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Fisher River Indian Hospital  
Hodgson, Manitoba  
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To the Editor  
Of The Six Nations--  
New Credit Paper  
Ohsweken, Ontario

Dear Sir;

There are four here and around Winnipeg from the Six Nations Reserve, and I wanted to write and tell you that we do appreciate your little paper, especially the Personal news. Here are always items that are not included in a letter from home so it is much appreciated and often passed to other Indian people as well as other interested people.

I was disappointed to read of the closing of the Indian Hospital, there was talk here of also closing this hospital for Indians near Winnipeg. It is much more obsolete than the Lady Willingdon. But the people became aware of what it would mean to their people to have to go a distance to see an M.D. and so they had a few meetings one day they cancelled school and about three bus loads of people came into Winnipeg and marched there in protest. The result the hospital was not closed and services, medicine and medical service, is provided free to all the Indian people here in Manitoba.

It was then a source of satisfaction to read of a delegation also going to Ottawa from our reserve to protest the closing of the Lady Willingdon Hospital, I wish you much success. As I shudder to think of some of the emergencies that could arise and have no hospital there. I really believe the truth of what this would mean has not come to the people. Unless there have been more hospitals built and more doctors acquired in the past few years, in the surrounding area, I strongly believe that the hospitals now or a few years ago would not be able to accommodate the patients from the Six Nations Reserve. Would there be a case where a patient was referred to another hospital and in the end the service was too late. I believe there is some difficulty now in acquiring a hospital bed in the nearby towns and cities as they were built for their area and not with the Six Nation residents in mind.

Why is it not possible for the Six Nations to keep their hospital open until such a time as a more modern hospital can be built. Certainly we have the population right there that could use a hospital such as Hagersville has for the West Haldimand area.

You see I would hate to have to think of any of my family having to rush miles to see a Doctor in the middle of the night, only to have to be told that the doctor for the area was already out, I would just as much hate to see any of your family have to secure transportation to a town much farther away than Ohsweken, The people in Manitoba felt that their present hospital was better than nothing on the reserve therefore they have sincerely asked that it be kept open, and then there is also free medical-surgical treatment provided for all the residents regardless of their income. Which at times I would like to state is higher than a lot of our people earn.

So again I want to wish the residents of our reserve much success in seeing that the Lady Willingdon Hospital is kept open until such time as a new hospital can be built on the reserve. Certainly for any large group of people as we are there is a need of a hospital, even though major operations would of necessity be referred to a city just as Hagersville has done.

Thank you again for sending your paper this way.

We are four residents from the Six Nations Reserve.

#### Six Nations News

##### Wedding Bells

Rev. Thomas Morikawa solemnized the vows uniting in marriage Evelyn Ila Miller and Roger Frank MtPleasant at the Ohsweken Baptist Church on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Miller, 69 Corners, are the parents of the bride, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mt Pleasant, Ohsweken.

For the impressive wedding ceremony, the bride chose a white nylon A-line styled gown with train falling from the shoulders.

The flower girl was Miss Judy Miller, sister of the bride, in a white nylon gown with full-length sleeves.

Miss Rose Miller, in a rose crepe gown with white lace bodice, was maid of honour. The bridesmaids, Janet Mt Pleasant and Dianne Isaac wore identical gowns of white lace over moss green taffeta. David Mt Pleasant was ring bearer.

Wedding music was provided by Miss Beverly Wright, vocalist, and Mrs. Norton Lickers, organist.

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