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AWARDS FOR INDIAN ACHIEVEMENTS

The article reprinted below is from the *Indian Leader* and seems to us to be publicity for splendid purpose. Many worthy and able Indians will receive just recognition through this award.

The Indian Council Fire, a national society, with headquarters at 108 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, will commemorate its tenth anniversary by the presentation of an honor medal to Indians of outstanding achievement, at the Century of Progress, on Indian Day, September 22. Many nations, societies, and associations recognize deeds of valor, scientific achievements, and other outstanding meritorious accomplishments on the part of their nations or organizations, by awards of medals or other honors and the outstanding among the American Indian have not yet been paid this tribute.

Achievement shall be recognized in any of the following fields: Arts, music, painting, sculpture, writing, Indian arts and culture, stage, theatrical or lecture work, dramatic work, social service in any activity that affects human welfare, medicine, law, politics, any great industrial or engineering or scientific project. Achievement can also be recognized in any dignified or genuine social field or enterprise. The award should emphasize the contribution of the Indian to his own race as well as to the country at large. Names of the candidates shall have to be received by the members of the committee of award no later than the 1st of August.

Those appointed on the committee to select the winner from the names of the candidates submitted are:

Mr. Lew Sarrett, author of the beautiful books of Indian poetry, "Many, Many Moons," "Slow Smoke," and "Box of God," and head of the Department of Speech of Northwestern University; Dr. Fay-Cooper Cole, of the University of Chicago, head of the Ethnological Exhibit of the Century of Progress; Dr. W. Carson Ryan, Director of Indian Education, Department of the Interior, Washington D. C.; John Collier, Executive Secretary, American Indian Defense Association, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Harold Ickes, member the Illinois State Legislature and wife of the new Secretary of the Interior; Mrs. William J. Rogers, Indian Welfare Chairman, Third District, Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. George H. Heaford, Mrs. Rachel Caroline Eaton, author and historian of the Cherokee nation; and Dr. B. D. Weeks, president of Bacone College.

The award will be in the form of a medal which is now being designed by Mr. H. G. West, Washo Indian and Carlisle graduate.

All Indians and friends are asked to send in the names of those they wish to submit as candidates for the Indian Achievement Award. The names should be sent to Marion E. Gridley, Secretary, Indian Council Fire, 108 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. In submitting the names, be sure to include a brief statement of the achievements of the candidate, and the degree of Indian blood. Those below one-quarter Indian will not be eligible for the medal.

Get your names in as rapidly as possible.

Mr. Scott H. Peters, Chippewa, president of the Indian Council Fire, is chairman of the Indian Participation Committee of the Century of Progress. He is attached to the staff at Fort Dearborn.

Due to the activities of numerous imposters claiming to be Indian, the Indian Council has drawn up the following bill:

An act to amend Chapter 5, Title 25, Indians, by adding thereto Section 202, as follows:

One not an Indian claiming to be an Indian.—Any one claiming to be an Indian who by so doing obtains or attempts to obtain, recognition as an Indian, or secures, or attempts to secure, for self, or others, privileges or benefits accorded to or provided for Indians, shall, upon conviction, be deemed guilty of misdemeanor and fined not exceeding \$2,000 or imprisoned not exceeding one year, or both fined and imprisoned.

Through the interest of Senator Frazier, this bill was recently introduced in the Senate—it was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. The number is S. 5697.

These impostors have been imposing upon sympathetically inclined people, bringing discredit upon the Indian race, and alienating the interest of these people from the Indian race when they discover the imposition. In many cases members of other races represent themselves as Indians and appear on the professional platform to the detriment of the genuine Indian. The evil has become so pronounced in Chicago and adjacent territory that many concerns wishing to engage Indians will not do so until they have seen them personally. There are several instances where individuals are receiving high honor and recognition as Indians and are not Indians at all. Indians, for their own self-protection, should get behind this bill.

This bill seems to be worthy of the support of all Indians and their friends and it is to be hoped it will receive the support necessary for its enactment.

HOSPITAL

Monday, April 4, the junior girls from the hospital demonstrated different types of bandaging at Mrs. Ryan's tea. Florence Allman did a skull bandage and finger splint. Bernice Clairmont demonstrated how to bandage after a mastoid operation; Caroline Duncan demonstrated how to bandage an eye; Christine Bailey demonstrated how to bandage a finger; Armanda Mesteth did a figure eight bandage; Nancy Jordan demonstrated the boy scout emergency way of putting a broken arm in a sling. All were practical ways of bandaging and could be done at home or on a trip.

Wednesday, March 30, the hospital girls took their final test in home hygiene and care of the sick. Everyone passed and will get their diploma in the near future.