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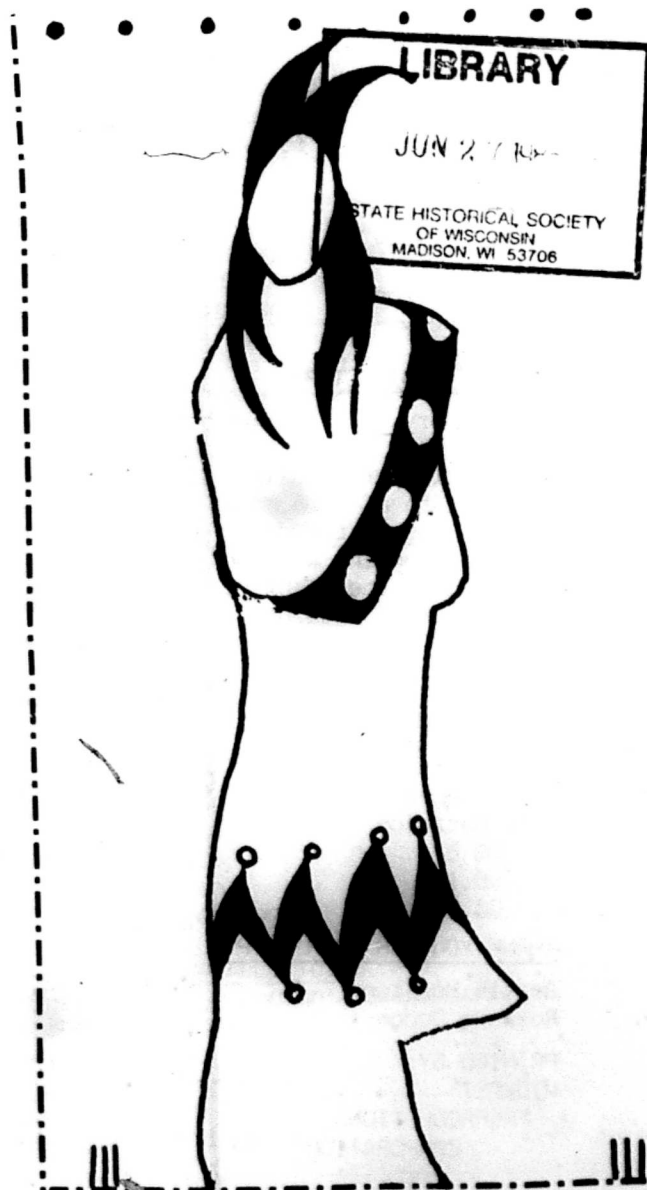
To be eligible:

1. Your entry must be in black and white on any size paper.
2. Have an Indian theme.
3. Enter as many times as you like.
4. Winners will be announced at the July 2 MID meeting at Detroit Indian Center.

September 22 - 28th has been designated as Michigan Indian Week; Detroit will be celebrating Michigan Indian Day on September 27 with a parade downtown and supper afterwards at the Detroit Indian Center. It is possible that Woodward Avenue will be renamed "Old Indian Trail" just for the day.

A float contest is also planned with a monetary prize. All volunteers are welcome. This is a community affair and we need your help.

For more information, contact Nancy Hall co-chairperson, at 963-1711.



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June 15 & 16
(tentative)

24th Annual Sarnia Pow Wow
Sarnia, Ontario
Contact: Mike Plain
(519)344-5896

June 21 & 22

Northern Michigan Ottawa Assoc.
Annual Meeting
Emmet County Fair Grounds
Petoskey, MI
Contact: Ron Wemiqwawe
(616)526-7920

June 22 & 23

Lansing Indian Center Pow Wow
Location to be Announced
Lansing, MI
Contact: Lansing Indian Center
(517)487-5409

June 29 & 30

7th Annual Great Lakes Pow Wow
Hannahville Indian Community
Contact: Gloria McCollough
(906)466-2342
Sally Eckhorn
(906)466-2802

June 29 & 30

N'Amerind Pow Wow
Highway 2
Ska Nah Doh Park
London, Ontario
Contact: N'Amerind
(519)672-0131

Pow Wows

July 3, 4, 5

Sault St. Marie Pow Wow
Sault Tribe Reservation
Shunk Road
Contact: Bernard Bouschor
(906)635-6050

July 12, 13, 14

3rd Annual Biar River Pow Wow
Old Indian Village Park
Lac Du Flameau, Wisconsin
Contact: Patti Mannor or Donnie Carufel
(715)588-3306

July 19, 20, 21

Walpole Island Pow Wow
High Banks Park
Ferry Service Algonac, MI
Walpole Island, Ontario
Contact: Band Office
(519)627-1481

July 25, 26, 27, 28

7th Annual Keweenaw Bay Traditional
Pow Wow and Spiritual Conference
Ojibway Camp on U.S. 41
Contact: (906)353-6623

August 2, 3, 4, 5

25th Annual Wikwemikong Indian Days
on the Pow Wow Grounds
Manitoulin Island, Ontario
Ferry Service on the Chi-Cheemaun
Contact: Gary Manitowabi
(705)859-3122

NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates Must:

1. Be at least $\frac{1}{4}$ Indian Blood Quantum and be able to substantiate it by a Tribal Membership or Roll Number
2. Be sixteen (16) or older to vote.
3. Pay a membership fee.
4. Be accepted by the Membership Committee

MEMBERSHIP FEE PER YEAR:

Regular Member	\$5.00
Senior Citizen	\$1.00
Students 17 or Under	\$2.50

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

North American Indian Association
of Detroit, Inc.

MAIL TO:

Mr. Elmer Sebastian
8760 Troy
Oak Park, MI 48237

Employment Opportunities

These jobs are currently available at the Detroit Indian Center and are 6 month programs under Work Experience:

NEWSLETTER TECHNICIAN

To be responsible for the timely and accurate preparation of the monthly newsletter "Native Sun".

Good grammar and spelling required, knowledge of basic fundamental writing ability, typing 35 w.p.m.

Any experience in newsletter or other regular publication preparation and some clerical experience helpful.

BOOKKEEPER/PURCHASING AGENT

To be responsible for maintaining program records through trial balance, processing purchase requisitions and purchase orders, departmental filing, computer coding and logging mail, etc.

Must have a good figure aptitude, detail minded, able to take and follow directions; must be able to work under deadline pressure; competent, responsible and ability to maintain confidentiality.

Prefer two years background in accounting field and related duties. Will consider accepting applicant with combined background of educational credentials and accounting department experience.

(Continued)

SENIOR AIDE/REFERRAL

To assist the Senior Coordinator in providing direct services to the elderly including transportation and home visits.

Must be able to work well with the elderly; understand Indian culture and values; must be courteous and considerate, with pleasant disposition.

Any experience working with Native Americans Indian elders will be beneficial and given preference.

Must have valid drivers license and able to obtain chauffeur's license withing thirty (30) days of hire.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE JOBS AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE INDIAN CENTER MANPOWER, PLEASE CALL 963-5410 or 963-0126.

Weatherization Aid

Weatherization is available to low income Native Americans living in Macomb County. Assistance is provided for insulation, caulking, weather stripping, storm windows, etc. for homeowners and renters. The following guidelines apply: Annual Family Income for family of four (4) - \$ 13,313; family of two (2) - \$ 8,813; and for a family of one (1) - \$ 6,563; add \$ 2,250.00 for each additional family member. For more information, contact: Macomb County Community Services, Energy/Weatherization at 469-6329.

NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MISS: _____
MRS: _____
MR: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____
DATE OF BIRTH: _____
BIRTH PLACE: _____
FATHER'S NAME: _____
MOTHER'S NAME: _____
NEAREST RELATIVE: _____
ADDRESS: _____

SOC. SEC.#: _____
HOME PHONE: _____
BUSINESS PHONE: _____
OCCUPATION: _____
FIRM: _____
TRIBE: _____
DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD: _____
RELIGION: _____
RELATIVE'S PHONE: _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

SENIOR NEWS

The Detroit Indian Center Senior Citizens would like to thank Ed Peters and his friends Bob Baker, Dave Shera and Larry Williams for their generous time spent making posters for our use at Senior Power Day in Lansing.

Upcoming Senior Citizen Activity Schedule

June 4th	Eastern Market Shopping 1:30 pm.
June 8th	NAIA Anniversary Dinner/Dance Van leaves Center at 4:30 pm.
June 12th	Detroit Public Library "Bookmobile" 11:15 to 11:45 pm
June 19th	"Older Adult Camping" presentation - speaker, movies and slides. 11:30 pm.
June 26th	Senior Center Picnic - Belle Isle; picnic lunch and visit to the aquarium and conservatory.

UPCOMING EVENTS - Summer bus outings to pow wows, Kensington Park, local trips, the Detroit Zoo, Tiger baseball games, and museums.

These trips are inexpensive and enjoyable! The van leaves from the Center and returns to the Center. Participants will be asked to sign a statement agreeing to abide by certain rules. Participants must be members of the DAIC Senior Center and the cost depends on the duration of the trip and the distance travelled. For more information, call Nancy Hall, Senior Coordinator at 963-1711.

The Senior Center is funded by the Detroit Area Agency on Aging, CSBG and donations.

Please be advised:

REGISTRATION FEES FOR COLLEGES (COMMUNITY AND UNIVERSITY) CANNOT BE COVERED THROUGH THE CENTER'S JTPA (MANPOWER) MONIES; IF YOU ARE REGISTERED FOR A DEGREE PROGRAM.

Substance Abuse Program

The Detroit American Indian Substance Abuse Program is once again in full service.

Our new counsellor is Sharon George, a full blood Mohawk/Delaware from Canada. Sharon was formerly employed at the Detroit Indian Center as an employment counsellor.

Ms. George will be providing treatment and counselling for individuals and families with alcohol and/or drug problems.

CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT OR WALK IN

3750 Woodward, Suite 24
Detroit, MI 48201
(313)832-3309

Hours: 8:30 - 5:00, Monday to Friday

Indian Veterans Meeting

June 17th
Detroit Indian Center
7:00 PM

Guest Speaker: Bill LeBlanc, Deputy Director of the Michigan Vets Trust Fund, to answer your questions on the rights Vets have. Q & A Period.

Indian Mission News

Exodus Verse 12
King James Bible Edition
"Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee."

June 2	Regular Service
June 9	Regular Service
June 16	Regular Service
June 23	Regular Service
June 30	SPECIAL SPEAKER

Ordination service for Pastor Washington Doxtator on July 14, 1985 at 3:00 PM.
Indian Mission
2700 Second
Detroit, MI
Everyone welcome to attend the service.
Reception to follow service.

Substance Abuse Workshop

"Building relationships between adults and youths"

June 19 - 21, 1985

Mercury Motor Inn
22361 Michigan Avenue
Dearborn, Michigan 48124

This workshop will focus on:

1. Effective childrearing practices among American Indian population.
2. Survival skills for single Indian parents.

For more information on registration, etc.
Contact:

American Indian Services, Inc.
13340 Michigan Avenue
Dearborn, Michigan 48126
(313) 581-9011-12

Happy Birthday to You!

June 2	Delia Schott
June 3	Jennifer Dinehart
June 4	LeRoy Henry
June 6	Richard Schott
June 7	PHIL HENRY
June 10	Sylvia DeLeary
June 10	Patricia Lebring
June 10	Missy O'Kane
June 10	Georgianna Tucker
June 11	Mary Ann Lopez
June 11	Shana Smith
June 14	Kim Oga
June 14	Laurie Smith
June 14	Kevin Soney
June 14	Jacob Schott
June 14	Elliot Schott
June 16	Warren Bruce Phillips
June 17	Richard Locklear
June 18	Efren Lopez
June 29	David H. Tucker
June 22	COLLETTE SCHOTT
June 24	Roy Maples
June 24	JOE MESHEKEY
June 24	Ava (Lowry) Jankowiak
June 25	Mark Schott
June 20	Ronald L. Allison
June 26	Janet Marzëjon
June 27	Connie Scantland
June 29	Aaron Cody Tucker

Personals

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAYS TO:

May 5	FRANK ALBERTS
May 9	Adam Janjowiak
May 21	Valeria LaFever
May 27	Ida Hill
May	Jason Whiteye

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EVERYBODY GOT MARRIED IN JUNE:

Congratulations to Janet Lewis and Tim Taylor who tied the knot on June 1, 1985.

Happy 22nd Anniversary to Roy and Jean Maples on June 12, 1985.

Happy 28th Anniversary to Lee and Rose Silvey.

Happy Anniversary to Arvil and Cindy Tucker on June 18, 1985.

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Larry Aikens is at Oakwood Hospital, 18101 Oakwood - Intensive Care Unit, Dearborn, MI following a motorcycle accident.

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Congratulations to Kimmy Alchin and to Debra White for graduating from the 12th Grade.

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Golden Boy on the DMS:
Missed you on Mother's Day.

Love,
Mom

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Kim Rodd, grand-daughter of Cecil Rodd, is a spring graduate of Eastern Michigan Univ. Miss Rodd earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from the College of Human Services; Dept. of Nursing Education.

A four year honor student, Kim is a member of the Eto Rho Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, Inc., National Honor Society of Nursing. Miss Rodd is employed in the medical-surgical center at St. Joseph's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

A very special thanks to cousins Pat Adams and to Ray Rodgers of Sarnia Reserve for their very special help.

CANADIAN INDIAN STATUS BILL GETS AMENDMENT

OTTAWA - A revised bill to restore status and band membership to thousands of Indians came one step closer to becoming law yesterday.

The Commons Indian Affairs committee pushed through one significant change to the bill over opposition from the Liberals, New Democrats and several Native and Women groups.

That amendment would allow bands to stagger restoring membership over seven years. The provision was included to help out a few bands, mainly in Alberta, that fear they will be unable to keep up with the anticipated influx of people.

Reprint from The Globe and Mail 5/1/85

NATIVE RIGHTS/HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE

June 14 and 15, 1985
Park Lane Hotel
186 King Street
London, Ontario

Registration:

June 13 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
June 14 8:30 am to 9:00 am

For more information, contact:
Terry Doxtator or Joanne Thomas
(519) 673-0131

ATTENTION ONEIDA PEOPLE:

Are you or one of your family considering moving back to the Oneida Settlement in the near future? Do you have children that are of the primary school age, ie., grades K1 to grade 8?

Currently, our children in grades 7 & 8 are attending schools off-Reserve. The Oneida Council is considering bringing those two grades back to Oneida.

The Council will be surveying by questionnaire how the Oneida people feel about bringing 7 & 8 back to the reservation.

If you are interested in filling out this survey, please contact Lois Cornelius at the Oneida Band Office (519) 652-3244. Please do not request a survey unless you are considering moving back to the Oneida Settlement.

AMERICAN WOMENS DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

June 18 - 21, 1985
Michigan State University
Kellogg Center for Continuing Education
East Lansing, MI 48823-1022

A conference focusing on American Indian Women pulling together to address common issues affecting not only themselves, but their families, their communities and their tribes.

This conference is designed to heighten the awareness of the roles and responsibilities facing American Indian Women in today's society.

There is a whole list of contact people, but I will list just a few here:

Lorna Kahgegab	(517) 773-9887
Dorothy Goeman	(313) 764-5418
Andrea Smith (DIC)	(313) 963-5411
Edith Wright, MSU Consult.	(517) 355-0170

OLD FRENCH DAYS TRADITIONAL POW WOW

June 28, 29 and 30, 1985
Portage Fair Grounds
Portage, Wisconsin

REGIONAL NEWS

SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBE TO ESTABLISH AN INVESTMENT FUND

Senator Donald Riegle of Michigan introduced a bill May 8 to give approximately \$7.3 million in judgment funds to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe to establish an investment fund for tribal programs and purposes. The legislation would eliminate a per capita distribution of funds that would have included many non-tribal members who are Chippewa descendants, including those of less than one-quarter degree blood quantum. Co-sponsor Senator Carl Levin said the legislation is designed to ensure that non-member descendants of the tribe will have an opportunity to benefit from the programs made possible by the trust. He added that the tribe has agreed to adopt a constitutional amendment which will allow persons meeting the blood quantum requirement for tribal membership to become enrolled members, regardless of whether they are residents of the reserve.

1985 Miss Indian America

If you are an American Indian woman who has never been married, without children, between the ages of 18 and 25, a high school graduate, and of one half and more Indian blood, you are eligible to enter the National Miss Indian America Pageant.

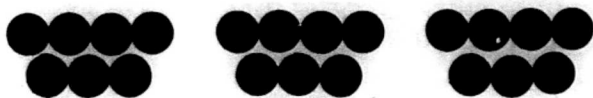
Candidates are welcome from all of North America.

Applications for the competition to select next year's queen are due July 10. Application blanks may be picked up at tribal offices anywhere in the U.S. and Canada, or you can get one by writing Carolyn Nodland, Miss Indian America Pageant Director, Box 81, Bismarck, ND 58502.

The candidates will be judged on poise, character, intelligence, Indian characteristics, scholastic interest, talent and dedication to the advancement of Indian people. The winner must have the ability to speak to groups and to encourage young people.

The present Miss Indian America is Deborah Secakuku, a Hopi from Second Mesa, AZ.

All applications must be postmarked by July 10, 1985.



Writing Competition

Avon Books is holding a competition for students ages thirteen to eighteen to send in written material to be included in the 1985 Avon/Flare Young Adult Novel Competition. The winner will receive national publicity for his/her published novel. For further information, contact:

Ellen Erieger
Senior Editor
Avon Books - Room 1204
1790 Broadway
NY NY 10019

Manuscripts will be accepted up to August 31, 1985.

May 15, 1985

Percy Bardy
Chairman of the Board
N.A.I.A. of Detroit, Inc.

Dear Percy,

Because of my health and many personal reasons, I hereby submit to you, my resignation from the Board as your president.

It was a personal pleasure to work with you and certain other Board members, although it was too short a relationship.

In spite of our overall differences tonight, I indeed wish you well in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,
Fred Boyd

Indian Foreign Trade Zone?

An application from the Lumni Tribe of Washington to have 122 acres within the reservation designated as a foreign trade zone (FTZ) is being considered by the Foreign Trade Zone within the Department of Commerce. Public hearings on the Lumni's application will be conducted by the FTZ board in June prior to a final approval or disapproval.

Designation as a foreign trade zone establishes that that area is not part of the United States for custom purposes. Foreign enterprises can manufacture or assemble products, cars for example, or bring in merchandise without paying a duty on the products or merchandise until it is officially considered received in the United States outside the FTZ. Retail sales are prohibited in the zone.

Wholesalers, however, can view merchandise and purchase it without paying duty on it until it is received at their establishments -- thereby reducing their cash flow.

The Lumnis are the first Indian tribe to apply for a FTZ. The tribe would benefit by being able to lease its space in the FTZ and by the creation of jobs on the reserve. There are currently 100 FTZs in the United States.

Introduction to Pow Wow Dancing

(co-authored by Teofilo Lucero and the late Russell Wright)

Grand Entry symbolizes colorful Native Americans in dancing outfits starting a Pow Wow of many tribes.

The Indian Flag Song is considered the Indian National Anthem, honoring our traditional way of life. As such, when this song is sung, the people stand in respect. Retreating the Flag to its resting place is just like the American Flag is put away at the end of the day.

Welcome dance is everyone's dance. People greet each other, shake hands and make new friends.

The War Dance varies from tribe to tribe, area to area. Originally, the War Dance was performed before going into battle. This was done to induce the proper state of mind in the young warriors. Later, another form of dance was done to celebrate a victory. This was called the Scalp Dance.

The Calumet Pipe Dance is an honor dance. It honors those who have been to war and came back in victory.

Eagle Dance. This dance was first used among the Pueblo Indians in the Southwest. Medicine man was called for help, that sickness in the village is getting worse and he called for the mighty bird, an Eagle, in turn he answers the call and swoops down over the village, flies around in a circle and stops at the center of the village, then flies up in a circle and takes away the sickness from the village to dispose or kill the disease. The dancer copies the actions of the Eagle.

Contest Dancing - A Test of Skills: Small boys and girls are showing how well they dance without misstepping or dropping artifacts from their wear. They must keep up with the drum beat and stop when the drum stops without over-stepping.

The Hoop Dance was originated in Buffalo Hunting Days when several hunters from different tribes get together in a camp. At night, they would challenge each other to see who could do the most original or best style of dancing. These people did not have a colorful dance. They picked willow branches to make hoops and today you see a young man with 12 or 21 hoops, and he keeps dancing as he goes through the hoops.

Men and Women Traditional Dances are the elders dances. It is a slow motion dance, very simple. Shawl is a fancy dance, the young women have a fast foot movement as they dance. They wear shawls and carry an Eagle fan in one hand.

Singers are introduced to the dancers and to the public as to who they are, the name of their tribes and where they come from.

Blanket Dance is one way to pay the gas fare for the drummers who have travelled a long way. Dancers put money into a blanket laying on the ground as they dance in a circle. All people are invited to participate.

Rabbit Dance - Men and women dance together in pairs, imitating the rabbit's movement when they walk or run. Indians have imitated animals of all kinds in their dances.

There are several kinds of Stomp Dances, one is often called the Buffalo Dance, another is the Mesquakie Bean Dance, the Cherokee Stomp Dance and Mohawk Trail Dance.

Round Dancing is a social dance. Everyone is welcome to take part in dancing in this dance. Non-Indians are also welcome.

Despite what many people usually think, the Snake Dance, in most instances, was originally a prayer for rain.

Indians Not Settling for Cash

American Indians are going to court to demand their land back - and they're not settling for cash.

Strategies to get control of oil, water and gas leasing on Indian or Indian claimed land are topics this week of 300 Indian governments at the mid-year National conference of American Indians in Reno, Nevada.

"We have only recently found legal avenues to redress some longstanding inequities," said Suzan Harjo, director of the congress.

More than a half million acres since 1975 were returned to various tribes. Indians were paid more than \$1.2 billion since 1945 to settle land disputes.

But victories have been difficult. The Supreme Court agreed on June 2, to hear arguments by South Carolina officials and land owners aimed at killing the Catawba Indians' claim to a 289 sq. mile area near Rock Hill, S.C.

The Interior Department opened talks this week with Western Shoshone Indians, who claim 24 million acres of central Nevada and eastern California. But they are not likely to get "parts of California" any time soon, said Carl Shaw of Interior.

Other land disputes include the Oneidas' claim to 250,000 acres of New York (which was settled in favor of the Oneidas), and the Oglala Sioux's claim to 7.3 million acres of South Dakota's Black Hills.

Reprinted from USA Today 6/06/85



POW WOWS

THE TIME FOR POW WOWS
IS FINALLY HERE,
AS INDIANS GATHER
FROM FAR AND NEAR.
THE GROUNDS ARE FILLED
WITH INDIAN TENTS,
THAT SLEEP THE PEOPLE
AT THESE EVENTS.
WITH DANCERS AND DRUMMERS
DOING THEIR PART,
THEY ANNOUNCE
"GRAND ENTRY IS READY TO START!"
CORN SOUP AND FRYBREAD
ARE THINGS WE EAT,
WHILE OUR EARS ARE FILLED
WITH THE DRUMMERS BEAT.
AS NIGHT TIME FALLS,
THEY RETIRE THE FLAG,
WE ATTEND THE FORTY-NINE
IN HOPES OF A SNAG.
WE MAKE NEW FRIENDS
AND HAVE SOME FUN,
AS INDIANS COME TOGETHER
UNDER THE SUN.

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Our 45th Anniversary Banquet was a success in terms of the number of people that attended. It was so good to see so many people there for the first time. It was even better to see some old friends there (NOT IN AGE) that haven't attended in quite a while. As far as our finances went, the North American Indian Assoc. of Detroit, Inc. took a loss. Maybe next year!

Thank you staff at DIC for your artwork, also to the staff at SEMII for your art work for our banquet booklet. The booklet turned out nice with the ads we received.

Thank you Banquet Committee for a job well done. A special thank-you to Shirley Guastella and Eva Kennedy who took care of the tickets, and also worked the door on the night of the banquet.

Please put on you calendar:
MAY 17, 1985 - 46th NAIA ANNIVERSARY
BANQUET.

Banquet Chairman,
Maynard Kennedy

Akwekon Lit. Journal

The Akwekon Literary Journal is a new publication that is put out by the people of Akwesasne Notes (SO YOU KNOW IT'S GOT TO BE GOOD). It will be published 3 or 4 times a year. Included in each issue will be poems, short stories, artwork, photos, articles, essays, reviews and listings of native press, arts, exhibits, media, etc.

They are open to your suggestions, arrangements for sponsorship, distribution, advertising, co-publishing, one-time mergers, regional and/or regular features, guest editors.

For more information on submitting material or subscription rates:

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MOHAWK NATION

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Indian Education Analyzed

A special 26-member commission is analyzing the education of American Indian children in Michigan and is expected to report its findings in about six months says Thomas Farrel, a spokesman for the Michigan Education Department.

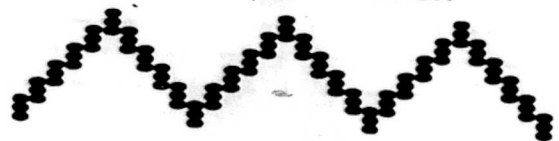
"The dropout rate is very high and I think there is a lot of discrimination in some areas against Indians," Farrel said.

The commission held its first meetings Thursday and Friday. It will develop recommendations for improving educational services to native American students. It also will review services, advise how to cut the dropout rate, survey school districts, review federal programs and pending legislation and review the status of Indians in Michigan colleges.

- Taken from The Detroit News; 5/20/85

Indian Artists in Museums

Several art museums will feature the works of Native Americans through a program funded by the 1985 Metropolitan Life Foundation's Museum Grants for Minority Visual Arts. The foundation's grant is designed to encourage professional advancement of minority artists, create new audiences for their work, and contribute to the diversity of museum programming. The grants will expose the work of older Taos Pueblo artists, encourage the work of younger residents and purchase works by contemporary Taos Pueblo artists at the residents and purchase works by contemporary Taos Pueblo artists at the Millicent Rogers Museum in Taos, NM; will enable gifted Navajo artists to create a series of murals depicting Navajo cultural history at the Ned A. Hatathli Museum in Tsaile, AZ; will help to organize a major exhibition of works by living northern plains native-american artists and to purchase works from those artists for the newly formed Institute of Culture at the North Dakota Museum of Art at Grand Forks, ND; will feature an exhibition of native american artists at the Art Museum in Sacramento, CA and will provide exposure and financial support to emerging minority artists from around the country at the Studio Museum in Harlem, NY. The deadline for the 1985 competition is January 10, 1986. for further information, write to the Metropolitan Life Foundation, One Madison Avenue, NY NY 10010.



Millions Claim Indian Blood

In the United States 1980 Census, nearly seven million Americans claimed to have American Indian ancestry, though only 1.4 million of them actually identified themselves as Indians. This information was culled from Census Bureau statistics in "American Demographics", a publication of Dow Jones and Company, Inc. The publication states: "Most of the people who reported American Indian ancestry did so in combination with other ancestry groups, such as English or Irish. Taken from Indian Studies, Cornell Univ. Vol. II, No. 2

FIRST INDIAN WOMAN PHYSICIAN

Lillie Rosa Minoka-Hill (1876-1952)

As one of the first American Indian women physicians in North America, Rosa Minoka-Hill said, "While in college, I resolved to spend some time and energy to help needy Indians. In Wisconsin, I found my work."

When her Mohawk mother died, Rosa Minoka left the St. Regis Indian Reservation in upstate New York where she had been born, and was sent to live in Philadelphia with a Quaker physician. Her upbringing chystallized Minoka's desire to study medicine to help others. As a young physician treating indigent immigrant women and working at a government school for Indians, Minoka met and married Wisconsin Oneida, Charles Hill. Having agreed to become a farmer's wife, she followed Hill to poverty stricken Brown County, Wisconsin, and began her family. In the interest of being useful to and accepted by her new people, Minoka-Hill sought out Oneida medicine men and women and added their herbal remedies and tribal influence to her array of skills. Eventually her kitchen-clinic became a dispensary for nutrition and sanitation information as well as basic medical care for most of the county's population.

During the Depression, Minoka-Hill found that her patients could not qualify for Federal medical relief because she was not a licensed physician. So with donations from friends for the application fees, she received her Wisconsin medical license in 1934, 35 years after her graduation from medical school. Rosa Minoka-Hill practiced for nearly twenty more years, finally receiving the accolades of her profession and her community. But the recognition that meant the most to her was her adoption by the Oneida tribe, who gave her the name "You-da-gent" meaning "she who serves".

Other dimensions
My world of many colored lights
Arms incircling, two figures,
Three shadows always
Mountians ascended.
Yellow days' magic nights

Darkening valleys
Pain Sorrow
World without end.

Symphonies blending
cymbals sounding
TRIUMPH!! Now
in the hands of the
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