

INDIAN TIME

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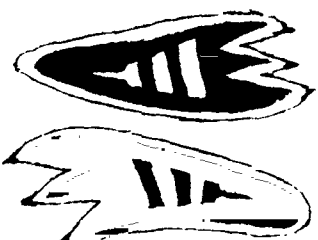
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Obituaries

Louise Leaf

Louise Leaf, 85, of R.R.#3 Cornwall Island, died at the Hotel Dieu Hospital on Saturday, June 6, 1992.

Beloved wife of the late Frank Leaf.

Dear mother of Christine Leaf of R.R.#3, Cornwall Island.

Dear daughter of the late Mathieu Debo and the late Nancy Seymour.

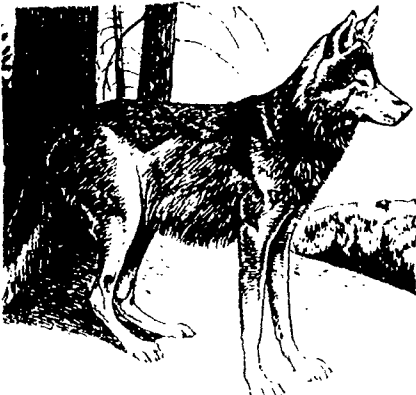
Predeceased by one brother, John Debo and by one sister, Mrs. Christine Delorme.

Mrs. Leaf rested at the Cornwall Funeral Homes, West Branch, 20 Seventh Street West from 7 p.m. Monday.

Funeral was held on Wednesday, June 10, 1992 for Mass of Christian Burial in St. Regis Parish Church, St. Regis, Quebec at 2 p.m. Interment, Parish Cemetery.

The family was in attendance from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Tuesday.

As expression of sympathy, Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.



Daniel A. Jock

Daniel A. Jock, 66, of Bombay, NY, died early Sunday morning June 7, 1992 at the Alice Hyde Hospital in Malone, NY. He had been a patient there since June 5, 1992.

Born in Hogansburg, NY, July 10, 1925, he was the son of Peter and Louise Cook Jock. He graduated from Bombay High School.

Mr. Jock served in the United States Marines during WW2. He was honorably discharged.

For over 37 years he worked at ALCOA in Massena, NY as an electronics technician. He retired in 1981.

He was a member of St. Regis Church, ALCOA 25 year club, an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed golf. He was a member of the American Legion Post #1479 and has served as their finance officer and commander. He was also a member of the Marine Corp. League. Many years ago he served as a Boy Scout leader and coached Little League.

On October 16, 1948 he was united in marriage to the former Norma "Louise" Jacobs in St. Regis Church, St. Regis, Quebec, Canada. She survives.

Besides, his wife, he is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Louise Jock of the St. Regis Nursing Home, Massena, NY, four sons, Robert of Grants, NM., Harold of Constable, NY, Kenneth of Hogansburg and Daniel Jr. of Hogansburg, one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Gloria Arquette of State Road, Hogansburg, one brother, Hubert of Hogansburg, two sisters, Mrs. Anthony Rosetta DeCilles of Dexter, NY, and Mrs. Donald Hazel Bero of Hogansburg, one half sister, Mrs. Ben Mabel Granger of Rochester, NY, seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a daughter, Patricia in infancy, a brother Arnold and half brother, Ivan.

Calling hours were Tuesday, June 9 from 2-4 and 6-9 in the Cappiello-McKenzie & Cosgrove Funeral Home, Fort Covington, NY. The funeral mass was celebrated on Wednesday, June 10 at 11 a.m. in St. Regis Church, St. Regis, Quebec. Burial was in the St. Joseph Cemetery in Hogansburg.

Memorial donations may be made in his memory to the Malone Caring Friends for Hospice or the Mohawk Council Rescue Squad.

Letter Policy

Our policy here concerning letters to the editor or editorials must be signed not just typed and a phone number also for verification purposes. Request for anonymity would be respected.

To Akwesasne Residents

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported Jim Ransom and Doug Smoke in this year's Tribal Elections. It is unfortunate, however, that not enough people believe Jim Ransom's character and proven community involvement to elect him to the Chiefs position.

As for myself, everyone can be assured that the limited scope of the Sub-Chiefs position will not keep me from providing all pertinent information concerning the welfare of all Akwesasne residents.

A large number of people assisted Jim and I throughout the campaign. Some individuals helped in the planning, others with signs and brochures and so many more with words of encouragement and best wishes. For that you have our sincerest thanks.

Doug Smoke
Sub-Chief Elect

To the Community:

"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party." So, where are all the "good men" in Akwesasne aiding me? While Tribal elections were taking place last Saturday, a large group of people were attending the monthly MCA meeting at the Snye School Gym.

It appeared the only business that would be "discussed" that morning was whether or not Mitchell was still Grand Chief. Of course, the old tired pettiness surfaced again by those same individuals determined to get him out of Council.

It seems they are intent on "calling his bluff" this time around. Council was forced to pass a resolution concerning a referendum for the community to decide the issue.

Has the Grand Chief threatened to resign one too many times? Are the Mohawk people who voted him in that position going to cast their vote again in his favor in a community referendum? It is a good thing there are other Chiefs in Council with their own portfolios to handle the daily affairs of Akwesasne. It only serves to prove that the present structure of Council is working.

It is important to keep M. Mitchell out in the bureaucratic playing field and lobbying the way he does. Is Akwesasne to be remembered only for death? After all, what comes to mind when Oka is mentioned. Akwesasne is a community looking after the needs of every Mohawk and trying to look ahead to needs of future Mohawks.

There came a request from Council that the issue not be debated in the local media. A "gag" order was requested for the newspapers, radio and the individuals involved.

This would mean nothing could be printed or aired concerning the referendum. How else is information supposed to be disseminated to the voters? Do you see any publications coming

from MCA individuals wanting to express an opinion? Just for the record, our repeated phone calls to the other Tribal candidates for information on advertising went unanswered. This paper has been under a gag order of sorts for the past two years. No one person wants to be responsible anymore for being the mouthpiece of a group of individuals. It has been really hard to report on all the news in Akwesasne. There had been a request for the newspaper to be "positive" and full of "good" news.

Well no one buys a paper that is not controversial. If we can find someone willing to do the job, they're hired! A gag order is not going to turn this newspaper into a rag.

Teresa Doxtator-David

Oh, Just Call Me An Indian

By: Drew Hayden Tayler

The other day, I, a reasonably well-educated man of the ever more complex nineties, made a tremendous political and social faux pas: I referred to myself and other people of my ethnic background as "Indians."

Oh, the shame of it. You could hear the gasp echo across the room.

It was done, I assure you, with the most innocent intention, but nevertheless, I was soon castigated by both my brethren and, in my humble opinion, the overly politically sensitive members of other cultural groups. And the white people.

Needless to say, in these politically correct times, I was inundated by these same people with criticisms about my use of such an outdated term. "We're/You're no longer called Indians!" I was told over and over again.

Well, I'm evidently severely mistaken in having responded to that term for the past 29 years. No doubt an oversight on my part, and that of my entire family and reserve, not to mention the vast majority of the country.

While we were growing up we were all proud to be "Indians." The word had a certain power to it that set us aside from the white kids. (Or should I say children of occidental descent?)

Somehow the cry of "Proud to be Indigenous Population" just doesn't have the same ring.

Or picture this: You arrive thirsty in some new town, and you ask the first skin you see, "Yo, neeches, where's the nearest First Nations Bar?" Sorry -- just doesn't work for me.

I guess at 20 I'm out of date. Oh, I understand the reasoning behind the hubbub. Columbus, as a member of the European Caucasian nation, thought he found India and so on.

That's cool, but there's also another school of thought that say Columbus was so impressed by

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The Duties Of Married Couples

Now we will tell you of an important matter to tell your relations.

It is the will of Sonkwaiaison that at a certain time in the life of a man and a woman they will be ready to marry. This is a major decision for a man and woman to make for they must consider all the problems that married couples must endure. Once they have decided they must commit themselves to each other forever, for only death can part them.

Marriage is a sacred agreement between a man and woman and with very few exceptions of which will be explained in later articles is meant to last a life time.

This is the way Sonkwaiaison intended it to be for the Onkwehonwe. Now we will tell you and your relations of another matter equally important.

Once a married couple has settled down in a home, it is normal that they can expect to have a family. The messengers saw this happen, a couple did marry and from this marriage a child was born. The woman suffered greatly, so the mother tells her daughter because she loves her so much and never wants to see her suffer like that again she will make her daughter a medicine that will prevent her from having any more children in the future. Now what these two women did was wrong and each is to be blamed for it, for they have cut of the string of children that the daughter was destined to have.

Now we will tell you and your relations of another which is almost the same.

There lived this married couple and they had a baby and his wife suffered greatly. So the mother told her daughter that she would make her a medicine which would prevent her from having any more children but the daughter refused to take the medicine and said that if it is the will of Sonkwaiaison to suffer or cause me to die, then let it be like that. Now the messengers said that what this daughter decided to do was right in the eyes of Sonkwaiaison. We will also tell you that any women who dies while giving birth will instantly see Sonkwaiaison's land.

Now we will tell you and your relations of another matter which is almost the same.

Young married couples will have many great decisions to make during their lifetime concerning their marriage. Now the messenger will tell you that the mother should not interfere with the marriage of her daughter. This couple is living very happily and content until one day the mother tells her daughter that she shouldn't do everything that her husband tells or wants her to do. When I was young I wouldn't let any man tell me what to do and you should do the same. She told her to be angry with her husband when he came home that evening. The husband did not know what she was angry and this created hard feelings between them so finally the husband left his wife for another woman. Now we, the messengers, tell this people this, that what this woman did was wrong in the eyes of Sonkwaiaison and after hearing this message the people should respect the wishes of Sonkwaiaison and change their ways.

Now we will tell you of another to tell your relations concerning a man and a woman.

A man and woman marry and all is well. The wife becomes pregnant and the husband seeks things to do to upset her. They argue and he leaves, she has her baby alone and she hears that her husband went to another village, found himself another woman and that this woman is pregnant. So the man finds something to argue about and upsets the second woman also. They argue, he leaves and finds another woman who he lives with and she becomes pregnant. Now the messengers tell us that if this man does not give thanksgiving and renewal of his faith for his evil doing he will never see Sonkwaiaison's land. We do not know what the punishment will be after he left the third woman.

Next week, continuation of *The Duties of Married Couples*

Happy Father's Day

June 21st 1992

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