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NOTICE OF GENERAL COUNCIL

In accordance with action taken by the Menominee Advisory Council, a General Council of the Menominee Tribe has been called for Wednesday, March 13, 1957. The meeting will be held at St. Anthony's Gymnasium, in Neopit, Wisconsin, and will begin at 10:00 A.M. Should a quorum fail to appear, the meeting will convene as the Menominee Advisory Council.

This meeting will be with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Mr. Glenn Emmons, who, with members of his staff, will be present.

The approved order of business is as follows:

1. The need for a cadastral survey on the reservation to define the boundaries of tracts held by individuals and others.
2. The proposal to construct and operate a prefabrication house plant at Keshena.
3. Potential problems on issuance of beneficial interests to indigents and minors.
4. Any other problems concerning the Tribe.

A free lunch will be served at noon. Bus transportation will be provided from Keshena and Zoar at 9:30 A.M.

A meeting of the Menominee Advisory Council will be held at St. Anthony's Gymnasium at Neopit, Wisconsin, on Tuesday, March 12, 1957, at 10:00 A.M. for conferences with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, State, University, and County Officials, and others on Menominee matters. The public is urged to attend this meeting also.

Melvin L. Robertson
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Superintendent

MORE ABOUT PROSPECTS OF FUTURE GOVERNMENT ON THE MENOMINEE RESERVATION

In the last two issues of the Menominee News, we have attempted to bring to you the highlights of a report, entitled "County and Local Government Organization on the Menominee Indian Reservation", submitted to the Menominee Indian Study Committee by the Bureau of Government of the Extension Division of the University. In this issue, we conclude our briefing of this report by presenting to you in full the "General Findings" presented by the authors:

GENERAL FINDINGS

- "1. Within the present constitutional framework there is a wide range of feasible patterns of county and local government organization, any one of which could be employed on the Menominee Indian Reservation upon termination of its federal status. No one of these patterns is the only or even the best solution, from every point of view. Each has advantages and disadvantages--to the state, to the existing counties and to the Tribe.
- "2. The level of expenditures will vary markedly depending upon which one of the several possibilities for county government on the Reservation is adopted. It is not likely that the level of revenues will vary greatly among the several alternatives.
 - The range of county revenues to be raised from the general property tax would vary from a low of about \$95,000 if the Reservation were included in an existing county, to a high of \$153,000 if a separate county were set up. It may be possible to reduce both the low and high figures further. Some of the ways in which this can be done are through transfer of certain functions from county to town, combination of county and town offices, attachment of a separate new county to adjoining counties for judicial and/or administrative services, and extensive use of contracts or agreements for the performance of service by other jurisdictions.
 - Unless the Reservation, apart from the lands under the forest crop law, has a taxable property value in excess of \$9 million, it is not likely to be able to pay its share of county costs under any alternative possibility for county government.
 - There is a strong possibility, in the immediate years ahead at least, that the value of the taxable property would be less than the minimum required and that it would therefore not yield sufficient revenues to cover governmental operations.
 - Since welfare costs comprise a major portion of the area's costs, there is need to develop a way of handling these costs so that burdens are not unfairly placed. One possibility is to shift costs from the county to the local unit. Another is emergency aid from the State or from the federal government, or both, for a transitional period.
- "3. The decision as to local government organization will affect expenditures and revenues, as well as the opportunities of the Menominees for self-government at the local level.
 - The organization of the Reservation as a single town would permit the maximum economy in local government expenditures. Any increase in the number of local units above a single town would almost necessarily increase costs without an increase in revenues.
 - The problem on the revenue side is more complex than on the expenditure side. Under present provisions of the forest crop law the unit in which the forested area is located receives 40 per cent of the amounts returned by the state. Any division of the Reservation into more than one local unit of government could easily result in the receipt of a disproportionate share of forest crop revenue by one unit to the disadvantage of another.
 - The establishment of a single unit of local government for the Reservation would help maintain the integrity of the present Menominee community at the same time that it opened opportunities for responsible local self-government.
 - A town unit of government serving the Reservation which adopted village powers would be able to carry on all of the local functions normally performed in a Wisconsin community.

- "4. A separate county would represent the present natural community of the area, and to some degree avoid the problem of present frictions between the Menominees and adjacent officials and residents. But there are persuasive social, administrative, and fiscal reasons against such a separate county:
- The reservation area alone would make one of the smallest counties in the state, considering area, population size and wealth. Some, but by no means all, of the disadvantages of a small county might be offset by combining offices and having functions and services performed by other jurisdictions.
 - Although the Menominees have had some experience in government, it cannot be asserted unequivocally that they could immediately undertake both county and town government without outside assistance.
 - The final decision as to organization of county and local government on the Reservation requires balancing various interests--the interest of the Menominees, of the people and governments of the surrounding areas, of the people and the state government of Wisconsin, and of the Reservation in an existing county seems to have special advantages, much might be gained if this avenue were thoroughly explored before a decision were made to set up a new county. Whatever decision is made, it would certainly be to the interest of the state to look into the possibilities of federal financial assistance in view of the special federal interest and responsibility in this matter.
- "5. Neither Shawano nor Oconto county would be seriously harmed or greatly helped in areas, population size, or present tax base if the Reservation were made a separate county, were attached to Langlade County, or were wholly transferred to either Shawano or Oconto counties.
- "6. Once a decision has been made about governmental organization, there will arise many problems relating to the organization and procedures of the new governmental set-up. This transition can be handled in a more orderly and effective way if systematic arrangements are made beforehand. The most important problems will probably center around the acquisition of suitable facilities and equipment, and title thereto; the development of new organization; the installation of new administrative methods and procedures; and the training of such new officials as may be needed. In this connection it is of special importance that the appropriate jurisdictions work out suitable arrangements respecting costs and transfer of property.
- "7. Field research in the course of this study has revealed widespread confusion and misunderstanding as to the various governmental possibilities, not only among the Menominees but among people elsewhere as well. For that reason it may be desirable to make information on the county and local government problem widely available among the residents of the Reservation, of the adjacent areas, and of the state."

TINTED LIGHT BULBS AVAILABLE

Blue, pink and yellow light bulbs are now on the market. To get the same amount of light, you will need to get a bulb of the next higher wattage than the one you are replacing. There is about a 25% loss of light with tinted bulbs.

If colored bulbs are used, colors similar to the bulbs appear brighter. Blue or aqua bulbs brighten cool colors but tend to gray warm reds and yellows. Yellow gives a sunny effect to warm colors. Pink bulbs highlight warm red, orange, and brown but flatten skin colors.

White bulbs are more satisfactory in sewing areas since you need the larger amount of light for close work. For reading you will want the larger amount of light. Untinted light also shows the print clearer.

Edith Engel
Home Agent

ORDERING OF FRUIT TREES, ETC.

This is a reminder to you folks desiring to order fruit trees, vines and roots through the Extension Office. We have a complete list and all the stock is sold on a special price basis. By pooling orders we get this lower price and also get delivery free from the Nursery.

This is an excellent opportunity for you to add to your present orchard or to start a new one. Why not stop in and talk it over. We have the recommendations for the varieties that will grow well in this area. The price list was published in the last Menominee News.

William O. Bennett
Agricultural Agent

STUMPAGE CHECKS

If anybody has any information as to the whereabouts or addresses on the following list of names please advise the Menominee Indian Mills, Neopit, Wisconsin. The stumpage checks that were issued on December 10, 1956 in the amount of \$129.54 are still at the Mills Office for these people.

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| Herman J. Dick | Wilbert J. Peters |
| Lloyd J. Dickenson | Patrick L. Peters |
| Irving Dodge | Wallace Peters, Jr. |
| Ethel T. Dunn | Christine W. Shegonee |
| Jesse Jacobson | Vernon Teller |
| Mary Jane Jeykel | Joseph Tepiew |
| Pearl P. Kaquatosh | Albert G. Tourtillott |
| Warren E. Kakwitch | Clyde S. Warrington |
| Gilbert P. Lyons | Kenneth Warrington |
| Wesley J. Martin | Peter Wolf |
| Louis T. Pamanet | |

NEWS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

DOG CONTROL.....We are building a dog pound which will be located at the rear of the residence of Tom Oshkosh. The feeding and care of the dogs will be handled by Mr. Oshkosh.

CONTROL PROCEDURE.....any stray dogs or cats, or those not bearing the registration tag will be impounded and unless identified within four days will be destroyed. This is in accordance with state law. However, if you can identify your dog within four days and claim him you will be required to pay the room and board for the dog at a rate of \$1.00 per day. This, of course, will be paid to the Tribal Treasurer.

WAYS OF DESTRUCTION.....Gas chamber or shooting whichever seems advantageous. The police officers will destroy a dog upon request. This will be done at the cost of fifty cents payable to the Tribal Treasurer.

252 dog tags are issued; if you don't have your dog tag yet you will have until Friday, March 1st to do so. All dogs should be tagged and tied up.

ARTERIAL VIOLATIONS.....are still very common. Police officers have instructions to arrest for arterial violations.

CONSERVATION violations are still cropping up. If you have knowledge of any infraction please call our office and the information will be given the Conservation Warden. This may be done in confidence.

THE JUVENILE OFFICER is now working a day on and a day off but will handle any and all juvenile problems at anytime you may have to use him.

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POLICE NEWS - CON'T.

GARBAGE.....There have been repeated complaints relative to the dumping of garbage on the highway as well as in places not designated as dumping grounds. Anybody caught doing so will be dealt with according to law.

PEDDLER'S PERMIT....It is required that nonresidents doing business on the Reservation should identify themselves at the Police Department. We will check as to the reliability of the person or the firm he represents. When approached by a transient peddler, make sure he has clearance from this department.

R. J. Wisniewski
Chief of Police

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TO THE MENOMINEE NEWS

Since all legislation in our United States Congress is the result of actions by members of Congress, the best method of securing the legislation we want is by assuring our Congressmen that we hold them responsible for the enactment of such legislation.

No matter how local the application of a piece of legislation may be, if it is Federal all the Congressmen from the other regions must vote on it as well as those of the special locality to which it pertains.

So bills affecting the Menominee Tribe must be supported not only by Wisconsin Congressmen but by those from the other 47 states as well. These Congressmen must be aware of the meaning of these bills and of their affect. In this way the slogan "Write your Congressman" came about.

Since legislation for Termination became necessary for the Menominees, in my work as a lecturer I have made contacts with many groups stating the case on Termination and asking these people to "write their Congressmen" to become informed on the required measures and support them. I did not start doing this until asked authoritatively to do so and have been constantly in touch with the Menominees' Attorneys and Council Chairman. The effectiveness of this work acknowledgment has been made in both the Menominee News and the CNRA's Menominee Report.

I was in Washington several weeks in 1956. In March of that year Congressman Henry S. Reuss called me to his office and asked whether I would head a Wisconsin Committee to support Menominee legislation. I had to think this over. I agreed to do so if the Menominees wanted it, and would not accept until Mr. Reuss asked the opinion of Messrs. James Frechette, Monroe Weso and Hilary Waukau who were to arrive in Washington shortly. These delegates concurred with Mr. Reuss who at once arranged a TV interview between himself, Mr. Frechette and me on the subject.

The personnel of the committee was carefully chosen; and the notices sent out to them from Mr. Reuss' office resulted in a large attendance at the organization meeting. This meeting was held in the afternoon of the first Sunday in May at the home of Mrs. Max J. Schmidt in Wauwatosa when she and I were elected vice-chairman and chairman respectively. The name of the committee selected was Citizens Committee for the Menominees. Any interested citizen was invited to join.

The purpose of this Committee is to support such measures, action and legislation as the Menominees want. It does not advise, propose or suggest. It acts only when the Menominee Council Chairman and the Menominees' attorneys give it "the green light". Then it is prepared to go into very effective action as it is composed of many foreseeing and influential citizens of Wisconsin who feel their responsibility as the Termination problems proceed.

We, as a committee, as well as individuals, have perfect confidence in the integrity of the Menominees as a people and in Menominee leadership. Perhaps it is not fully appreciated that the Menominees enjoy marked prestige because of their leadership and particularly because of the high esteem in which Mr. James G. Frechette, Council Chairman and Tribal delegate, is so widely held. His wisdom

and manner of serving his people and of approaching those responsible for the rules of Termination are widely known and admired as largely determining the Menominees' successful plans for their future self-government.

Mrs. Angus F. Lookaround, Chairman
Citizens Committee for the Menominees

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REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

At the regular meeting of the Advisory Council held on February 12, 1957, the roll call showed ten members present and two absent.

The first item of business was a report of the Chairman of the Advisory Council on business transacted while he was in Washington, D. C. for the Presidential Inauguration. Chairman pointed out that upon the advice of the attorneys and Congressman Laird, more information should be gathered to justify the establishment of the Semico House Penel project at Keshena. Congressman Laird made an appointment for us to visit the Forest Woods Products Laboratory in Madison to gather this information.

We further contacted the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and extended an invitation to him to come to the Menominee Indian Reservation for the purpose of meeting with the Menominee Tribe to determine future procedures in relation to the problems of termination. The Commissioner showed a great deal of interest in such a meeting and promised to attend some time in the near future. We now have information that he will be here on March 12 and 13, 1957.

We also took up the matter of the transfer of Mr. Kenneth Holkan to Anadarko, Oklahoma. We found that the Advisory Council was misinformed and that Mr. Holkan had requested a transfer and was anxious and willing that this come about because he wished to protect his own status as an employee of the Federal Government. He further had fears that the rating he held here on the Menominee would be evaluated and decreased because of the work load that now exists in the Menominee Agency, due to the Tribe taking over much responsibility formerly handled by the Agency. We were informed that Mr. Holkan was being replaced by Mr. Wheelock who has experience and comes highly recommended by the Indian Bureau, to take over the work. The Chairman was assured by the Commissioner's Office that we had no fear of this change hindering the progress of the Tribe in any way as far as Termination was concerned. We found ourselves in the position of accepting the reasons Mr. Holkan was transferred because it was clear that it was the wish of Mr. Holkan himself.

The Chairman then read a telegram from the Office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs stating he would be here on March 12 and 13 and the Council passed a resolution accepting these dates and are making preparations for this visit.

The contract drawn up for the care of garbage collection at Neopit was read to the Council. This contract is now held by Mr. Alfred McPherson of Neopit.

The Advisory Council approved the establishment of a Polio Fund. By Motion, they set up \$200.00 for this purpose. The Polio Fund is established principally to have money available for the purchase of the vaccine necessary for these shots. A great deal of discussion was had as to whether individuals would pay for the shots. Dr. Kirsch estimated that it would cost in the neighborhood of 60¢ per shot; three shots are necessary to get the complete treatment, so for \$1.80 the polio shots could be given to any individual desiring them. It was decided by the Advisory Council that charges would be made to any adult members of the Tribe wishing to get them and to non-members of the Tribe, with the exception of all enrolled school children and children of enrolled Menominee Indian parents. It is hoped that this Polio Fund will act as a revolving fund and all those who receive shots and pay for same, the money will be placed back in the Polio Fund.

The Chairman of the Advisory Council read a letter from the Attorneys in regard to guardianships of minors' funds that are now taken up by various people in surrounding communities. Much discussion was had on this problem which led to a deeper problem, namely, what will happen to the interest of minors and indigents at termination, in the issuance of certificates of beneficial interest? It was suggested that this matter be taken up when the Commissioner is here.

The Chairman brought up the suggestion of the establishment of a Bureau of Information, according to the recommendations of the Subcommittee of the Menominee Indian Study Committee. It was suggested that we can possibly hire one of the two Professors now in the Adult Education teaching program, to head up this Bureau of Information. The Chairman further suggested that the Tribe select preferably, Mr. Monroe Weso to act as the Tribal representative in this Information Bureau. He justified this recommendation because of the experience and ability of Mr. Weso to explain to the people the problems of the future as he has demonstrated in General Councils for the past several years. The Chairman pointed out that it was highly desirable that a Menominee speaking individual be selected for this post because it is highly important that the people who must have these problems interpreted to them are the people who would be seriously affected in case they did not understand the terms under which termination will take place. He further pointed out that the Tribe showed its evidence of trust and respect for Mr. Monroe Weso in that they had selected him to represent them as a delegate to Washington, D. C. for the past three years. The Advisory Council accepted the recommendations of the Subcommittee of the Menominee Indian Study Committee and also accepted the recommendation of the Chairman in suggesting Mr. Weso for this new position. The Chairman was then given authority to proceed to work out the machinery necessary to immediately set up this new office.

James G. Frechette, Chairman
Menominee Indian Advisory Council

Martin Wheelock has reported for duty as Agency Administrative Officer, succeeding Kenneth Holkan, who was transferred to Anadarko, Oklahoma, as Area Finance Officer. Mr. Wheelock, a veteran of twenty years in the Indian Service, came from the Consolidated Ute Agency in Ignacio, Colorado.

BIRTHS FOR JANUARY, 1957

Daniel Allen Reiter	Born 1-3-57	To Lorraine & James Reiter
James Elton Pocan	" 1-6-57	" Zane & James Pocan
Karen Therese Factor	" 1-8-57	" Winona & Eastman Factor
Perry Lee Heise	" 1-11-57	" Joyce & Elroy Heise
Daryl James Wayka	" 1-12-57	" Louise & Ernest Wayka
Cheryl Marie Wesho	" 1-13-57	" Janice & Leno Wesho
Patricia Marie Kiar	" 1-16-57	" Victoria & Kenneth Kiar
Ona Marie Vasquez	" 1-21-57	" Violetta & Jose Vasquez
Lanette Lynn Crowe	" 1-21-57	" Venita & Osborne Crowe
Wanda Lee Peters	" 1-23-57	" Veronica & Walter Peters
Claudette Marie Lyons	" 1-27-57	" Zenith & Merrill Lyons
Louise Marie Annamitta	" 1-29-57	" Sadie & Roger Annamitta

DEATHS FOR JANUARY, 1957

Diana Lynn Levanavich, age 4 months, died 1-7-57, daughter of Barbara Pyawasit and John Levanavich
 Victor Joseph Tucker, age 7 weeks, died 1-9-57, son of Agnes Lawe and Robert Tucker
 Irene Boyd, age 51 years, died 1-19-57, wife of Mr. John M. Boyd
 Nancy Alice Martin, age 8 months, died 1-30-57, daughter of Helen Reiter and Lawrence Martin

LOCAL NEWS

Pvt. William J. Weso, son of Mr. & Mrs. Monroe Weso, is serving with the 3rd Bn. at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Mrs. Jean White of the Relocation Staff at the Menominee Indian Agency has resigned from her position and is now taking up family duties. Best of luck to Jean and Mary Louise. Jean's help on the Menominee News is greatly missed.....

Raymond D. Tucker was recently discharged from the U. S. Navy and is at the present time spending some time with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Gabe Tucker of Keshena and friends in the surrounding area.

Ronald Amour is spending a twenty day leave from his duties in the U. S. Navy with his mother and friends. Ronnie is stationed in California

TOURNAMENT NEWS

A grade school tournament sponsored by St. Joseph's Indian School of Keshena was held at the gymnasium in Keshena on March 1, 2, and 3. Teams participating in this tournament were St. Joseph's A team of Keshena, St. Joseph's B team of Keshena, St. Anthony's of Neopit, Sacred Heart of Shawano, Clintonville Grade School and Gresham Grade School.

The first place trophy went to Gresham Grade School, second place to Clintonville Grade School, third place to St. Anthony's of Neopit and fourth place to St. Joseph's B Team of Keshena.

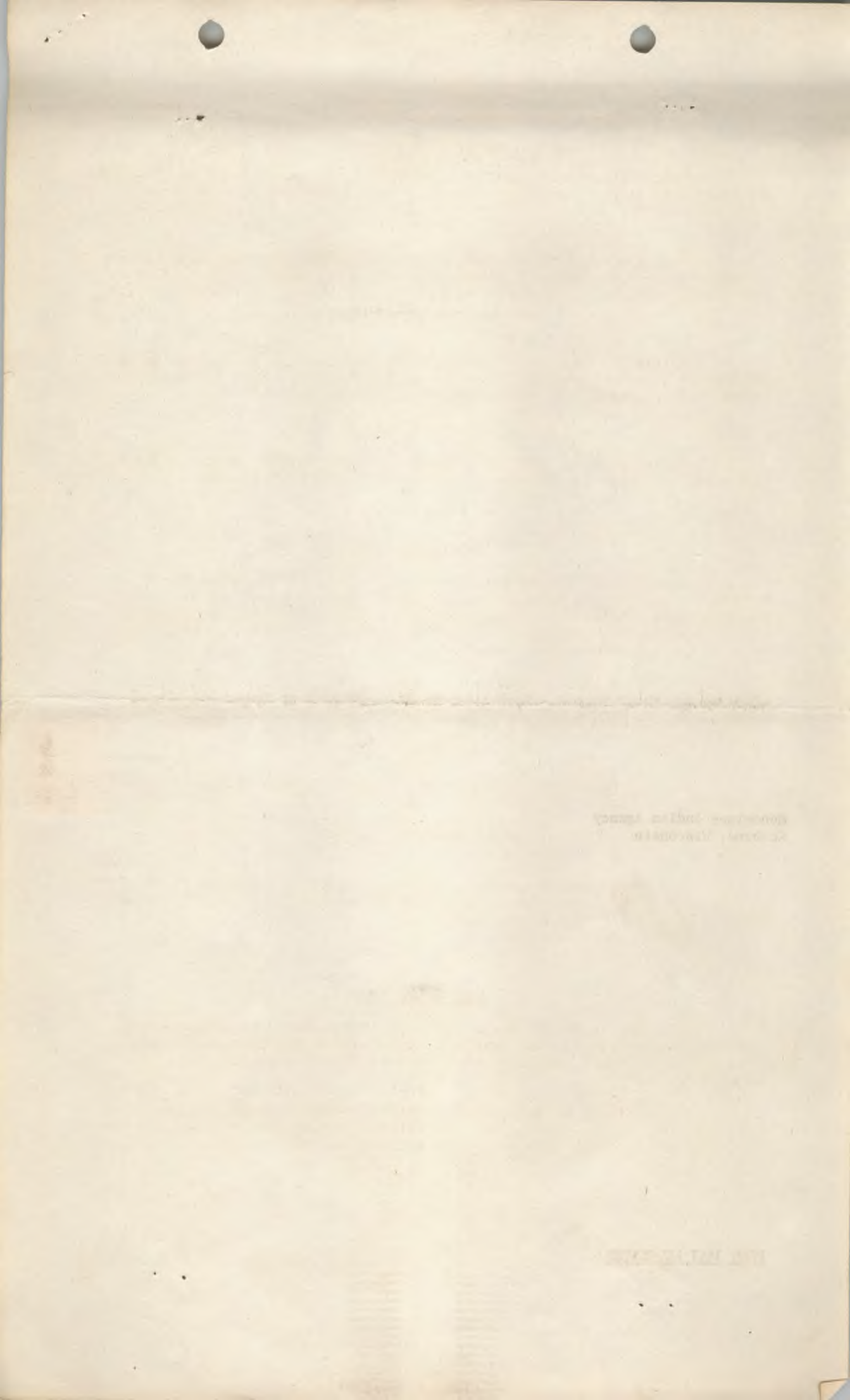
The Reservation All Stars won the Northern Division Championship in a tournament held at Bowler on March 3. The All Stars defeated Marion 79 to 77 in an afternoon game and in the evening defeated Bowler 82 to 69 to take the championship crown for the Northern Division. On March 17 they will play the champs of the Southern Division.

The Reservation tournaments that were originally scheduled for March 15, 16, and 17 will be played the following weekend on March 22, 23, and 24. These games will be held at the Keshena Gymnasium.

RELOCATION NEWS

The records in the Agency Relocation Office show that thirty people from the Menominee Reservation have taken advantage of the Relocation Program. These people are now living in Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Jose, and Chicago.

Two individuals enrolled in vocational training courses in connection with their relocation. These people are employed on full time jobs and letters from them indicate they are satisfied with their new homes and jobs.



Menominee Indian Agency
Keshena, Wisconsin



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FORM 3547 REQUESTED