

'Help Close The Gap'

"Older generation--we need help!" So the younger generation cries out. All over America today we hear this cry among our Indian people. It's coming from the younger generation.

But how many of the older people hear the cry? We, the younger people, need your help. We have to know your problems, and most of all, you must know ours.

We are looked down on because we act differently than our mothers and fathers did when they were young.

We are looked down upon for the simple reason that we have a great communication gap between the older generation and the younger generation. This not only holds true with the Indian people, but with all the different races there are in our world today. We, the younger people, feel that we are being pushed out to face our problems by ourselves, and the biggest

problem we have now is that our older generation is not really trying to help us solve our problems.

We still have yet to learn all there is in life and you can help us up the steps as we move along.

Yes, we have problems, but they are problems that can be solved if you work with us.

Ask yourself this--have I ever had to face a problem by myself? Or did my mother and father help me with it? Yes, some of you had to face your problems by yourselves, but still there were some you needed help with.

So now we are crying out for help, not only for ourselves, but for you as well as us. You have your problems now and we have ours. By working together we can solve not just one problem, but two. And they are the problems you and we are having. They are the communication gaps between us.

Joe Tells How He Almost Made A Drum

ed. note: Reporter Joe Nomee, a member of the N.I.C.E. club, recently tried to make an Indian drum from scratch for the club to use during its performances. He found out that it's not as easy as it seems. Here is his advice for anyone else who wants to try it.

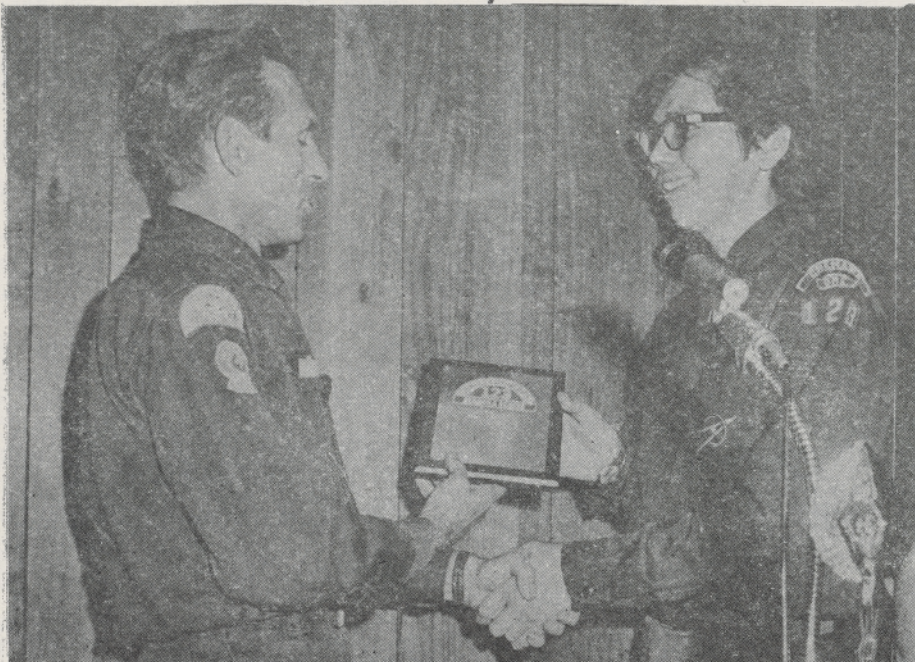
First you get a hide. You soak it for a period of days, and then you take it out and you start scraping the hair off. After you scrape the hair off, you stretch it out and try to stretch it over the frame that you are going to use for the drum. It's not easy.

You shouldn't soak the hide for more than five days, because if you do, something is bound to happen to your hide. Either it will rot, or a dog or something will get ahold of it and drag it off.

You have to have a certain type of tool to scrape the hair off the hide. I found out that you have to have something to lay the hide on, and then you get something to scrape it with. You have to make sure of the way the hide lays - that the way the hair faces up toward the top of where you are scraping.

The best kinds of hide for making a drum are deerskin, yearling calf hide, and sometimes elk hide. If at first your drum doesn't come out, keep trying. It takes about four or five tries before you get it right.

Herbert Is A Very Good Scout



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