

Indian Treaty Rights (continued)

One of these people, Mrs. Alma Green, recently told a meeting of St. Regis and Six Nations Indians that the Indian Act "puts chains around the Indian's legs and chains around his arms"

Mrs. Hill, on the other hand, maintains the act should be kept because it protects the Indians from being swindled.

"Once the act is dropped, we would lose our land and our identity," said Mrs. Hill. "The Indian Act protects the Indians," she added.

Other meetings pertaining to amendment to the act are pending, but definite dates have not been set. The next meeting will be in British Columbia, prior to the meeting in Ottawa.

Y Starts Program On Reserve

The Brantford YM-YWCA has started a gym, swim and craft program for children of the Six Nations Reserve.

The program, for eight to 13-year olds, is being conducted in conjunction with the Six Nations recreation commission.

About 60 children turned up for the first gym and craft classes at New Central School in Ohsweken. The swim program is held at the Y in Brantford where Brant County's only indoor swimming pool is located. Youngsters come here by bus.

The sessions will continue for 10 or 15 weeks and will begin again next fall.

Last June, Y projects chairman Roy Wales and youth program director Dave Proctor met with the Six Nations Council which approved a meeting with the recreation commission to discuss program.

In October, all teen-agers on the reserve were contacted and asked to participate in the leader training program. About 80 teens aged 14 to 19 years responded and 30 were selected to complete the program under the direction of Peter Betteay, Y physical director, and Mr. Proctor. Leadership training included gym, swim and craft programs.

This summer, children from the reserve will have the opportunity to register with the Y's day camp to be held at Pinehurst Park near Paris.

Indian Motif Fashionable

Leather outfits with an Indian motif are the "in" fashion today. So search out your Indian costume, spruce it up, put it on and you'll be in the height of fashion.

Real Plourde, operator of an Indian craft shop in Ottawa, employs five Ottawa women in his sewing of leather projects. One of his creations was a completely reversible jacket with suede on one side and smooth leather on the other. Made from one hide, it required some interesting detailed work and hand sewing.

Mr. Plourde, who is married to an Indian, would like to see Indians on reserves involved in this type of work. He was a former instructor of Indians in the Kenora, Ontario area. Mr. Plourde says Indians should be allowed to cash in on the fact that their culture is becoming a hit with some segments of the population. Currently, he is running three weeks behind on clothing orders placed through his shop.

"In Europe there is a tremendous fad on Indian styles and fashions, but I'm also concerned with the development of Indian industry, and not merely knick knack sales," Mr. Plourde said.

Grand River United Church Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Grand River United Church was held on Sunday afternoon following the church service. Rev. Mr. Welch presided and Miss Lynn Jamieson was appointed secretary pro tem.

Financial reports were read by treasurer of the U.C.W. Mrs. Berenice Jamieson, church treasurer Miss Muriel Lickers, and treasurer of the Sunday school Mrs. Wilma Jamieson. All reports showed sound financial state.

The building report of the new manse was given by Robert W. Jamieson. A further report will be made in two weeks. The building trustees are Robert W. Jamieson, Glen Porter and Andrew Jamieson.

The elders appointed are Mrs. Norma Davis, Andrew Jamieson, Mrs. Wilma Jamieson and Robert W. Jamieson. Mrs. John McNaughton was appointed to prepare the Sacrament. The stewards were re-appointed for this year.

It was resolved to offer the Salvation Army the use of the Grand River Church on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons on a temporary basis.

The meeting closed with the benediction pronounced by Rev. Welch.

We don't get ulcers from what we eat, but from what's eating us.