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May 13th, 1955.

This Band has now requested to have transferred, the monies authorized on the Seed Farm to purchase a new John Deere, 3-bottom stubble plow. The local cost price of such a plow at St. Paul listed at \$396.72. All earnings realized from custom work done by this plow, would go to upkeep and repayment of original cost price of the plow. I consider this a more sensible use for this money, as the need for a good stubble plow is essential to good farming for these people.

I would like to point out that a Loan was obtained for this Band in 1952, from the Revolving Fund Loans in the amount of \$2,500.00, to purchase a new John Deere Tractor. This tractor has given good service. To date the following payments have been made on this Loan, from earnings at custom work done locally for the Indians - June 30, 1953 - \$336.68; February 27, 1954 - \$226.00 and April 1, 1955 - \$404.77, a total of \$962.45. I consider the repayments as encouraging, even though they are somewhat in arrears. Nevertheless, a genuine effort is being made to repay in full.

The resolution obtained from the Kehiwin Band Council is enclosed herewith, and would recommend it be given careful consideration.

R. A. Nissen,  
Clerk-in-Charge.

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