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LONGHOUSE FOR ONEIDA

The Oneida Tribe has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$106,000 for the construction of a Longhouse. Monies for this project came from the bicentennial portion of Title 10 funds.

A committee has been formed to consider potential sites for the Longhouse. Committee members are Dean Smith, Bernie Cornelius, Ron McLester, Gordy McLester, Mary E. Greendeer, Ruth Baird, Norbert Hill Sr., Amelia Cornelius.

The Longhouse-Museum should be located so that it is readily accessible to all people.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY USES OF SHC AS
TRIBAL FACILITY

Most of us know by now that the Sacred Heart Center in Oneida will close in June.

Proposed future uses of the center are now being considered by Bishop Aloysius Wycislo. An ultimate sale or lease of the building is also being investigated.

The building includes 13 classrooms, 2 science labs, 1 art room, 3 smaller meeting rooms, 1 large recreational room, 18 living suites (living room, bedroom, bathroom), cafeteria and kitchen (seats 200), auditorium (seats 400), chapel (seats 300), study hall (48 x 96 ft.), library, a convent living area with 16 rooms, gymnasium (approximately 100 x 110 ft. with a similar basement area), 3 locker room spaces, 8 triple rooms, 24 double rooms, 2 dormitory areas for a total occupancy of 200, 18 stall garage, plus an assortment of small storage rooms and office areas. Total square footage is approximately 120,000.

The building is situated on a 90 acre tract of land with about 35 acres of woods on it. It was built in 1956 to house a high school of about 200 boarding students studying for the Roman Catholic priesthood, 72 college students, 18 faculty members and 16 sisters. It is currently used as a high school for 120 students, a college resident (in the former convent), as an office building (about 12 rooms), a Day Care Center, and as a meeting, retreat, workshop, seminar facility for diverse groups for varying periods of time. In summer it is the site for a summer school program for 460 local children, ages 3 - 18.

There has been considerable talk in the community of this building becoming a tribal facility. At the Business Committee Meeting, Monday

evening, a committee was formed to seek out ideas and suggestions for the possible use of the Sacred Heart Center by the Oneida Tribe. Members are Loretta Webster, Judy Cornelius, Dean Smith, Myron Smith, Irene Moore, Wendell McLester and Norb Hill, Sr.

Your ideas and suggestions are welcome - just get in touch with one of the committee members.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO BE ACTED
ON AT SPECIAL GENERAL TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING

There is a concern by some members of the Oneida Tribe that there is a conflict of interest, in that some of the members of the tribe who serve on the Business Committee are also working and drawing salaries from a community program.

A petition was circulated among the eligible voters of the Oneida Tribe, which read:

We the following eligible voting members of the Oneida Tribe, pursuant to Article III, Section 4 of the Constitution and By-Laws for the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin, hereby petition:

I. That a special meeting of the General Tribal Council be held on Saturday, February 14, 1976 at 1:00 PM at the Oneida Civic Center

II. That the following matter be acted on at said meeting:

Re: Conflicts of Interest

No member of the Oneida Business Committee shall hold a salaried program position within the Tribe, inasmuch as this is a direct conflict of interest.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE TO MEET

Oneida Business Committee will hold its next meeting, Monday, February 2nd, at 7:00 PM, Tribal Building.

Reports are due by January 29th. Your request to be on the agenda must be submitted by January 30th.

OFF TO FLORIDA

Lee McLester and his wife, Pearl, are spending two weeks in Miami, Florida with Lee's brother and family.

A NEW YEARS AWAKENING

So many people have been wondering why this small group of agitators are always at our tribal meetings making senseless statements and always trying to antagonize and ridicule the Council and make fools of them, when actually they are only making fools of themselves. They seem to be the topic of conversation these days. What are the reasons for their actions and behavior? Is it because they have interests only what they can do for themselves and not what they can do for our tribe. OR is it because the elections didn't go the way they wanted them to. I think we Oneidas are fortunate the elections didn't go their way - I wouldn't want these people who are always looking to find fault and so quick to criticize, to be running our tribal business.

What kind of example are they setting for their children to always be finding fault with everything that doesn't go the way they want. They should set an example of harmony and working together with their own people, instead of against their own people and having secret meetings at different homes to be plotting and scheming up new problems to cause for our tribal programs. Our tribe could prosper and do so much more for ourselves if we could learn to work together. I think these secret meetings and scheming is no solution to anything - only causing more tension and mistrust. Their relatives have even expressed their disappointment for their behavior.

Also, we have had people moving into Oneida to work among us from the big cities to come rip off our programs? We have enough people here who need jobs without having outsiders taking them away from us. Why did they leave their jobs in the cities anyway, or were they ousted from their jobs like the rumors we heard about. In conclusion, I hope these troublemakers are relieved of their jobs. Maybe they can go find employment in town and stir up trouble for the non-Indians rather than their own people.

Many have said they wouldn't trade places with our chairman; he has the guts to stand up to people. I wonder if they could take it if they were always under verbal abuse at the meetings like our Chairman and Council. You need honest people in these positions and our Chairman is no "yes man" to these agitators - he and the council have our tribes best interests in mind.

In the future at these meetings I hope they've read this letter and think about it before opening their mouths and act like responsible adults not children starting petty arguments.

A tribal member

This is an open letter from a member of the community. Space will be provided in this newsletter for your comments, should you care to make any. Open letters do not necessarily express the opinions of this newsletter.

EDA GRANT

The U.S. Department of Commerce has awarded a \$30,000 grant to Oneida.

This EDA grant will cover costs in conducting a feasibility study of a printed forms paper plant to be located in the Oneida Industrial Park. The study will take six months.

TRI-STATE CONFERENCE ON INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION AT NORTHLAND COLLEGE, ASHLAND, WISCONSIN - JANUARY 26. NORTHLAND COLLEGE.

will be Ernest Stevens, Executive Director, American Indian Policy Review Commission and Robert E. Powless, Director, American Indian Studies, University of Minnesota, Duluth. Other participants include Alan Parker, Larry Leventhal, John Wiley, John Niemisto, Raymond Maday, Art LeBlanc.

Other highlights for the day will include discussion on Public Law 280 and Tribal Governments.

Sponsored by the Native American Studies Department, Northland College.

Key speakers for the one day event

TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

Planners from Wisconsin reservations attended a seminar on Tribal Sovereignty in Lac du Flambeau, ^{last} ~~week~~.

The seminar was led by Phil Lujan, American Indian Law Center, with assistance from John Wiley, Judicare Director.

The main thrust of the seminar was to discuss Tribal Sovereignty, or the power and authority of tribal councils to make and enforce laws and to govern people. Throughout these discussions, the jurisdiction of the tribal councils was assumed to be all the land within the exterior boundaries of the reservation.

Looking at it from a historical point of view, you can see a gradual encroachment upon the jurisdiction of the tribe.

(a) Early treaties with tribes only ceded lands, but later ones took away tribal jurisdiction as well as more land.

(b) The 10 Major Crimes Act stated that Indian Tribes had no jurisdiction when certain major crimes were committed within their reservation (murder, rape, etc.)

(c) The 1968 Civil Rights Act limited tribal government further by giving a non-Indian federal court the right to come onto the reservation to review and examine tribal government operation.

(d) The Assimilative Crimes Act opened up the door for the States to encroach upon tribal jurisdiction by stating that in an area of federal jurisdiction, where there is no federal law to prosecute someone, then state law can be used. Although this law was written to provide jurisdiction on federal military bases, Indian reservations were also interpreted to be included.

(e) The General Federal Enclave law dealt with jurisdiction over such things as rivers and waterways on military bases, federal parks, etc. Again the bill was interpreted to include Indian reservations and is very determined when dealing with Water Rights issues.

(f) Public Law 280 allowed State standards of law to apply on Indian reservations in eight states, including Wisconsin.

(g) In addition, tribal councils themselves have allowed federal and state agencies to limit their authority.

1. CONSTITUTIONS: There is no legal basis for the policy of having the Secretary of Interior approve constitutional amendments of the

tribe.

2. States cannot deny services to Indian people on the reservation based solely on the fact that they receive no income from that reservation. With or without Public Law 280, they must service Indian reservations.

3. Tribal Governments have the power to do everything except what is expressly taken away by federal law. State laws do not apply unless federal legislation allows them to, such as PL 280.

Although it is one thing to say the tribes have certain authorities, it is sometimes difficult to enforce tribal jurisdiction over these areas.

a. Legal battles are one way. Federal agencies such as the BIA have the statutory authority to okay attorneys hired by the tribe with BIA money. They can demand the material collected by this attorney on tribal cases. Hiring an attorney and paying him with non-federal funds would be the thing to do.

b. A Writ of Mandamus can be gotten from a federal court ordering a federal official to act if (1) he has no choice but to act, or (2) his duties or powers say he must make a decision. At first this was felt to be an effective tool for tribes, but if there is any leeway that allows a person any administrative discretion, this will limit the Writ of Mandamus.

c. Appeals of decisions can be made by tribes.

d. Congress is the power over Indian tribes, and in many cases a law is the only way to get the necessary changes.

e. The Federal Court system should be used whenever a legal dispute arises.

(Powers of regulation by Tribal Governments on reservations will be discussed in the next issue of Kali? Wisaks)

(submitted by Loretta Webster, who was in attendance at this seminar)

BOOSTER DAY

Oneida Athletic Association sponsoring Booster Day at the Oneida Nation Memorial Building, Sunday, February 1, starting at 11:00 AM.

Food - games - cards - raffles

SUBSCRIBE TO KALI? WISAKS.....

DO YOU KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS
OF THESE PEOPLE?

The next payment in favor of the Emigrant New York Indians will be paid as soon as possible.

Some Oneidas will not be getting paid because their whereabouts is unknown. Can you help? Any bit of information you can give to help in tracing these people will be appreciated.

Contact Norbert Hill, Sr., at 869-2361.

Doyette, Leola E. (Smith, Cornelius) 11/13/20
Doxtator, Ferdinand C. (Fred) 8/30/20
Doxtator, Louis G. 2/3/19
Skenandore, Perry J. 10/19/20
Penn, Wilma D. (Diesel) 7/7/21
Powless, Walter E. 4/3/22
Cornelius, William F. 5/16/19
Smith, Gabriel Allen 10/31/19
Smith, Mahlon Nelson 2/22/17
Bonner, Clarabelle (Kick, Williams) 2/25/15
Elm, Robinson Parker 8/7/17
Fink, Harriet (Pallideau) 1915
Gonzalez, Mary Ann (Elm, Frechette) 5/8/17
Green, Jetta Maud (Johnson) 7/4/19
Joerres, Audrey (Doxtator) 10/24/18
Johns, Albert 6/28/18
Sorenson, Felicia (Johns) 3/16/17
Johnson, Frances M. 1/2/19 female
Keckhaver, Lorraine (Kenning) 4/18/17
Hill, Effie M. (Peters) 2/17/23
Hill, Helen J. (Antone) 8/26/22
Holman, Sarah Leonre (Merrick) 7/1/21
Wallace, Christine (Summers) 1915
Webster, Bernard L. 7/7/18
Webster, William Henry 8/14/17
Schuyler, Leo Francis 4/20/20
Seaburn, Jane P. (Peters, McGee) 5/30/17
Scheffield, Sandra (Johnson) 3/5/20
McDonough, Patrick J. 8/15/15
Stich, Helen (Hill) 4/2/22
Swamp, Warren J. 8/5/22
Swift, Cleo Florence (Powless) 9/18/21
Tapio, Grace M. 4/1/22
Tayc, Cecil 2/17/21
Webster, Robert C. 6/17/21
Johns, Orville 1/20/21
Gee, Bernadine Mae (Warnes) 4/19/22
Pruner, Richenda M. (Cornelius) 5/9/20
Schuyler, Guy H. 2/29/16
Metoxen, Albert R. 2/7/23
Metoxen, Henry V. 1922
Jourdan, Melvin 10/20/22
Kuehl, Harvey 10/28/21
Skenandore, Earl B. 2/28/22

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Skenandore, Henry N. 7/25/20
Smith, Mary Christine (Denny) 9/9/22
Cudahy, Virginia (Webster, Smith) 6/8/15
DeCoteau, Simon William 10/28/22
Chatman, Evelyn Ruth (Skenandore) 9/14/21
Williams, Leslie 1/1/17
Adams, Amy Elizabeth 6/17/16
Antone, Peter Jr. 2/12/16
Archiquette, Ira 4/17/19
Messenger, Cecilia L. (Doxtator) 12/11/21
Powless, Carl Campbell 5/1/16
Powless, Sylvester R. 1918

NOTICE

There will be a Public Hearing Monday, February 9, 1976, at 7:30 PM at Freedom High School.

This is the second of these meetings as required by Title IV. The proposal covers funding for a Career Educational Material Development Program.

We encourage all persons interested to be in attendance.

Evelyn Smith
Vice Chairman
Freedom Indian Parents
Committee

SMOKE SIGNALS

Evelyn Cornelius has been named to the Oneida Health Board.

Laura King will be assisting Paula King the cook at Site I.

Cindy Summers has been selected Recreation Director at Site II. Previously, this post was held by her mother, Donna Summers.

Dennis Skenandore has resigned his position as counselor with the CETA Program. He is planning a career in Police Science and has been accepted for schooling at Northeast Wisconsin Technical Institute, Green Bay.

Dale Wheelock and Ron Larson are the newly hired counselors for the CETA Program and will be assuming all duties and services previously done by Dennis Skenandore.

In addition to her duties as Editor of Kali? Wisaks, Betty Ritchie was named reporter for the Seymour Press. Many of the news items appearing in Kali? Wisaks will be sent to the Seymour paper.

ONEIDA RECREATION PROGRAM

Last winter's activities were mainly centered around the indoor sport of basketball. The Recreation Department sponsored teams in various leagues and tournaments with the age varying from fifth graders thru adult. Trips by our teams were made to Lac du Flambeau, Chicago, Wittenberg and other nearby cities by various boys and girls teams.

Monies received from the Red Cloud Athletic Fund of Chicago enabled our men's team to participate in that tournament. Red Cloud also furnished funds in aiding our boxers to attend the National Tournament in Carson City, Nevada.

Other winter sports included - karate, volleyball, weightlifting, roller skating, fitness classes, free throw tournament, and the First Annual Oneida Invitational Basketball Tournament held in March.

The highlight of the summer program came from a grant received from the State Manpower Council for the sum of \$6,283. The badly needed monies were used to purchase recreational equipment as well as supplement the cost of our lighting and phone bills. The balance of the monies were used to take our youth on cultural, educational, as well as recreational field trips to Minneapolis, Milwaukee, and Nicolet National Forest respectively.

The Recreation Department also worked closely with the Oconto Community Action Agency in sponsoring activities with our youth. Through the agency, we sponsored field trips to Milwaukee Brewer games, rock concerts, and other community recreational events.

The fall and winter programs are mainly concerned with indoor activities. Arts and crafts classes at various community sites enable young and old to keep busy. Archery, bowling, dodgeball, women's volleyball, and basketball are some of the activities which keep our youth busy.

Fund raising activities sponsored by the Recreation Department included; dances, tournaments, raffles, a donkey baseball game, as well as charging admission to weekly baseball and basketball games in our community.

The Recreation Department also sat on the Recreation Committee drawing up the Brown County Overall Economic Development Plan. Our main concern was to present ideas and suggestions which could be used as roots in developing a better recreation program for our community.

I also attended one out-of-state meeting in Bismarck, North Dakota. The meeting was concerned with the newly organized American Indian Sports Association. The AISA offers a wide variety of cultural, educational, and

sporting activities for a nine mid-west state area, with supplemental funds needed to involve our youth in these activities.

Tony Skenandore
Recreation Director

SPORTS NEWS

ONEIDA WINS TOURNAMENT

Lotta action at the Oneida Nation Memorial Building.

Guess you know by now, Oneida took the championship in their First Annual All Indian Invitational Basketball Tournament, held last weekend.

Ed King chalked up 24 points in the deciding game with the Chicago Chiefs - score 103 - 82.

Consolation went to Wisconsin Dells when they beat Menominee Reservation 68-61.

Lac du Flambeau took 3rd place over Oneida II, by a score of 104-73.

Most Valuable Player Award went to Ed King of Oneida.

All tournament selections were:

Dan Reiter	Menominee
Martin Littlewolf	Wittenberg
Frank White	Lac du Flambeau
Lee Whitegull	Black River Falls
Virgil Pettibone	Wisconsin Dells
John Pena	Wisconsin Dells
George Torres	Chicago
Tom Anderson	Chicago
Dave Powless	Oneida
Ed King	Oneida

The turnout was good - we saw a lot of good playing - and we're all looking to next year's tournament.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Final game of the season will be January 28th.

Dingbats vs. CC Spikers	7 PM (S)
H-A-R-D vs. War Bonnet	7 PM (N)
J & M vs. White Eagles	8 PM (N)
Tequila Sunrise - no game	

Team prizes will be awarded at a special Volley Ball Dance, Saturday, February 14th, Schuyler's Hall, from 8:30 - 12:30 AM. Music by "Easy Livin".

Admission: \$1.00 advance
\$1.25 at the door

Tickets on sale at the Oneida Nation Memorial Building.

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INDIAN ACTION TEAM PROGRAM

Lots of good things are ^{happening} with the Indian Action Team Program.

Gary Schuyler, Director, reports that out of the nine carpenter trainees four passed their state apprenticeship indenture tests, which were administered at Northeast Wisconsin Technical Institute. These four students are now ready to be sponsored in their trade. Students who did not make the grade this time will be eligible for re-testing in six months. Gary Schuyler is very hopeful that all trainees will be ready to be indentured then.

The four trainees in the electrician program are scheduled for their state indenture tests January 27th.

No need to look too far for on-the-job training experience here in Oneida. Several projects are now in progress and trainees have been gaining experience in not one project but all of them.

WINTERIZATION PROGRAM

The Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Winterization Project, with a budget of \$700 for Oneida, is now under way.

Individuals who applied for this service and who will be getting their homes winterized are: Margaret John, Margaret Skenandore, Loretta Webster, Patricia Harms, Lois Metoxen.

Gary Schuyler says this \$700 is being "stretched" so that more homes can be repaired to keep out the cold.

After these homes are completed and IF funds are available, these homes will be next: Alex Cornelius, Leona Smith, Leo Doxtator, Absalom Cooper, and Velma Keers.

Again emphasizing "if" there are funds remaining, we can help: Alberta Skenandore, Abbie Skenandore and William Metoxen.

POST OFFICE COMPLEX

ONEIDA TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Carpenter and electrician trainees from the Indian Action Team Program continue to be utilized in the construction of the Post Office Complex.

"Old Man Winter" hasn't interfered too much, in fact, at no time has work ever come to a complete standstill.

Work has been centered on the post office part of the building. If all goes well, roof panels will be installed about the first part of next week with truss joists to follow. Sewer lines are all connected.

The next phase of construction will be the Youth Training Center.

MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 27th, Oneida Education Committee, 7:00 PM Sacred Heart Center

Wednesday, January 28th, Freedom Parents Committee, 6:30 PM Pat Cornelius' home

Wednesday, January 28th, West De Pere PAC Meeting, 10:00 AM Oneida Nation Memorial Building

JOB POSTING

Natural Resources Assistant I State of Wisconsin - Department of Natural Resources.

Seasonal positions available in Green Bay.

QUALIFICATIONS: Working knowledge of the practical methods and equipment used in the assigned phases of conservation work. Ability to understand and carry out written and oral directions. Ability to use common hand tools, maintain public relations and keep records. Ability to perform a variety of manual tasks under varying climatic conditions.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Graduation from high school (or 18 years of age) and some related work experience.

Wisconsin residency is required.

SALARY: Beginning rate \$3.835 per hour. \$.115 hourly increase after completion of six months probationary period.

APPLICATION: Contact Eva Danforth, Job Service, Green Bay, before JANUARY 26th.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The last page of Kali? Wisaks shows you the month of February at a glance. Many of the meetings and events of importance are indicated. There is ample space for you to add your own notes.

If you wish to advertise your meetings or special events, contact the Newsletter Office, 869-2111.

SUPPORT THE NEWSLETTER BY SUBMITTING NEWS, POETRY, ART, STORIES.....

DO YOU LIKE PAYING
HIGH UTILITY BILLS?

Are you concerned about gas and electric rates? As of December 15, 1975, electric rates went up over 10 per cent.

A hearing for another rate increase for the Wisconsin Public Service will be held in the Green Bay City Hall at 1:00 PM, Wednesday, February 4th. All area residents are urged to attend this hearing. At a similar hearing September 15th less than a dozen WPS customers showed up - the result was a 10 per cent increase in our electric bills.

Can you afford to stay away from this hearing? Bring your friends, neighbors and relatives. IF YOU LIKE HIGH UTILITY BILLS, STAY HOME.

HEALTH CENTER

PROPOSED NURSING HOME -

Staff members of the Health Center spent several days of the past week talking to Oneida Senior Citizens getting their views on the proposed nursing home for this area.

At the request of Farmers Home Administration, Senior Citizens interviewed were asked if they would use nursing home facilities if available in the immediate area. This was merely a survey and in no way will there be any commitments by those interviewed to use the proposed nursing home center.

CLINIC DATES ANNOUNCED -

Dr. Zondlo (pediatrician) will be at the Health Center on Thursday, February 5th from 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM. Call 869-2671 to make appointment.

WIC CLINIC -

Vouchers will be issued February 2, 3 and 4 at the Health Center.

TRAINING SESSIONS END -

Health Center staff completed a four-month training session conducted by Mrs. Sorenson, RN, Fox Valley Technical Institute, Appleton.

Classes started September 25th, and were held once a week for a two hour period.

SOME DO'S AND DON'TS ABOUT ALCOHOLISM:

Don'ts

1. Never extract promises or place

your alcoholic in a position where he or she must be deceitful; pledges are readily given and readily broken, intensifying the alcoholic's guilt feeling and loss of self-respect.

2. Do not argue with the alcoholic when he is drinking or intoxicated - the response is usually one of negativism and even violence.

3. Never be overconfident or expect an immediate 100% recovery.

4. Don't cover up or make excuses for the alcoholic.

Do:

1. Establish and maintain a healthy atmosphere in the home, with a place in the family circle for the alcoholic member.

2. Encourage new interests and participate whenever possible in recreational or occupational activities enjoyed by your alcoholic; encourage him to see old friends.

3. Be patient and live one day at a time - alcoholism generally takes a long time to develop, and recovery doesn't happen over-night; accept setbacks and relapses with equanimity. Keep on trying.

4. Approach the alcoholic about drinking only when he is sober, the best time being shortly after when hangover, depression, or remorse are prominent.

(More Do's and Don'ts next issue)

WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR

MENTAL HEALTH

1. Take one thing at a time.

2. Let somebody do you a favor.

3. Be honest with yourself.

4. Give in occasionally.

5. Apologize if you were wrong.

6. Talk it out.

COVER ARTIST

This week's cover artist is Franklin Nicholas. He attends J.F. Kennedy School, Green Bay.

Thank you, Franklin.

RETIREMENT PARTY FOR R. C. MILLER

Mr. Miller retired on December 31, after many years of service with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Five of those years were spent as Superintendent of the Great Lakes Agency, Ashland.

A retirement party in Mr. Miller's honor will be held at the Scottie Club in Ashland, Friday, January 30th, with cocktails at 6:00 PM and a chicken dinner (served family style) at 7:00 PM. Cost of dinner will be \$5.75 per person - this includes tax and tip.

RSVP: Bureau of Indian Affairs
Great Lakes Agency
Ashland, Wisconsin

PICTURES WANTED

TO ILLUSTRATE ROBERT BENNETT STORY

Do you have any photographs of Robert Bennett, his family, or the town of Oneida?

"The Story of an American Indian" by Mary Carroll Nelson is being prepared for publication. This book discusses the history of the Oneidas and their migration from New York to Wisconsin, and Robert Bennett's boyhood in Oneida.

Black and white photographs are needed to illustrate the book. Do you have any photographs that you could loan the publisher? If you do, contact Norbert Hill, Sr., 869-2361, or Betty Ritchie at 869-2111. A credit line will be made for any photographs used.

NEW LEGISLATION ADDS LAND

TO INDIAN RESERVATIONS

BIA News Release

Legislation to add some 370,000 acres of land to Indian tribal holdings was described by Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson as "a needed step toward better management and use of the land."

Public Law 94-114, signed by President Ford October 17, transfers certain tracts of "submarginal" land purchased by the United States in the 1930's for tribal uses.

The 17 Indian tribes involved have had the use of the land but have been limited in its development and use because of the lack of clear title.

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The land now is to be held in trust by the United States for the affected Indian tribes and will be managed in the same way as other reservation or Indian trust land.

The purchase of these lands by the United States was part of a national program to retire some private cultivation land which was low in productivity or otherwise ill-suited for farming operations. A total of approximately 11 million acres was acquired under the program. Most of it is now under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management or various states or municipalities.

Under the Act the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation, Montana received more than 85,000 acres and the Navajo Tribe acquired almost 70,000 acres in New Mexico.

Additions to other reservations were as follows: Bad River, Wisconsin, 13,149 acres; Blackfoot, Montana, 9,073; Cheyenne River, South Dakota, 3,739; Crow Creek, South Dakota, 19,170; Lower Brule, South Dakota, 13,210; Fort Totten, North Dakota, 1,425; Fort Belknap, Montana, 25,531; Lac Courte Oreilles, Wisconsin, 13,185; L'Anse, Michigan, 4,017; White Earth, Minnesota, 28,545; Pine Ridge, South Dakota, 18,065; Rosebud, South Dakota, 28,735; Fort Hall, Idaho, 8,712; and Standing Rock, North Dakota, 10,250. The Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, which does not have a reservation in the technical sense, also received 18,750 acres.

Under a separate Act, also signed by President October 17, the Laguna Pueblo Tribe of New Mexico received approximately 520 acres of land within the present reservation boundaries. Most of this land had been under the administration of the Bureau of Land Management.

January 15, 1877 - Standing Bear, Chief of the Ponca who lived in Nebraska, and several other chiefs, were taken to Kansas to select a site for a reservation that they were to be "removed" to. They did not like the site selected for them, and they asked to be returned home. This was refused, so they walked almost 500 miles to their old village.

CLERK-TYPIST FOR BOOKKEEPING OFFICE

Ellie King is the newly hired Clerk-Typist for the Bookkeeping Office located in the Oneida Nation Memorial Building. She will be performing office duties for the Bookkeeping Office as well as the Industrial Developer and the Recreation Director.

A GOOD YEAR FOR HEAD START

The Oneida Head Start Program has had a very successful year. Thirty-two (32) children were enrolled in September. Two new teacher aides have been hired, Carol Robelia and Kathleen Elm. Arletta Kurowski, Joylyn Cornelius, teachers; Margaret John, cook; James Schuyler, janitor; remain in the program.

The program has received a budget of \$53,000 for 1975-76 and a handi-capped budget of \$14,539. Restroom facilities are being installed between the classrooms through the \$7,500 allocated from the handicapped budget. A part-time occupational therapist will be hired in January through the handicapped budget to work with children needing special help.

The program has expanded the curriculum with the addition of new educational materials. For the first time in ten years of Head Start the children presented a program to their parents at graduation in May of 1975 and a Christmas Program in December of 1975. Both programs were very successful and enjoyed by all.

Looking to the future, 1976 should bring even more challenges, success and gratification for the Oneida Head Start program and staff.

Dena Dahlke
Head Start Director

WHITTLESEY SUPPORTS INDIAN LAND POLICY

JUNE 23, 1833 MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN -

A moralistic, if somewhat, inconsistent, voice has been added today to the many taking a position on the inflammatory situation which exists between the white settlers and Indians along the Mississippi River border.

In his newly published Recollections of a Tour through Wisconsin in 1832, Col. Charles Whittlesey, of Eagle Harbor, Lake Superior, complains that "It has become fashionable to abuse the government for its conduct toward the red man."

Current government policy is to protect Indian lands west of the Mississippi from seizure by white settlers despite strong white pressure against this benevolent action.

The situation had become so tense in many areas last year that, according to Whittlesey, "Thousands of adventurers lined the eastern shore of the Mississippi, and in many cases guards of soldiers were necessary to keep whites from taking unlawful occupancy of the Indian lands on the other side."

Whittlesey views the many murders

committed by whites upon Indians in an attempt to take Indian lands as "crying enormities" and believes that "the federal authority's magnanimity, kindness, and protection demand the lasting gratitude of the Indian race."

He adds that "We may admire the enterprise of a pioneer who pushes beyond the boundary, but most condemn the morality which allows the forceable seizure of property."

Unfortunately, Whittlesey does not question the morality of the whites in taking Wisconsin Indian lands. He justifies this by reminding us that Indian people lost their political rights by virtue of their resistance to the white man and their subsequent conquest by him.

Destruction of the Indian in Wisconsin is acceptable to Whittlesey because "They have been permitted to occupy grounds long after they agreed to depart."

He argues on the one hand that "The fate of the Indian cannot fail to raise a deep sympathy in the mind," but on the other hand, that the land must support many white people rather than one Indian.

Nevertheless, he chides the white man for destroying the Sauks and Fox under Black Hawk in the same manner that hunters destroy a wolf.

In conclusion, Whittlesey reminds us that there remains for the Native Americans life, hunting grounds and annuities forever - if they will but stay West of the Mississippi.

We wonder.

(The Wisconsin Ledger) Wisconsin American Revolution Bicentennial Commission

CRAFT CLASSES MOVE

TO MORMON CHURCH

Craft Classes at Site II moved to the basement of the Mormon Church, as of January 22nd. This building has cooking facilities, storage space and more privacy. It should be a more convenient place to meet.

The CAP Office will also be located in the same building.

Lois Klusmeyer, Home Economist from the Brown County UW-Extension, attended one of our meetings and discussed some of the programs and projects available to us. Hopefully, everyone will be able to participate in some project or activity of interest to them.

Despite the cold stormy weather, we have had good attendance this winter.

Looks like everyone is enjoying themselves.

If you are interested in joining the craft class, or if you need a ride, contact Caroline Nicholas at the CAP Office.

ONEIDA NEWSPAPER

AMWAY IS UNIQUE!

KALI? WISAKS is the official publication of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and is published bi-weekly.

Cost: 10¢ per copy to help defray cost of paper and supplies.

Newsletter Office is located in the Sacred Heart Center, Room 266, Oneida, Wisconsin 54155.

The next issue will be published and distributed Friday, February 6, 1976.

DEADLINE

The DEADLINE for news for the next issue of KALI? WISAKS is Wednesday, February 4, 1976.

NOTE: All items sent to the newsletter office must have the name and address of the writer or the person submitting the article - if not, the article will not be published. Names will not be published, if requested.

DONATION SUBSCRIPTIONS

KALI? WISAKS may be subscribed to on a donation basis. A suggested donation of \$3.00 would bring the paper to your home every other week for six months.

If you are interested in subscribing, please complete the following form:

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Kali? Wisaks
Sacred Heart Center
Room 266
Oneida, Wisconsin 54155

TALENT SHOW

Can you sing, dance or act? Singles or groups wanted for a Talent Show tentatively planned for February 22nd. Sign up with Sonny King. We have lots of talent in Oneida. All you have to do is contact Sonny at 869-2920.

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As pioneers in pollution control began servicing American homes with biodegradable non-polluting laundry care and home care products thirteen years prior to the introduction of pollution controls in this country.

As leaders in energy conservation manufacture a ton of laundry compound in six minutes using less than one tenth the energy used by any other competitor.

As champions of Free Enterprise fund the Free Enterprise institute originating, producing and distributing a unique brand of business knowledge and philosophical attitudes. Schools in Michigan, Florida and Texas include this material in their curriculum.

RUGS FOR SALE

Two Indian Head hooked rugs for sale. \$30.00 each.

Contact Dorothy Tallakson at 833-6311.

CONCRETE AND MASON WORK

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ALL FLAT WORK, ALL MASON WORK AND FIRE-PLACES. EXCAVATING, BACK-HOE AND DIGGING.

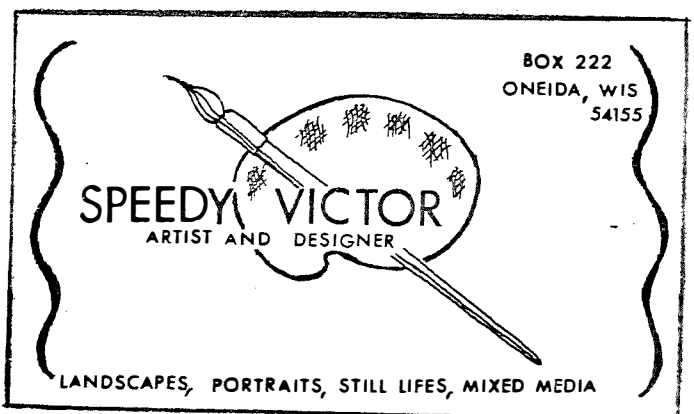
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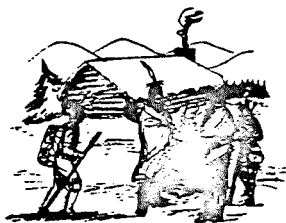
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Oneida, Wisconsin

FOR SALE

1966 Chrysler, yellow hard top. Good running condition. Power steering and power brakes. Radio. \$175.00. Can be seen at 842 Waverly Place, Green Bay, or call 432-0002.





Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to aid them.

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc.



UGWA DEHOLUH YATENE

Because of the help of this Oneida Chief in cementing a friendship between the six nations and the Colony of Pennsylvania, a new nation, the United States was made possible.

Oneida
ROUTE 1



Wisconsin
54155

JOB OPENING

POSITION: Community Worker

LOCATION: Community Action Program Office
Mormon Church, Oneida, Wis.

SALARY: \$5200/year plus mileage and fringe benefits

QUALIFICATIONS: Working knowledge of the Oneida Tribal Government, people, programs and problems.

Oneida Tribal member preferred.

Must possess a car and valid driver's license with liability insurance.

DUTIES:

Serves as a liaison between the community residents and community agencies. Daily records of activities to be submitted with mileage readings to the C.A.P. office bi-weekly.

Is responsible to the ONAP Administrator/Coordinator for daily activity sheets, mileage, time sheets and monthly reports.

Advises the Coordinator about existing community needs requiring up-dated or modified services.

Identifies individual needs and makes proper referrals for individuals based upon their needs.

Maintains community contacts with various organizations and agencies to provide prompt effective service to meet the various needs of residents of the area.

Arranges appointments between residents and applicable Social Service Agency and escorts residents to agency when necessary.

Helps maintain a current file of Social Services available to area residents.

Promote community involvement on local issues: school boards, welfare boards, law enforcement, health, education, etc.

The Community Worker should carry out job duties in such a way that good rapport with the Business Committee & local residents is maintained.

Other duties as assigned by the ONAP Coordinator/Administrator.

APPLICATION: Apply at the Tribal Building or send resume to
Purcell Powless, Tribal Chairman, R #4, Depere, Wis. 54115

DEADLINE: February 6, 1976.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Booster Day at Civic Center starts 11:00 AM	2 Business Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Tribal Bldg WIC Vouchers issued	3 WIC Vouchers issued	4 News deadline for Kali & Mianka WIC Vouchers issued	5 Clinic - Dr. Zondlo 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM	6 Kali & Mianka published	7
3	9 Freedom District Hearing on title II proposed 7:30 PM - Freedom H.S.	10 G.I.T.C. Education Committee Meeting Civic Center 10 AM - 4 PM	11	12 Community Meeting at Parish Hall 9:00 AM	13	14 Special Home Tribal Council Meeting Civic Center 1 PM Volleyball Dance at Ahkuybi's Hall 8:30 PM - 12:30 AM
5	16 Business Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Tribal Bldg.	17	18 News deadline for Kali & Mianka	19	20 Kali & Mianka published	21
12 Talent Show at Civic Center (tentative)	23	24	25 Community Meeting at Civic Center 1:00 PM	26	27	28
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