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Hockey

Schomberg defeated Six Nations 6-4 Friday night at Waterford, in the opening game. Six Nations Peewees defeated Schomberg 4-3 Saturday to tie the best-of-five Ontario Minor Hockey Association series at a game each. The next game will be played in Waterford on Tuesday night.

Terry General, Stan Jonathon, Brian Martin and Robert Powless scored for Six Nations. Wilder, Knibbs and Archibald replied for Schomberg, in the Saturday game.

In Six Nations bantam action, Ohsweken downed Sour Springs 8-3 Sunday after tying 2-2 Saturday.

Rodney Powless and Rick Anderson scored three goals each in the 8-3 win, and Steve Issaacs and Jack Martin had singles. Paul Henhawk got all three Sour Springs' goals. Arnold Anderson and Rodney Powless scored for Ohsweken in the 2-2 deadlock. John Squires and Paul Henhawk replied for the losers.

Sour Springs Peewees downed Martin's Corners 4-2. Terry General got three goals for the winners and Robert Powless had one. Pete Powless and Darryl Powless scored for Martin's.

Lady Willingdon Hospital

Rumours of the closing of L.W.Hospital impelled the writer to interview the Medical Supt. Dr. J. G. Nicholas. To the point blank question, "Is L.W.Hospital going to be closed?" came the point blank answer "no, the hospital will not be closed." That was a relief.

The hospital was built 41 years ago and during the intervening years, tremendous progress has been made in the Health Services to the Six Nations. Now we desire a continuation of progress. Time will tell whether the present change will accomplish that. We believe it will.

The only actual changes is the discontinuance of in-patient services. Henceforth, all hospital cases will be taken to Brantford Hospitals; misgivings regarding this plan were dispelled. For with waiting lists already in Brantford hospitals, Dr. Nicholas was assured by a hospital survey that hospital care will not be denied to Indians.

He stated, "There is always a waiting list for those who can wait, there is always an emergency bed for those who can't; an emergency case is never turned away." The responsibility for the change rests with the Six Nations Council, who were consulted and aware of the changes.

What of the poor people who have no cars, no hospitalization? they become ill too. Dr. Nicholas stated "we will get to them. Everyone has hospitalization, those who can, pay all hospitalization, those who can pay half, do so. Those who can't pay any - it is all paid for them."

The hospital will remain open as a clinic for medical, dental and public health services with hours from 8 to 5. The facilities will be used for the care of the aged, an increasing problem on the New Credit and Six Nations Reserve.

The present staff which consists of 60 members, mostly Indians, will be considerably reduced. This will lessen the economy of the reserve - doesn't the council and the Indian Dept. care?. Dr. Nicholas stated "we are scouring outside hospitals for positions. Some are being pensioned, some desire to stay home, some will continue on the staff." This is a serious effect. The reserve economy may suffer. All salaried natives add to the social and economic welfare of the reserves. Our native staff have been the main stay and stability of the hospital, and we should have been training others; with the aged also the old age pension previously going to the Indian home will like as not be deleted.

It takes 25 years for us to produce a medical M.D. We now have three of them, all in the U.S and all specialists and top notchers in their professions. It causes us to wonder where we would now be, had they been engaged here. We have only ourselves to blame, both Councils have been derelict in seeing to their appointments here. (cont'd)