

Eskimos Visit Reserve (continued)

At New Central School, the Eskimos found a few old friends. Dr. Jerry Harwood and Miss Nina Burnham, Dr. Harwood's assistant who have both travelled on medical missions through Eskimo land in the past summers.

Aids Understanding

Al Simpson, a former Brantford man and district superintendent of adult education for Eskimos (department of Indian affairs and northern development) said the tour is of valuable assistance in broadening the understanding of the Eskimo.

"These people will go home with their stories of the southern lands and tell their friends. This way, we can educate so many people. If a government man were to go north, it would take at least three years just to learn the language," he said. "Besides that, the government man would be trying to communicate his ideas of the south. This way, the Eskimos will get the Eskimo version of what things down here are really like. It's a different ball game," he added.

During the dinner at the Anglican Church at Ohsweken, the Eskimos were welcomed in Mohawk, Cayuga, Seneca and Onondaga languages, none of which they understood. They did, however, recognize the smiling faces and warm handshakes.

Most of all, home got a little closer and at the same time a little farther away when two young Indian boys staged an impromptu and jovial boxing match during a tea break at the New Credit Reserve. The one-round event attracted the attention of every Eskimo in the building and thoughts of home seemed to grip everyone as they smiled and watched the two children.

The tour ended with the benediction delivered by Canon W. J. Zimmerman at Mohawk Chapel. A service was delivered in Eskimo and in English.

Saturday, the group began the long flight home. "I'm sure they are filled with enough sights and sounds and new stories to tell their fellow Eskimos for a long time," said Mr. Simpson.

Six Nations Council Meeting, Feb. 6, 1969 (continued from last week)

A letter from D.R. Cassie, Supt. Six Nations Indian Agency, dated 22nd day of January 1969.

Re: R.C.M.P. Barracks, Ohsweken

This office has been advised through Regional Director, Ontario, by copy of letter A/Chief, Engineering and Construction, Ottawa, that authority is granted to transfer R.C.M.P. Barracks to the Six Nations Band, providing the band council agrees to assume responsibility for future maintenance and upkeep of the structure.

That the rental for the R.C.M.P. Barracks be as follows: Upstairs \$125.00 monthly; Back downstairs \$100.00 monthly; Front downstairs \$75.00 monthly, including all utilities, water, hydro, heat. Carried.

That the first floor of the workshop at the Lady Willingdon Nursing Home be rented to Howard and James Skye to be used for lacing of lacrosse sticks for a period of three months, commencing April 15, 1969 or shortly thereafter, free of charge, and rental to be arranged thereafter. Carried.

That this council approve the recommendations of the Planning and Development Committee that William L. Sears and Associates Ltd. Consulting Professional Engineers be hired to carry out a planning study of the village of Ohsweken at a total cost not to exceed \$3,000. A general description of the work is as follows:

1. Prepare a planning questionnaire suitable for house to house canvassing by local people.
2. Tabulate results obtained from questionnaire.
3. Develop a major roads plan complete with policies.
4. Develop the basis of an official plan.
5. Prepare a neighbourhood plan for the residential neighbourhood.
6. Prepare a staging plan.

All the foregoing work to be carried out under a normal Association of Professional Engineers contract basis at a scale 11 fee schedule. Carried.

That this council approve the request of the Six Nations Fire Department to have a Safety and Fire Inspection on the Six Nations Reserve sometime in April 1969 and that the council sponsor a Fire Prevention Week in conjunction with the fire inspection. Carried.