

OBSERVER

THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE, INC.

WOODPRODUCTS PLANT UNDERWAY

On May 15, 1982 the dedication for the tribal woodproducts plant took place. Senator Levin and other dignitaries as well as tribal leaders, staff, and members were on hand. Production began in June, and the plant is now operating almost to full production. The management and employees should be congratulated for having achieved 5,000 hours of operation without an accident. Anyone from the community is welcome to visit the plant during working hours, but should first contact the manager, Dick Paxton.

The following comprise the board of directors for the woodproducts, known as SCE, Inc.

The Employees are as follows:

1. Barb Sprague, Office Clerk/Bookkeeper
2. Guy Albert Jackson, Crew Leader
3. Lavern Pelcher, Sawline Operator
4. Maynard Kahgegab, Fork Lift Operator
5. Phil Sprague, Assembler/Set-up/Quality Control
6. Harry Pelcher, Assembler/Set-up/Quality Control
7. Norman Neyome, Assembler/Handler
8. Oliver Leaureaux, Assembler/Handler
9. Gary Quigno, Assembler/Handler
10. Bill Federico, Assembler/Handler

1. President, Bob Beacom, President, Chemical Bank Clare
2. Vice-President, Ben Quigno, Tribal Planner
3. Secretary/Treasurer, Tom Wilson, Tribal Attorney
4. Ruth Moses, Tribal Executive Secretary
5. Eleanor Sprague, Tribal CHR
6. Jack Call, Program Executive, Bureau of Employment and Training, State Department of Labor
7. Bill Snodgrass, Production Manager, Dow Chemical Co.

Keep up the good work!

SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN HEALTH
DEPARTMENT GOOD NEWS!!

Everywhere else programs are being hurt by budget cuts for fiscal year 1982 and future 1983 programs look worse.

But good news, Indian Health Service has a special fund called "equity health care funds," which are allocated to Indian tribes across the nation to improve or upgrade the current health status of Indian people. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Grand Traverse Band were the only tribe's in Michigan selected to receive equity health care funding.

This is funding in addition to the total amount allocated for the 1982 fiscal year, \$75,000. This amount was programmed into the current 1982 medical contract for dental, hospital, physician, optical, and prescription services. Because of this additional money, if you have a medical need regarding inpatient, dental, or glasses, beyond our current spending limit, please contact Jean Pego. Do your children need glasses or dental work before school?

The total amount allocated for the 1983 fiscal year is \$75,000. This amount is being programmed into the 1983 budget as outlined below:

Licensed Practical Nurse
additional 50% time in
Nimkee Clinic-----\$ 7,917

Medical office assistant
additional 20% time in
Nimkee Clinic----- 2,922

Health management and
administration services
additional support
required to keep
functioning at the
present level----- 18,478

Mental Health Social
Services-----\$ 8,000

Public Health Nutrition
Services----- 5,050

Inpatient Hospitalization
Services----- 15,000

Dental Services----- 15,000

Patient Transportation----- 2,500

TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET-\$74,866

This proposed budget will be used to support our 1983 medical contracts, which probably will receive budget cuts. We will be attending contract negotiations with the Indian Health Service on August 11, 1982.

Thank you for this opportunity to share good news.

Audrey Falcon



JOHNSON-O'MALLEY

The Saginaw Chippewa Johnson-O'Malley Indian Education program is now operating on a year-round basis, for the first time.

As the program director (Home/School Coordinator) it is my duty to operate within certain limitations, or guidelines, as spelled out by Government regulation, the Parent's Committee, or the Tribal Administration.

One difficult task is attempting to dispel the mis-conception of quasi social services program, namely the indiscriminant distribution of Purchase Orders, for gym, or tennis shoes. Although this was practiced in the past, it is not now (nor should it have ever been), permissible.

However, should a student have a required gym class, or elected one, on his school class schedule, JOM can issue him/her a special piece of equipment; such as band, a vocational class (tools, manuals, etc.); and this equipment is not furnished by the schools; JOM will purchase or rent (band instruments) the needed equipment. This also holds true in athletic programs, where the student is required to furnish his own special shoes in baseball, football, track, or other sports.

Keep in mind-a request for JOM Purchase Order must be for a school related activity. After filling out a purchase order, it must then be checked by the Accounting Department Head, and Tribal Chairman or his immediate assistant.

Each parent, fosterparent, or relative that is caring for an

Indian child is urged to participate in Parent Committee meetings. you need not be a Committee member to furnish in-put, and your suggestions will be considered.

Wilmer Smith
JOM Coordinator



ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS

If you have unpaid medical bills during the fiscal year, (October 1, 1982 - September 30, 1982) please get them into Jean Pego's office. These bill's will be accepted until October 15, 1982. Especially Davis Clinic bills. If you are not sure about any medical bills, please see Jean and she will check on them.

"These bills will not get paid if we don't have them."

Me qwetch.

NIMKEE CLINIC NEWS

Various screening clinics were held at Nimkee Memorial Health Clinic from June through August. The various testings performed free of cost were for (1) Vision; (2) Immunizations; (3) Family planning/breast exam/pap smear; (4) Glaucoma, (5) Hearing; (6) Hypertension/diabetes, (7) Anemia/TB; (8) Dental; and (9) School physicals.

Attendance by the Indian community here was greatly down from last year, for reasons uncertain. However, several explanations come to light (1) People didn't feel they needed to be tested again for the same things as last year, (2) They recently had these tests performed by their own doctor, (3) They were gone on vacation, (4) The times scheduled for the tests were too inconvenient.

One would understand why there would be no need to have these tests performed again if they were recently performed by the physician of one's own choice. If they were performed at the screening clinics held last year, you would still benefit from having them performed again this year. All the tests offered were chosen specifically for the Indian people to detect early some of the health problems Indian people experience the most. The clinic staff can't help you with your health problems if you won't let them find out if you have it by not being tested. Your health status can change in a year. If you were gone on vacation and was unable to attend, please contact the clinic. The tests you were interested in can be rescheduled at your convenience. If all the scheduled times were inconvenient, please let the

clinic staff know. Your input can help them to better schedule the screening tests for the future, to enable more people to attend.

Help the Nimkee Clinic Staff help you and the community-BE TESTED! There are people working very hard who do care.

Jane Powers



NOTICE WIC PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Just a note to let you know that I'll be going on maternity leave in August and September. So for these month's WIC Coupons can be picked up on the 18th of each month in the Health Board from Audrey Falcon or Jeanette Johnson. Please pick up your coupons on the scheduled pick up date, if possible. In September, the 18th falls on a Saturday so the coupons can be picked up on Friday. No recertifications are scheduled until October unless I call you. New persons or new arrivals can be signed up by Lorna Call, CHR.

Thanks,

Patty Heron
Local WIC Coordinator



EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM 1982

This year the Early Childhood Program had 31 students ranging from three to five years. It started June 21, thru July 29, 1982. It was located at the new Community Building on Nish-Na-Be-Among Drive.

The school was in session four days a week, Monday thru Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The children were transported to and from school by a Mt. Pleasant Public School bus. Our bus driver was Robert McQuaid (Chief). Friday morning was spent buying supplies and preparing for Monday. The afternoon was spent working in Wilmer's office.

Students learned many different things such as identification of colors, numbers, shapes and sizes, the alphabet, songs, nursery rhymes, stories, and developed motor skills. They also learned to say a few words in their Indian language and sing an Indian hymn. The children also learned the value of friendship, sharing, listening (most of the time), and manners. We also prayed before lunch.

Students went on three field trips, one to Potter Park and Zoo in Lansing, and two trips to the lake. The lake was an Isabella County park located near Clare. The children really seemed to enjoy going swimming. Everything went smoothly with the children always in sight. We had many parent volunteers for the three trips.

We had six student aides who were very helpful and worked well with the children. They spent their time usefully and they seemed to enjoy their jobs very much.

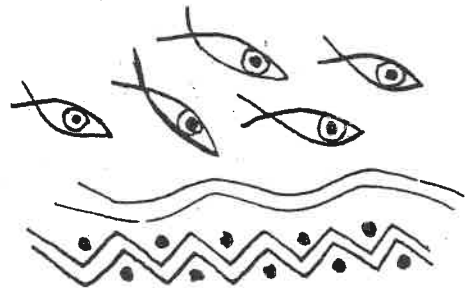


Lunches were prepared by the student aides, under the supervision of either Margaret Sowmick or Marion Falcon. We had a chef combination puppet the students knew as Chef Combo. Chef Combo talked about food value. They learned the four main food groups, and their importance, besides foods that are considered junk food. Chef Combo also talked about safety in play, and why we should be neat and clean, by always washing our hands before meals, and brushing their teeth after every meal. Students were provided with their own tooth brush, contributed by Dr. Peldyak. The students also made a Chef Combo puppet themselves.

The last day was Thursday, July 29. We had graduation ceremonies up at the hill. We started by having a clown juggler perform for the children which they enjoyed very much. We then handed out diplomas for all students who attended school and certificates and ten \$5.00 coupon book from McDonalds for the children with excellent attendance. We then had a picnic. The meat and drinks were provided by JOM and the parents bought a dish to pass. It was a good meal and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

All in all, it was a fun and great year for everyone involved.

Margaret Sowmick



NEW COURT MAGISTRATE



Richmond Riggs has recently joined the staff here at the Tribal Center and will be serving as the new Court Clerk/Magistrate.

Rich is an attorney who graduated from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing On September, 1981. He took the Bar Exam in February, 1982, and was admitted to the practice of law on May, 1982. Rich is new to the Mt. Pleasant area and will move here soon. His hometown is Cheboygan.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Services Available:

- General alcohol education
- One-to-one counseling
- Marital counseling and/or referral
- Family counseling and/or referral

Our unified efforts can help our brothers and sisters who may have an alcohol or drug problem. Feel free to come in and converse and visit or call anytime during working hours at 773-4219, or at nights - 772-0319. Worry is useless, no one can make you unhappy.

NOTE

I am recruiting boys and girls ages 7-17 for a 4-H project, raising and caring for livestock (chickens, rabbits, beef cattle, etc) for our community.

Also, we need ideas from the youth for programming winter activities.

We also are needing applicants for CED classes. Contact me for any ideas, or help.

Henry George

TRIBAL POLICE

The Tribal Police Department has now expanded in manpower. We would like to welcome aboard Tim Davis as our new Tribal Police Officer. Tim is a local member of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe. Officer Davis was hired by the Tribal Council on June 14 of this year.

Tim has been working with the Police Department as an on-the-job trainee, until he can attend the National Indian Police Academy in Brigham City, Utah. Right now Officer Davis is getting acquainted with police tactics such as patrolling, traffic control, investigation of criminal offenses, radio procedures, arrest procedures, report writing, and taking complaints. Officer Davis can make arrests according to our tribal code of offenses. These are just some of his duties. The rest will be taught at the police academy.

Also, the tribal police have now received a new patrol vehicle. It is a 1982 Plymouth Gran Fury 4-door. The vehicle was painted a two-toned (brown and tan) color. This will be the color of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police.



Hey Ruthie, has your love life improved at all since you got your waterbed?", Cheryl asked. "Well, you can judge from the name I've given it", said Ruthie. "What do you call your waterbed?" Cheryl asked. "The Dead Sea".

THE INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL FOOD
COMMODITY PROGRAM

The Inter-Tribal Council Food Commodity Program began in April, 1982. We are presently servicing Isabella and Clare Counties as well as the Saganing and Merritt areas. The program distributes a wide variety of foods such as canned meat, vegetables, fruits, and juices, cheese, butter, milk, flour, cereal, pasta, dry beans, etc. Each household receives food commodities once each month at a set amount per person per household size, which figures out to be approximately \$35.00 to \$40.00 worth of groceries per person.

For those persons participating in the Food Stamp Program a choice must be made between food stamps and food commodities. Those not qualified for the Food Stamp Program should note that our income eligibility guidelines are higher than the Food Stamp Program and in July increases even higher. So don't hesitate to contact us to see if your family might be eligible. We are located at the tribal center in back of the gym. Our phone number is 773-2584.

Also don't forget to bring in verification of income when applying and for recertification purposes.

The food commodity personnel to contact are:

Mary Ellen Jackson, Supervisor
Patty Heron, Certification/
Distribution Worker
Pat Mena, CETA Worker
Scott Moses, CETA Worker
David Otto, CETA Worker

P.S. Those persons who did not receive corn syrup for the month of August we are expecting another shipment of food from the USDA Kansas City Warehouse, the first week in September. The corn syrup can be picked up at this time or you may receive double for September.

Thank you,



Patty Heron
Certification Worker

NOTICE

There is now a dumpster up on the hill for tribal members use who live on the south end of the Reservation. The church can also use it as well as the campers. It will be dumped weekly.

The purpose is to cut down on rodents and skunks, as they like the same foods as humans. Hopefully, this will also keep pets from getting into trash and garbage cans and scattering it around.

No need to burn or bury it now, dump it! The people living in the trailer park and tribal members who do not live in the HUD homes should use the one in front of the housing office, as the Tribe pays for the dumping of that one also.



TSHUSICK

Tshusick was a Chippewa woman who, because of her intelligence, charm and wit, captured the hearts of many of America's most important people in 1827. One bitterly cold night, Tshusick just appeared in Washington D.C., having walked from her home near Detroit, Michigan. The sister of the Indian agent's wife in Michigan happened to be the wife of John Quincy Adams, President of the United States. The Indian agent's wife was Tshusick's friend, and from conversations with her Tshusick decided that she wanted to see the nation's capital. She eventually met the president and nearly every other important leader who lived in Washington. The entire town was captivated by her. Although a native of the wilderness, Tshusick spoke French and English as well as she spoke her own language. For a time, no prominent social event in Washington was complete without her. One day several months after she had appeared, Tshusick announced that it was time for her to return to her own people. She left Washington, but not on foot and in the cold as she had come. Rather, on the day of her departure, she set out in an elegant coach loaded with presents from an admiring city whose heart she had stolen.



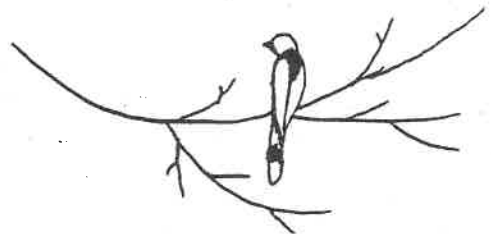
ONE DAY AT A TIME

There are two days in every week we should not worry about - Two days that should be kept free from fear and apprehension. One of these is YESTERDAY with its mistakes and cares, its aches and pains, its faults and blunders. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot erase a single word we said. Yesterday is gone.

The other day we should not worry about is TOMORROW. Tomorrow with its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promise of performance. But tomorrow is also beyond our immediate control. Tomorrow's sun will rise either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds - but it WILL rise. Until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unborn.

This leaves but one day - TODAY. Any person can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when we add the burdens of those two awful eternities - yesterday and tomorrow - that we break down. It is not the experience of today that drives us mad - it is the remorse or bitterness for something which happened yesterday and the dread of what tomorrow may bring. Therefore, let us journey one day at a time.

The Lord's Prayer says, give us THIS day our daily bread, so this is the time we should concern ourselves with - what will you do with TODAY?



WALKING THAT EXTRA MILE TO
RETURN GOOD FOR EVIL



What we loosely call "religion" in our society turns some people on and some people off. What I find especially interesting is that just as many good people are turned off as are turned on. It does not separate the sheep from the goats by any means.

Some of the best people I have known - including my father - have been atheistic, in the conventional sense of the word.

And some of the worst - we have all seen them in the front pews - are the most pious, the most devout, the most orthodox.

ONE OF THE FIRST things you learn in life - or should learn, if you mature - is that you cannot divide people by what they believe, or think they believe, or profess to believe.

Goodness and mercy in people - the kind that the Old Testament prophets preached and that Jesus revived - seem to have little to do with religion in its organized form, as a cult or a creed or a canon.

It is basically a matter of character more than creed, of your feelings and acts toward others more than any articulated philosophy of life, or death.

In fact, this is what I think Jesus was trying to get across - and failed, even with most of his own disciples.

WHEN HE SAID, "I am the way," he wanted people to imitate his actions and behavior, and not to worship him. In my reading of the New Testament, he had no notion of setting up a new

religion, and least of all a new church.

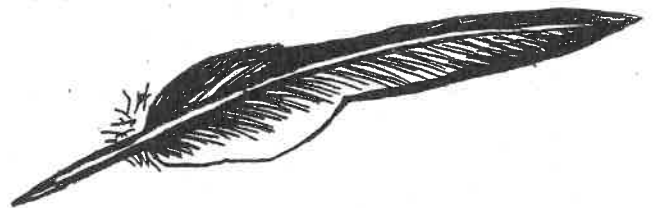
As a believer, I am not convinced that God is particularly interested in what we call "religion," or that it even exists as a concept for Him. What is demanded of us is that we be kind and just to one another, even if there is no redeemer, no heaven, no hell and no afterlife.

All these seem like advertising and promotion to me; unworthy of a cosmic deity, too small and petty for the creator of an infinite and unfathomable universe. Prompted by human fears more than divine faith.

What the Old Testament prophets asked - as distinct from the priesthood - is that we render justice and mercy to each other. What Jesus asked - as distinct from his later followers - is that we go even further, walking the extra mile, returning good for evil.

This is hard, the hardest thing in the world to do. It is so hard that religion tries to make it easier by letting us obey creeds and mumble prayers and support churches, and thus feel "religious" without truly being so. Look at the world today, and try to deny it.

Reprint from Sidney Harris.



CHIPPEWA INDIAN UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

1) Campground

By the time we have this news-
letter out the campground
should be ready to receive
campers. Foster Hall is in
charge of the campground work
group. They have all been
doing a super job getting things
ready. We still need to keep
up with cleaning and cutting
grass and weeds. The bathrooms
must be kept clean regularly
too. The appreciation of
everyone goes to the workers
who took their time and effort
of hard work to make things
ready. God bless all of you.
We pray everyone will continue
to help.

2) We had six children who attended
the Indian Heritage Camp at
Greensky Hill Indian Mission.
They were George Mandoka,
Carmen Acevedo, Tim Sprague,
Sharrie Moses, Jennie Slater,
and Chuckie Slater. We hope
they had a good time and were
able to study the word of the
Lord and learn some of their
heritage and enjoy it at the
same time. Next year don't
forget this camp is open to
all who would like to attend
and meet the requirements.
There is a limited amount that
can go because it is a small
camp. So applications are
done on a first come first
serve basis. Joe Sprague was
one of the counselors. They
always need counselors and
would appreciate all the help
they can get next year.

3) August 29 thru September 5...
We are having our campmeeting.
Joey Gilbert is the speaker.
For our campmeeting store the

one who had the highest bid was
Alfreda Moses and Marilyn Williams.
As of this writing we still do not
have a cook. Also soup nights can
be reserved by contacting one of
the campmeeting committee. They
are: Joe Sprague, Marilyn Williams,
and Kim Sawmick. We will also be
contacting someone to put on a
program for the young people too.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 18 - Sunday,
September 19.

\$5.00 Donation to Church per booth
for those setting one up.

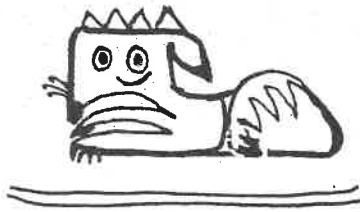
Contact Cathy Chamberlain for
space at: 773-9147.

Local Artisans and Sellers Only!

Can have foods, crafts, used
items, baked goods, etc.



Ole' Ollie was scared to death when he went to the dentist with a toothache. To calm him down, the dentist offered him a shot of whiskey. Ollie drank it down, then had another. "Now," said the dentist, "got your courage back?" "Yeah," snarled Ollie, "and I'd like to see anybody try to touch my teeth!"



Booster had been having a terrible time on the golf course one day. First he sliced his ball into some bushes, then into a sand trap, then across a road. Finally he hit it deep into the woods. He went looking for the ball, but couldn't find it. "Why not forget it?" Joe asked. "No way" said Booster, "that's my lucky ball!"



ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers:

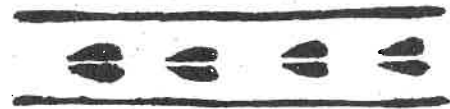
Would you kindly give this letter your prompt attention as a return reply would be greatly appreciated.

I have two brothers: One works for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the other one was just sent to the electric chair for murder. My mother died in an institution from insanity when I was three (3) years old. My two sisters are prostitutes; and my father sells narcotics to high school kids to make a living for his common law wife.

Recently, I met an alcoholic girl who was just released from prison when she spent seven years for smothering her illegitimate child to death, and I want to marry her.

My problem is, if I marry this girl, should I tell her about my brother who works for the Bureau of Indian Affairs?

Desperate & Dependent



ADS

-Add class to your act! Walk in style on Mason shoes. Order from Barb Bennett, 2385 Ojibway Drive.

-Need signs, show cards, truck lettering? See Leo Pego - Reasonable Rates. 7329 E. Broadway, 773-5114.

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