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Miss Jane Julian of Truro is shown here receiving a \$250 Vocational Training Scholarship. It is presented by Mr. LeBlanc, on behalf of the Indian Affairs Branch. Also seen in the above photo is Mrs. Wm. Wright, Principal of Success Business College, Truro, where Miss Julian is now a student. Another Maritime winner was Mr. Sanford Graydon Nicholas of the Tobique Band, N. B., who received a \$300 University Scholarship. He is at present a 2nd year Science student at St. F. X. University.

### Indians Advise Government??

It was a historic occasion when the National Indian Advisory Board met for the first time on January 10th, in Ottawa.

The job of the Advisory Board is to advise the government, on a continuing basis, on matters of national importance to Canada's Indian people. The purpose of this conference was to seek the advice of the leaders of the Indian people and to consult with them about possible solutions to their various problems.

Many items were discussed during the conference, which gave the Advisory Board a chance to make their views known. Discussions covered many Indian problems as they exist from British Columbia to the Maritimes, in both northern and southern regions of Canada.

Community Development, Federal-Provincial relations with regards to Indians, and many other topics were discussed.

The concerns and hopes voiced by the Indians, and by the Indian Affairs Branch, are perhaps an indication that a new era is dawning for Canada's Indian people.

### INDIAN STUDENTS ORGANIZE

Probably the only Indian Club at a University in Canada the "Canadian Indian Club of St. F. X." was formed in 1964. Responsible for its initiation — Rev. A. A. MacDonald of the St. F. X. Extension Department and has taken an active interest in its meetings. Fr. MacDonald hinted during his conversations with students that a club should be formed by the Indian students which would attempt to acquaint itself with the students of Coady International Institute.

Shortly afterwards, three groups representing Mt. St. Bernard, St. F. X., and Coady, met under chairmanship of Fr. MacDonald. Future meetings were chaired by Daryl Nicholas of Tobique Reserve in New Brunswick. Under Daryl a committee was formed whose duty was to draw up a constitution. At first it seemed that drawing up a constitution for such a club was next to impossible, but after checking other constitutions on campus it was completed and agreed upon by all members. On March 14, 1965, the crowning achievement, the Canadian Indian Club and its Constitution were ratified by Student Legislature.

The club's first slate of officers were as follows: President Joseph Marshall, Vice-President, Greg Johnson, Secretary, Shirley Lewis, and Treasurer, Irving Goodleaf. There was a total of 24 members. The St. F. X. and Mt. St. Bernard students were from Nova Scotia, but the rest

of Canada was well represented by the Coady Students. There were two from New Brunswick, one each from Manitoba and Saskatchewan and three each from Ontario and Quebec. The tribes the members represented were even more numerous. There were Cree, Blackfoot, Huron, Ojibway, Mohawk, Iroquois, Maliseet and Micmacs.

The make-up of the club sounds like a minor U.N., and its aims are similar also; that is to discuss and compare main and common problems on reserves in Canada and offer suggestion on possible solutions. There might not have been many great advances made but at least the members became aware that Indians no matter what part of Canada they are from, they THINK ALIKE. They also share common problems. They even act the same under certain circumstances.

Due to the shortness of the University year (Continued on page 2 Col. 3)



JANET MORRIS

### Living In Ottawa

BY JANET MORRIS

At the age of seventeen, I left Eskasoni to work for the Federal Government. I am now employed as a stenographer in the Indian Affairs Branch in Ottawa. The work and atmosphere are both pleasant, and there are many interesting aspects of dealing with Indians throughout Canada.

It has now been a year and a half

and in this short period of time I have learned to be an individual and a respected citizen. As a student in Eskasoni, I always had the intention of leaving the reserve. I am sure many of our Indian youth feel the same way. With the education we are provided today, I find no excuse why young people should live on the reserve and be in a position of unemployment. There is no future on the reserve and employment opportunities are very scarce. I have taken advantage of my youth and education for off-reserve employment to improve my culture as an Indian.

Ottawa is not a big city nor is it small. It appeals to my taste. It is a city heavily populated by Civil Servants since it is the center of our Federal Government. The inhabitants consist of Canadians and Europeans. The majority of the Canadian population is made up of Maritimers (blue-nosers). The city itself is clean and attracts many tourists.

The people in Ottawa are very friendly and discrimination is not an existing factor. I have a surprisingly large number of friends. Life is what you make of it and this principle holds true in the line of friends.

As for living accommodation, I am well settled. I share a furnished apartment with two French girls, Jeanette Leberge and Jenine Labreche. Jeanette is in the same Department.

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## Editorial

### Why No Up-grading??

Up-grading classes seem to be a common event in most communities of Nova Scotia—or at least this service is readily available to any groups that request it—Why not so, for Indian Communities?? It seems that over the past few months many people have been asking for upgrading, and many administrators and leaders urge our people to take these classes, but how do we go about getting them?

The Local administrator of Vocational Evening Classes says in a letter to the Micmac News "There is a crying need for up-grading and many are asking for it in order to meet the requirements of apprenticeship schemes".

Where does the responsibility lie? If it's up to us, the people, let's get moving! If these programs are blocked at the Agency or Regional levels by our Education division, let's find out WHY? It's time the people started speaking out, and doing something constructive, in getting this type of project organized. Don't wait for the Government to come in and do it for you. Any groups who are interested in up-grading, Vocational classes and future employment, can get together and see what we can do about it.

And speaking of employment, we realize that not all able-bodied men are going to take up-grading and trades training. Its certain that most people are going to rely on our "WINTER WORKS PROGRAM" for employment each year.

Many of our readers have indicated that Winter Works projects being carried out on the Reserves are not PLANNED. WHY? Some say "The Money is Wasted"? Why does Winter Works start in late January and early February? It should start in November!

Winter Works could very well start in November! If we sit down and PLAN for next years projects NOW. Again don't wait for the Government to do the planning.

### Living In Ottawa (cont'd from Page 1)

ment as I am and Jenine works for a private firm of chartered accountants. The three of us do not share just a mutual friendship but an understanding like three sisters. Cooking and cleaning chores in the apartment are well organized. Living on your own is a wonderful experience. I have gained a knowledge of independence and of financial matters. I have returned home twice since I left. I was home in the summer and at Christmas. On both occasions, I had a marvellous time. Seeing my family and friends means so much to me. I have no intention of living on the reserve again but I have not forgotten my people.

I have met a few Indian people from Nova Scotia here in Ottawa, most of whom are on business. Among these few, Roy Gould was a welcome guest. I would like to extend my appreciation to Roy for taking the time off to visit me while here in Ottawa. Roy is well deserving

as Editor of the "Micmac News" and we should be proud of his success and future attempts.

In conclusion, I am proud of the fact that I am Indian and I hope to see the educated Indian youth of Nova Scotia step out on their own to build careers worthy of recognition, and to build up their culture as Indian and Canadian citizens. Our main ambition is to become individually aggressive and competitive in the rapidly changing world. I too fall in this category and I hope that someday I can help my people.

Editors Note: Miss Morris was chosen "Miss Indian Affairs" last spring by employees of the Indian Affairs Branch. Each year a young employee is chosen to represent the Branch in the Civil Service Recreation Association's Annual "I.A. Queen" beauty contest and to preside at the Branch's parties and special events. She is also a graduate of the C.B. Business College in Sydney.

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## Indian Students Organize

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versity year and preparations for exams and Quizzes, it was hard to plan on any great projects. The members however managed to put on a show and also to acquaint the Coady Students with a Reserve in Nova Scotia, and to acquaint the people on the Reserve with them.

This year there is a new slate of officers with last years Treasurer as President: Irving Goodleaf, who is a Commerce Student at X. Vice-president is Raymond Tremblay, Chief of Tobique Reserve, the Secretary is Shirley Lewis of Eskasoni and Treasurer is Marian Sylliboy of Castle Bay. Plans for this year are perhaps another show on another Reserve, but as yet there is nothing definite. Several other possible projects have been brought up but these are at this time only in the

discussion stage.

A greater participation is requested by all Indian Students of St. F. X., Mt. St. Bernard, and the Coady, to attend all meetings held for this cause of UNITY among Indians.

Report by Joseph Marshall, St. F. X. University.

## New President

Feb. 4... Feb. 11th was a time for excitement and intense drama for the members of the Whycomagh Youth Club and those taking part in the campaign for a new President. Taking part in the competition were Janet Wilmot, Mary Catherine Smith and former Pres. Wayne Googoo.

Campaign managers for the three competitors worked around the clock with posters, promises, and expressing points of view on the role of President.

All the fun and games were over and then came the time for voting. All ballots were final and the winner: MARY CATHERINE SMITH.

Many compliments were showered on the young lady by her supporters, as well as by her opponents. The future looks good for the Youth Club as the new President shows great promise as a leader. All the best in your future plans Madam President.

## New Packs

At present there are two cub packs operating in Nova Scotia Reserves. The Membertou Pack under the leadership of Roy Gould, and the Pictou Landing Pack under the leadership of Albert Denny. The Membertou Pack was organized in January 1965 under the direction of Lawrence Paul and Roy Gould as Assistant.

Pictou Landing was the second to start and they formed in January of this year with Albert Denny as Cubmaster, the new pack has at present 15 boys while the Membertou Pack has 18 members.

## Shubenacadie On The Move

Recently the Shubenacadie Reserve made an outstanding improvement in Community development. The Reserve has erected a Community Hall recently, and a new water system which helps living conditions, almost completed.

A majority of the homes have running water, several homes have been completed recently and several are planned for the near future.

Weekly dances under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Pictou and carried on with music being supplied at present by a newly installed jukebox.

Social events such as bingo's and card games are well attended and the proceeds go for the maintenance of the church.

Street lights have also been installed and plans are now underway for the construction of a skating rink.

There is talk of forming a youth club on the Reserve, which is a very worthwhile project.



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## OBITUARIES

### JOHN SYLLIBOY

The death of John Sylliboy, 62 of Eskasoni occurred on 24 Feb. A few hours after admission to St. Rita Hospital. He had been in poor health for some time.

Besides his wife, the former Bridget Bernard of Whycocomagh, Mr. Sylliboy is survived by four daughters, Dorothy in Boston, Mass. Mrs. Amelia Jesty, North Sydney, Elizabeth, Eskasoni; one son, John, Eskasoni; five sisters, Mrs. Mary Johnson, Mrs. Victor Jeddore, and Mrs. Catherine Paul, all of Eskasoni; Mrs. Ellen Googoo and Mrs. Annie Bernard, Whycocomagh and two brothers Simon and Athanasius, Eskasoni.

The body rested at the family residence in Eskasoni. Funeral was in the parish cemetery.

### DANIEL STEVENS

The death of Daniel Stevens 38, of Truro occurred suddenly on 7 Jan. The son of Paul Stevens and the late Margaret (Prosper) of Truro. He leaves to mourn, his wife Rita (Howe) and eight children, he is also survived by four sisters; Eridret (Mrs. Gerald Gloade), Rita (Mrs. Martin Sylliboy) both of Truro, Margaret (Mrs. Carl Moore) of Sydney and Theresa (Mrs. Thomas Nasson) U.S. and one brother, Cyril. Funeral services were held at Sacred Heart Church, Millbrook. Mr. Stevens a veteran of two wars was paid high tribute by the Truro Branch of the Canadian Legion.

### EVELYN MARTIN

The death of Evelyn Martin, 31 occurred February 8, at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Montreal. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Martin and Mrs. Helen (Christmas) Martin of Sydney. Miss Martin formerly of Pictou Landing is also survived by one sister, Susie (Mrs. J. Smith) Montreal and two brothers Noel and Will of Mass.

The remains rested at the family residence at Membertou. Requiem High Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Daniel Church, funeral was at the Membertou cemetery, under the direction of T.W. Curry funeral home.

Pallbearers were: Reni Paul, Frank Denny, Raymond Francis, Fred Martin and Roy Gould.

### HAROLD RANKIN

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mr. Harold Rankin of Halifax who died suddenly and unexpectedly while visiting relatives and friends at Membertou on 23 Feb. Mrs. Rankin is the former Florence Googoo of Membertou.

### MRS. RODDIE BERNARD

The death of Mrs. Roddie Bernard, 46, of Eskasoni occurred Feb. 17, 1966 at St. Rita Hospital after a long illness.

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The former Madeline Sylliboy, she was twice married.

Besides her second husband, and her mother, Mrs. Rose Sylliboy of Eskasoni, Mrs. Bernard is survived by two daughters, Betty, 2, and Nancy seven months, and by five children of her previous marriage, Benjamin, Levi, Walter, David, Francis, Howard, Maynard, Betty and Rose Paulette, all in Eskasoni.

Her body rested at the family residence in Eskasoni until Requiem Mass was offered in the Church of the Holy Family at 9 o'clock. Interment took place at the parish cemetery.

## MILLBROOKE ENDS DISPUTE

Last summer Chief Gerald Gloade has been fighting impressively for the rights of the Millbrooke Indians. The Department of Highways wanted to expropriate part of the Reservation for the Trans-Canada Highway. However, due to several items, Chief Gloade refused to sell the reserve lands.

The first dispute concerned the money which the Government offered for the lands. Secondly the Government refused to build any more than one access road crossing the Tran-Canada. Chief Gloade felt that several access roads would be necessary in order to reach the wood lands beyond the new highway. Thirdly, the Indian people would not be permitted to build places of business along this highway.

The Dept. of Highways agreed to pay the amount which the Chief wanted for the land. They also agreed to build sufficient access roads which would permit easier transportation of wood.

It was learned last month that the highway dispute ended with the Department of Highways and Chief and Council of Millbrooke Reserve coming to an agreement.

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## Here and There

Barbara Toney is home after a stay in Framingham, where she was employed at Zayriz Ltd., in Natick, Mass. Carolin Prosper is home in Pictou Landing, after being employed in Framingham, Mass., U.S.A. Dennis Francis and son Donald of Pictou, are home after a few months working in the U.S.A.

**CORRECTION**—James Francis of Pictou has been a patient in Aberdeen Hospital for the past nine months, (not nine weeks as previously stated) Thomas Gloade of Truro is a patient in Colchester Co. Hospital. Richard Phillips, formerly from the Nyanza reserve. Kenneth Doucette of the Membertou reserve completed his Auto-body Course at the Nova Scotia Technical Institute in Halifax, and is now employed with C. B. Chrysler Ltd. Marie Sylliboy of Whycocomagh, will soon be starting a course at the C. B. business College in Sydney. Mary Ann Stevens of the Barra Head Reserve has completed her course in Hair Design, and is now employed in the Sydney area. Irene Kabatay and Landi Hennie of Membertou are both taking courses in Hair Dressing. Andrew Googoo and Bernie Googoo of Whycocomagh left recently for Maine to seek employment.

Congratulations to the following parents of new arrivals—Mr. & Mrs. Peter P. Googoo of Nyanza—a girl. Mr. & Mrs. Richard Denny of Eskasoni—a girl. Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Hennie of Membertou—a boy. Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Gould of Shubenacadie—a girl. Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Bernard of Whycocomagh—a boy. Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Googoo of Whycocomagh—a girl, Sheila. Mr. & Mrs. Albert Denny of Pictou—a girl, Sheila. Marie, Jan. 21, 1966, a sister for Peter and Jennifer. Mr. & Mrs. Ryan J. Googoo of Whycocomagh—a boy.

The Adult leaders of the Eskasoni 4-H Club have been invited to take part in a meeting of 4-H Leaders from the Cape Breton District. This meeting will be held at the Provincial Building in Sydney on March 10.

Fred Googoo, Membertou, started a Welding Course at the Trade School at Point Edward Naval Base. Thomas Gloade of Truro is a patient in the Colchester Co. Hospital, Truro. Sister Ann of The Savior, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Gloade of Truro, spent a short visit at the home of her parents recently.

The Micmac Braves of Truro are practising and improving their skill playing exhibition games in preparation for the Truro League yearly wins. Misses Lucy Martin, Blanche Marshall, and Lynda Julian, attended the Lady Clair convention at the Nova Scotia Hotel, Halifax, On January 17th. Whycocomagh Reserve are building a new community hall as part of their Winter Works Program. John Prosper and Stanley Googoo, both of Whycocomagh, are patients at the Baddeck Hospital. Supervised Study Sessions are held for Whycocomagh students who are attending school at Mabou. These classes are held three nights a week at the Whycocomagh school. Classes are under the direction of Father Rankin and interested adults from the community who volunteer their services. The classes have proven both interesting and beneficial to the students.

Lawrence Paul, Eskasoni, is recovering in St. Rita's Hospital after undergoing surgery. A group of parents at Eskasoni met recently with a representative of the Dept. of Agriculture to gather information and literature that would help the newly formed 4-H Club in their community. Mrs. Levi Denny, Mrs. S. Stevens, Mrs. N. Denny, and Mrs. Marshall met with Mrs. Yvonne LeVert (Dept. of Ag.) in an effort to assist the 4-H Club in the coming months. Arrangements were made for Mrs. LeVert to meet these ladies again, along with the club members, in order for all those involved to obtain guidance on future club activities. Roland Thomas Pictou Landing, is taking a course in electrical welding at the Point Edward Naval Base.

Bernard Denny, Eskasoni Eagles, who was selected as rookie of the year by the Micmac News last April, has been signed by the Barra Head Hockey Club are presently seeking positions with the Strait Pirates, also of the Cape Breton Junior League. **ELECTION RESULTS** of the Pictou Landing Reserve are as follows:—Louis Denny, re-elected as chief over Albert Denny; Martin Sapier, re-elected to council; and Maurice Francis newly elected to council. Congratulations to all. We hear that the knitting classes at Pictou Landing were well received. This is evident by the large number that attended these classes. The ladies made many useful articles of clothing and enjoyed the classes very much. We hear they have already started plans for their next project. Let's hear more about it next month ladies???. The Centennial Committee for the 'Chapel Island' project met again this month and are going ahead with plans for the coming months. Let's hope they get it done.



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## Chief Retires

After 30 years of service, Mr. Tom Gedeon of Restigouche, P.Q., retired a few months ago from his duties at the N.B. International Paper Company. A Miamee Indian, he was born in 1899 at Restigouche, P.Q. He has given many years of leadership to his people, and many years of devoted service to the various companies for whom he worked, never having missed a day's work in 35 years for illness or for any other reason.

He, with his wife and family, make their home at Restigouche. Of their 10 children, one daughter is on the nursing staff of the Hotel Dieu Hospital in Campbellton, and another is serving in the nursing profession in the U.S.A.

We wish many more enjoyable years to Mr. Gedeon, and hope his retirement from work will serve to provide more time to give his people guidance and leadership.



**HOMEMAKERS CLUB MAKES PRESENTATION** — Mr. Raymond Macdonald is seen here accepting a gift of a thurible for the church. Making the presentation are Mrs. Levi R. Denny and Mrs. Tom Stevens as representatives of the Home Makers Club.

## On The Lighter Side

The lady's husband had been dead for several months, but still from time to time the woman could not control her tears. "He wouldn't want you to cry," a friend told her. "After all he left you a million dollars to enjoy yourself."

"Yes," the widow replied. And on days like this I'd give \$10,000 to have him back."

**KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS.** A reporter from a big city newspaper stopped to visit a friend who ran a little country weekly.

He asked his friend, "How can you keep up your circulation in a town where everyone already knows what everyone else is doing?"

The country editor grinned: "They know what everyone's doing alright,

but they read the paper to find out who's been caught at it!"

A husband who gives his wife his pay check at the first of every month will never have any trouble . . . (unless she finds out that he gets paid twice a month).

Did you hear about the elevator operator who was fired because he couldn't remember the route?

Teen-age boy climbs into barber chair. "Just a trim," he says to the barber. "You can even it up a little around the shoulders."

**MYSTERY:** There is only one way to handle a woman . . . The trouble is, nobody knows what it is.

**NO WONDER . . .** "My husband is certainly easy on his clothes," said Mrs. Whiteowl. "He bought a hat twenty years ago, had it cleaned twice, and exchanged it twice in church, and it still looks as good as new!"

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**MARITIME INDIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL:** Front row, left to right — Chief Ben E. Christmas, Sydney Band; Charles Bernard, Whycoomagh Band; Chief Wilfred Prosper, Afton Band; R. F. Battle, Assistant Deputy Minister (Indian Affairs); Chief Frank Paul, Burnt Church Band; L. L. Brown, Indian Affairs Branch; Andrew Francis, Big Cove Band; John Bernard, Shubenacadie Band. Back row, left to right — Chief Charles Francis, Eskasoni Band; Mrs. E. MacDonald, secretary; Chief Frank Jadis, Lennox Island Band; Richard McEwan, Bear River Band; Wallace Labilloy, Eel River Band; F. B. McKinnon, Indian Affairs Branch; Charles Bernard, Edmundston Band; Harold Sappier, Saint Mary's Band; V. J. Cassie, Indian Affairs Branch.

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## N. S. Indian Children Being Segregated

Nova Scotia's Indian children were being "segregated and confined" to small teaching units financed by the federal government which were not being "productive of the kind of results we should like," Dr. C. L. MacMillan (L-Victoria) told the Legislature recently.

He said the provincial government should enter into negotiations with the federal government with a view of "taking over the administration of the education of the Indian population of the province."

### DIRECTION NEEDED

"I am not suggesting that the province take on the financing of education for this group, merely the administration. Over many years the

province has built up a good department of education and should be in a better position to direct the education of Indian children . . . and to direct them into trades and technical training as well as higher education where indicated," said Dr. MacMillan.

"This proposal would mean ultimate integration and I am sure would in time change the status of Indian population both psychologically and economically," he said.

### NOT PRODUCTIVE

As the situation stands, he said, Indian children were segregated and confined into small teaching units administered and financed by the government in Ottawa.

He said he didn't feel the present set up "is, or has been productive of the kind of results we should like to see."

"The very fact that they are treated differently from other children creates a problem; one that leads to many of our Indian people withdrawing from the main stream of commerce and society, with all the attendant ills that are so apparent today.

### EQUALITY

"In this day there is surely no room for anything but equality of opportunity for all our citizens and in my view the field of education, is the one in which it is of utmost importance that there be no differentiation because of race, creed or color," said Dr. MacMillan.

from the Halifax Chronicle-Herald



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## Eskasoni—1910

Sunday, Oct. 9th, 1910, will henceforth appear on the Micmac Calendar for Cape Breton as a special day. Representatives of the early settlers of the Island foregathered at Eskasoni to witness the blessing and laying of the corner stone of the new prayer house and the dedication of the edifice to the service of God. The Great Spirit was propitious, for, despite the lurid crimson of the dawn, foreboding elemental capers, He held the rain in suspense until most of the participants had regained their homes or what served as such through hospitality. And who shares his wheaten loaf or cup of water more willingly than our dear Indian brother! Only those who see the children of the forest "at home" can estimate their real charitable-ness. God bless their simple soulful hearts.

How few knew that within hearing of the dream troubled murmurs of the sleeping Bras d'Or, the swish of saw and the thud of hammer were slowly co-operating to bring into being the 'domus Dei' that on this Lord's day was set apart for God's service! Years have witnessed the seemingly balked efforts of the struggling Micmacs of Eskasoni, but each year found them further on the way. Only the Angel of the mission knows what struggles the noble, sturdy hearts had to make. To-day a neat, substantial church, 50 x 32 stands forth as the crown of effort so courageously continued.

The blessing was done by the Illnoï patlas, the Indian Patriarch himself, Father Pacifique, the Capuchin of Restigouche. He has mastered the sentence words of these aboriginals and, whilst doing so, he has had no use for 'Thing-a-bobs' Digestion Tablets, as he found that work was cheaper and more effective. Following the opening of the church he gave a week's mission.

Enclosed within the corner stone were Micmac and English copies of the following:

"On the 9th of October, in the year of Our Lord, 1910, Pius X being Supreme Pontiff, Rev. H. P. MacPherson, D.D., Administrator of the diocese of Antigonish, S. V., after the death of the Right Rev. John Cameron who donated \$50.00 to the building of this prayer house; Rev. A. R. MacDonald, missionary of



FIRST INDIAN EDITORS CONFERENCE ever to be held opened January 13th and 14. It was sponsored by the Centennial Commission. The Conference was held at the Beacon Arms Hotel, Ottawa, where 17 Indian Editors attended from across Canada. Co-Editor of the Micmac News, Roy Gould, was one of the Editors attending this meeting. The above photo includes the Indian Editors at one of the sessions.

these parts; George V, reigning over Britain and the Dominion's overseas; Lord Grey, Governor-General of Canada; John Denny, Chief of Eskasoni; the Indian Missionary, Father Pacifique, holding authority from the aforementioned Administrator, laid the corner-stone of this church, dedicated to the service of God under the patronage of the Holy Family, the first title given to the mission at Chapel Island by Father Maillet; there being present Rev's A. R. MacDonald, P.P., of Christmas Island, and D. McPherson, P.P., Glendie; High Chief John Denny; Chiefs Matthew Francis, Merigomish Joseph Christmas, Sydney; Captains Simon

Basque, Whycoomagh; Stephen Simon, Middle River; P. Bernard, Eskasoni; Noel Jerome, North Sydney; Thomas Marshall, Chapel Island.

The church is 50 feet long, 32 feet wide, 18 feet in the post, and 18 in the rafter.

"I have signed this paper. Wrapped in birch bark, it was enclosed within the cavity of the corner stone.

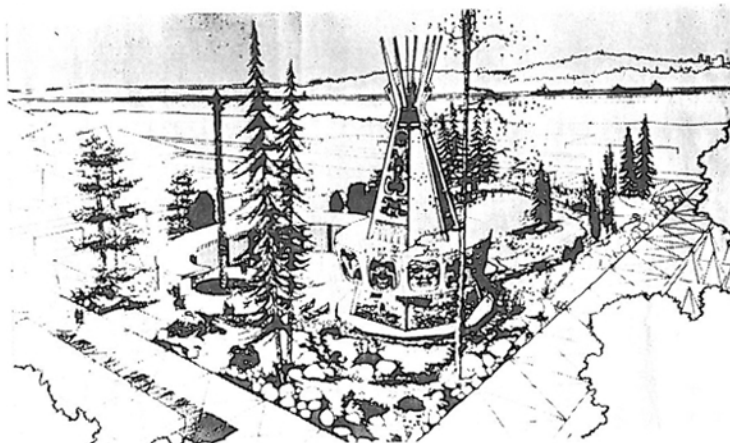
(signed) Father Pacifique

From now on the struggle will be to get the interior finished. What a beautiful opportunity for the charitably inclined.

The Micmacs of Whycoomagh are also building the first Church they ever had in the locality. The design is rustic to suit the landscape. The main building will be 38 x 28. Great efforts are being put forth to defray the expenses, and the pastor is impatient over the hearty response to his appeals through "The Casket." He hoped the Church will be ready for Divine Service in October, 1911. It is to be dedicated in the name of the Holy Trinity.

(The above account was recorded by Father Pacifique in a book published in 1910 for the Micmac Ind-Tricentenary.)

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REMEMBER THE GOOD OLD DAYS . . .  
long stockings and knee pants . . .



In the above photo is seen Charlie Gould and Bill Bernard on First Communion Day.

Posters like the one at right are up at MicMac reserves throughout Nova Scotia, inviting girls over 18 to apply for hostess positions at the Canadian Pavilion at Expo '67.

Advantages listed included 15-months paid training in Montreal, a complete program of activities, (theatre, ballet, concert, music-hall and sports events), room and board, doctor and dental care, one month paid vacation and clothes and beauty care supplied by Expo.

The application form also holds out the opportunity of interesting jobs after Expo.

The application forms, available at all reserves, are to be filed, (along with recent photograph), with the Indian Affairs Branch in Ottawa.

## INDIANS at EXPO



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## AS WE GO TO PRESS

The president of the Indian Hockey League has advised that there is a possibility of having seven teams participate in this year's Indian play offs. Besides the four Cape Breton teams, Sydney, Whycomagh, Barra Head and Eskasoni??? There's Lennox Island, Big Cove and Nova Scotia Mainland (Truro)???

There's a possibility of starting in Mid-March. Sydney Membertou seem to have lined up a strong team with the return of the Gould Brothers from Eskasoni: Sidney John and Zby, along with Clarence back from Shubenacadie. It is also rumored that another former Eagle will line up with Membertou.

Barra Head hopes to ice a young team with the addition of Bernard Denny and Wilf. Paul from Eskasoni,—they will be right up there in contention for Maritime honors.

And after a two year absence, the Whycomagh warriors have advised; They are the team to watch, . . . in top shape after a series of victories in the Port Hawkesbury area.???

The Eskasoni Eagles??? As in years past are not letting out any secrets. Our scouts from Eskasoni Camp have passed on the following information: "The defending Champs will let you know after the opening whistle," at North Sydney!

No news from across the Causeway???

So as the old saying goes, "Don't just send you team to the rink. Come with them and ROOT for the HOME TEAM." GOOD LUCK.

NOTE: Peter Paul and Don Marshall of the oldtimers send along the following challenge: "We CAN LICK

## Royal Commission On Indians

The National Indian Council of Canada sent a telegram to Prime Minister Lester Pearson from Regina on August 12, 1965, requesting that he establish a Royal Commission to study the problems of Indians at all level of Canadian society. The telegram said the most pressing concerns decided by persons attending the N.I.C. meeting were:

The Problem of dealing with the obsolete assumption on the part of the Government Agencies, such as the Indian Affairs Branch, that the Indian People are incapable of making their own decisions or taking the responsibility for them;

The lack of Indian representation; The lack of Indian voices in policies that affect the Indian people;

A blanket disregard for the opinion of Indian People.

## Our Future

The Indian leaders of Cape Breton once again show their interest in community progress and development by planning another Band Council Institute. This meeting will take place on Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26, in Sydney. The meeting place will be announced in a letter to all Councils prior to the date of the Institute.

It is this type of interest and co-operation that will determine the future of the Indian people. Support your community leaders. They can PLAN but they need the co-operation of all their people in order to carry out their plan effectively, and in order to carry out these plans. Only WE, the Indians, can determine our future. The progress we've made in the last ten years (or didn't)

The council passed a motion "that a Royal Commission be set up immediately in 1965 to study the relationship of the Indian People of Canada as it affects their participation in Canadian Society at all levels and that Indians be well represented in the Royal Commission." to study the problems of Indians, and mandate the Secretariat to work with the N.I.C. and the Canadian Citizenship Council to urge immediate action.

The phone rang at St. Rita's Hospital late one night and a very excited man's voice exclaimed to the nurse, "I'm rushing my wife in to have a baby!"

"Wait a minute, I need some information," said the nurse. "Is this her first baby?"

"No!" shouted the excited caller, "This is her husband!"

Frequent naps keep you from growing old . . . especially if you take them while driving!

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## Indian Enrollment

The Indian student enrollment at Cape Breton is as follows:—Eskasoni School 372 students; 20 attending McCormick School at East Bay; Nyanza 65 students; 5 attend Maho High School; 1 Baddeck Rural High; Whycomagh 60 students; 16 attend Maho High School . . . Membertou 80 students; 62 attend St. Anthony's School; 16 attend Sheri Junior High; 2 attend Holy Ange Convent.

Attending St. F. X. University — John Lewis, Eskasoni, 1st Year Art; Joe B. Marshall, Eskasoni, 2nd Year Arts; Frank J. Doucette, Sydney, 2nd Year Science.

Attending Mount St. Bernard College — Marion Battiste Eskasoni Education; Bertha Bernard, Eskasoni, 1st Year Arts; Shirley Lewis Eskasoni, Commercial; Josephine Gogoo, Whycomagh, Education; Rosalee Sylliboy, Eskasoni, 2nd Year Arts.

St. Rita Hospital School of Nursing, Eleanor Paul, Eskasoni, 1st Year; Cape Breton Business College, Patricia Paul, Eskasoni, Commercial; Halifax Vocational School, Walter Bernard, Whycomagh, Mechanics. (Walter finished his course recently.) Cape Breton Vocational School, Noel Christmas, Welding; Leon Academy of Hair Design, Annie Janet Denny, Eskasoni, Fashion Hairdressing.

## Children's Program

A recreation program for children has started in the Pictou Landis Community. Father MacDonald of Trenton Parish is helping the program get underway by showing films and teaching games to the