an Indian member."

Legislation permits boards of education to appoint an Indian representative with full voting powers if the Indians request such an appointment.

The Six Nations elected council learned last week that the board wants it to request the appointment.

A. S. Babineau, business administrator, conveyed the boards' desire to the elected council through Donald Cassie, Indian agent for the reserve.

But some Indian councillors feared that the board might reject the request if it were made, as was done by the Kent County School board last year.

They also doubted that the Indian representative, if he were appointed, would have equal rights with other board members.

The elected council referred the matter to its education board which will consider it later this month and make a recommendation to the council.

Both Mr. Cline and Mr. Babineau said Tuesday that an Indian representative would have a vote on the board.

Mr. Babineau quoted the Schools Administration Act: "The person so appointed has all the powers and duties of a member of the board.

"I know our board would certainly welcome a member from the Six Nations on the board," he said. "In view of the fact that the board has initiated this action it would indicate that the board is interested in having an Indian representative."

Richard Isaac, Chief councillor, said he would withhold comment until after the reserve's education board has studied the proposal.

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GRAND RIVER UCW

The Grand River U.C.W. convened at the home of Mrs. Andrew Jamieson, River Road, for their May meeting. Miss Dorothy Martin presided and opened the meeting with the devotionals.

Mrs. Larry Hill, secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting and Mrs. Robt. W. Jamieson presented the treasurer's report.

Plans were made to entertain the Riverside U.C.W. of London for a noon luncheon at the Grand River Church on June 3rd when they will be making a tour of the Reserve and visiting Historic sites.

At the conclusion of the meeting, lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Lillie Lickers.

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SIX NATIONS ARTS COUNCIL

The special guest of the Six Nations Arts Council at their May meeting at Central School, Ohsweken, was Mrs. M. J. Burke of Montreal, designer and creator of puppetry.

An interesting narrated film in colour, "The Raven", was shown. It depicted a legend of the Indians of the West Coast through the medium of cleverly made, colorful puppets.

The photo film was taken and shown by Jean Louis Schoellkopf.

Mrs. Burke displayed the puppets and demonstrated their somewhat intricate construction.

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OHSWEKEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs. Charles Bomberry, newly elected president of the Ohsweken W. I., conducted the May meeting. The motto "True freedom is not the liberty to do what you please", was explained

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