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The North American Indian Club of Buffalo

Tekawennake has been highly complimented to receive information of this beneficent Indian Club in the U.S.A.

The North American Indian Club of Buffalo has been inaugurated for some time. Mr. James Martin Sr. is the president and Mrs. Gordon Farmer Jr. is the secretary. At present there are some 70 members from various reserves - Cattaragus, Six Nations, New Credit, St. Regis, Muncy, Oneida, Tonawanda and others.

The club began as a social gathering and members enjoyed companionable activities such as bowling, dancing etc and now participate with a float in the Indian Day Celebration.

In 1967 a definite constitution was drawn up and voted on and the club broadened out with a humanitarian project and instituted an Indian Scholarship Fund. This fund is utilized to assist worthy Indian students in higher education. The winners are decided by the educational authorities.

Winners of the 1968 scholarships are Vicky Martin, daughter of the late Garland Martin, and Sheila Bennett, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Bennett of Cattaragus.

Previous winners were Michelle Burnham, Alvie Thomas, Keith Doxdator and Joan Tobicoe.

Five Cent New Lacrosse Stamp

The oldest organized sport in North America is recognized by this new Canada Post Office Lacrosse Stamp designed in yellow background with orange and shades of black figures.

Baggataway, more of a battle training than sport for tribal warriors (so it appears to outsiders) was played by Indians in our country before Columbus completed his famous voyage to North America in 1492.

We firmly believe the game was a means of working off excess energy which is practiced to this day. This was noted on a day's visit to a Longhouse ceremony largely attended. Come three o'clock, all were ready for a change. The young people all went outside and participated in a strenuous game of touch football, for an hour. The winning side were rewarded with delicious scones which all enjoyed. The elders watched the entire proceedings.

All entered, took their seats quietly, and the meeting again proceeded in perfect order.

Today's Box Lacrosse, played in enclosed arenas, evolved from a native pastime in which as many as one thousand men played in a field sometimes five miles in length.

First day of sale for the Lacrosse stamp was 3rd July, 1968.

Six Nations NewsSour Springs Women's Institute

Mrs. Eldon Hill presided at the July meeting of the Sour Springs Women's Institute which was held at the Temperance Hall R.R. 6 Hagersville.

The hostess was Mrs. Peter Vanevery and her assistants were Mrs. Wilfred Smith and Mrs. M. Farmer.

The Institute opening ode was sung and all in unison repeated the "Mary Stewart Collect." The roll call was answered by each member stating a family tradition carried on in the home.

The theme for the meeting was the Tweedsmuir History. Mrs. Peter Vanevery then gave the history of the Sour Springs Women's Institute. It was the first Women's Inst. to be founded on the Six Nations Reserve. After much phoning and consulting with district directors on the initiative of Mrs. William Smith, the first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. George Smith, Smith's Corners, on Nov. 26, 1924.

Mrs. Hudson Jennings, Mrs. J. C. Hall, Miss Rvelfson district directors of the Burford area came to the meeting in a phaeton drawn by a team of horses and driven by Mr. Roy Schuyler, agricultural representative of Brant County. They came to install the officers and to see that the organization started off on the right track. The officers elected were Mrs. William Smith, president, Mrs. William J. Hill, vice-president, Mrs. Peter Vanevery, still active in institute work, was elected Secretary-treasurer.

Plans were made for the forthcoming Homemakers Convention which will be held in Ohsweken Community Hall on July 31, Aug. 1st and 2nd. Mr. Don Cassie, Indian Agent, was present and stated that his office would co-operate with the plans and assist with the reception of delegates who will be attending from other Ontario Reserves. Another meeting was scheduled for July 15th to finalize plans for the convention.

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