

Six Nations Council Minutes Con't

(36) Moved by Leonard Staats and seconded by Enos Williams, that this council is not in agreement with the resurvey of Glibe Farm Indian Reserve No 40 B, as conducted by R. T. McCurdy, Department of Energy, Mines and Resources. Ottawa.

Carried.

(37) Councillors were requested to contact 5 delinquent hydro users re outstanding hydro accounts.

(38) Nine applications for housing loans were approved the total amount being \$25,200.00.

(39) Moved by Ranson Jamieson and seconded by Wm. R. Longboat, that this council approve the request of the Arena Committee to level the hill behind the old dining hall at the fairgrounds, Ohsweken, and shove the excess dirt toward the horse barns. Also to erect a CASH Reporting Thermometer in the Six Nations War Memorial Park.

(41) Moved by Leonard Staats and seconded by Enos Williams that this council grant the request of Miss V. E. Nadas Master of Social Services Sheridan College of applied arts and Technology, Brampton Ontario, to have a group of students in the Social Service Class sit in on one of the Band Council meetings during the fall school term.

Carried.

(47) Moved by Mrs. Rena Hill and seconded by Leonard Staats, that this council disallow the Dunnville Consolidated Telephone Company the right to install their cable on the Six Nations Indian Reserve and that Richard Isaac, Chief Councillor, be given the authority to negotiate the telephone problem with the Dunnville Consolidated Telephone Co. and the Bell Telephone Company.

Carried.

All other business being accomplished the council adjourned until Thursday August 1, 1968 at 10 A.M. Tekawennake has been extremely pleased to receive a copy of the minutes of the Council and to pass on to its many readers main items of interest to the local community & those away from home are all interested to. Many thanks Eds.

Indians problem same as any low income group

Chief Virginia Summers of the Oneida Reserve near London, Ont., was interviewed when she attended an education conference in Ottawa recently. Chief Summers sees the problems faced by her people as those of any low-income group. She said the biggest problem for Indian people is education. They have to make their own decisions but at the same time they have to be educated to make the right decisions. Mrs. Summers took her early education off the Reserve, attended High School in St. Thomas and took teacher training in London, Ont. She taught two years in a federal Indian school.

She and her husband moved back to the Reserve to live. In 1966 Mrs. Summers ran for election as Chief of the Reserve and became Oneida's first woman chief.

Mrs. Summers has a kindly manner, a gentle dignity and staunch common sense and humor. "I think the reserve system is here to stay," she said. "Not everybody can live and be happy in an urban area." "I'm hoping that the new housing project we have on our reserve will prove an incentive for young people to stay."

"We need young leaders because if all our young people move off the reserve we're going to be stuck for leaders when all us old fogies die."

"For myself, I think the Indian is gradually getting to the point where he can look after his own affairs. Some groups are more advanced than others."

"But there's the danger of pushing things too fast." Possibly one of our biggest problems is that our own people are critical of any mistakes we in the administration are making. Like anything else you learn by experience and if you never make a mistake then you never know whether you've done right or wrong.

New Minister is Appointed to the Grand River Parish

Rev. Kenneth J. Welch of Belleville has assumed ministerial duties for the Grand River Parish of the United Church of Canada. Born in Wallacetown, Mr. Welch farmed there for 15 years. From 1961-1964 he did lay supply work in Tobermory and Ameliasburg, and continued an arts course through Queens University. He received his bachelor of Theology degree this spring. He was ordained in May in Windsor. Mr. Welch is married and has two sons. The family will reside in the manse in Ohsweken.