

OHSWEKEN W.I. con'd

Sixteen visitors and eighteen members answered the roll call "Introduce the neighbour on your right." The scripture reading was given by Mrs. Carl Longboat and Mrs. Earl Jamieson explained the motto "Our problems are taken care of in various ways." An invitation was given to the 50th Anniversary tea of the Sour Springs W.I. on November 24th. Achievement Day for the 4H Club will be held in December for the course "Featuring Fruit". Mrs. Charles Bomberry and Mrs. James Skye will conduct the classes on the art of 'Batik'.

Miss Beverley Isaacs played a selection on the piano, Miss Sheila Staats recited two poems by E. Pauline Johnson.

Mr. James Skye was introduced by Mrs. Charles Bomberry. Mr. Skye spoke about the history of lacrosse and the art of making lacrosse sticks. The early Indian game was quite different from the present version which was first changed by the white man in about 1931. Originally, the game was played with one hundred or more players from one nation against the same number from another nation. The goals were eight paces wide and the sky was the limit. At rain-making ceremonies, a game of lacrosse was played, followed by the burning of Indian tobacco and the rain dance.

In 1931, the style of the stick was changed, the goals were made smaller and twelve men made up a team. In 1938, the stick was changed again and the players reduced to six. To make one stick involves a process that takes six or seven weeks. This includes cutting, splitting bending and drying the wood which is usually hickory. The wood is then steamed, dried again and bent and whittled into shape. One man can then finish eight to twelve sticks a day. Using rawhide and tanned leather laces. Properly dried the stick will last for a long time. Mr. Skye also spoke about the Indian Winter sport of Snowsnake. Mrs. Harold Woodward thanked all those who had taken part in the program and lunch was served by the ladies of the Ohsweken W.I.

The December meeting will be held December 3rd, at the home of Mrs. James Skye.

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Ohsweken Ontario

The twelfth General Meeting of the Thirty-seventh Elected Council of the Six Nations Indian Reserve was opened with a prayer by Rev. Gordon Hill, on October 20, 1970, at the Council Chambers, Ohsweken, Ontario, with Chief Richard Isaac, presiding.

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Moved, that this council approve the appointment of Mrs. Hubert Skye, R.R.#2 Ohsweken, Ontario, as a member of the Six Nations School Committee representing District No. 6. Carried.

MOVED, that if this Council does not have a Canadian Flag, that one should be purchased, complete with rope and halyard and flown from the mast in front of the Council House. CARRIED.

MOVED, that this Council approve the recommendation of the Lands Committee to approve nine, (9) transfers of land. CARRIED.

MOVED, that the monies now in the Chiefswood Account, which are over and above the amount expended for renovations and utility costs of the Six Nations Council's Apartment Building, as well as future rentals, be transferred to the Six Nations General Account and a Ledger Card be set up for the account. CARRIED.