

*Special Section Commemorating
The Indian Citizenship Act
of 1924*

Foreword

In my family, voting is a tradition. My mother took me to the voting booth every year as she filled out her ballot and emphasized the importance of having a say in who represents us. Now, I take my daughter with me when I vote in federal, state, local, and tribal elections, so she knows that this is one way that we, as Native people, can say we are still here, and our voices matter.

The centennial anniversary of the Indian Citizenship Act is a reminder for all of us that the systems in which we operate today were not built by or for Native people – but rather, to erase and eliminate us. For far too long, Native people had no say in the government that dictated nearly every aspect of our lives, and gaining citizenship required giving up tribal citizenship and assimilating into American culture. This is only one piece of the long, traumatic history of erasing Indigenous identity.

We have come a long way in building strong relationships with the sovereign Tribes that share geography with Minnesota and the United States, but we still have further to go. It has only been one hundred years since Congress extended US citizenship to Native people, recognizing the original people of these lands as citizens of the United States. And now I am proud to be an Ojibwe woman wherever I go – in the community, in the halls of the Minnesota State Capitol, and in the voting booth, and proud Native people now have a say in decisions made about us, without giving up our identity or tribal citizenship.

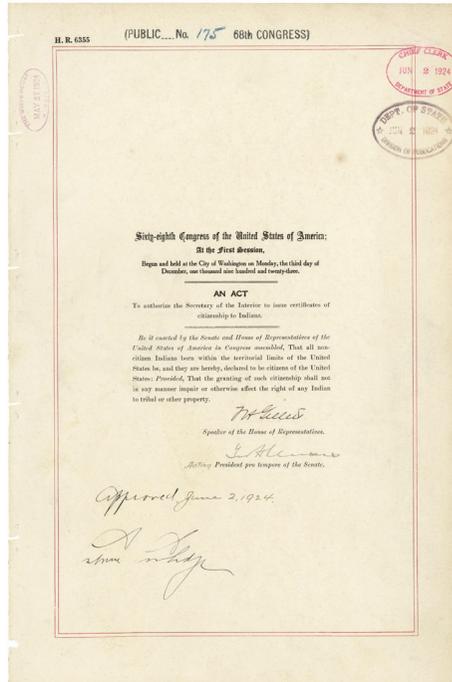
Peggy Flanagan is Minnesota's 50th Lieutenant Governor, an enrolled member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe, and currently the highest-ranking Native woman elected to executive office in the country.

On June 2, 1924 President Calvin Coolidge signed the Indian Citizenship Act which declared all non-citizen Indians born within the territorial limits of the United States to be citizens. The Act authorized the Secretary of Interior to issue certificates of citizenship to Native Americans.

The Indian Citizenship Act was, in part, a response to recognize the thousands of Native Americans who served in the armed forces during the First World War.

However, despite the enactment of the law, citizenship was not a guarantee for Native Americans. The law included a provision that citizenship could be denied if it might, “impair or otherwise affect the right of any Indian to tribal or other property.”

Nearly two decades after the Indian Citizenship Act was passed, Congress saw a need to reaffirm and extend citizenship rights to Indigenous peoples through the Nationality Act of 1940.



Timeline of Native American Citizenship

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- 1776 Declaration of Independence signed
 - 1788 U.S. Constitution enacted
 - 1831 Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek was ratified, allowing Mississippi Choctaw to become citizens
 - 1857 Supreme Court ruling in *Dred Scott v. Sandford* said Native people could become citizens through naturalization
 - 1868 the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution declared all persons “born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof” were citizens; the “jurisdiction” requirement was interpreted to exclude most Native Americans
 - 1870 Civil Rights Act of 1866 was ratified by Congress repeating the exclusion of Native Americans from citizenship based on birth location
 - 1884 Supreme Court ruling in *Elk v. Wilkins* reaffirmed the exclusion of Native people from U.S. citizenship
 - 1887 Dawes Act passed by Congress granting American citizenship to all Native Americans who accepted individual land grants under the provisions of statutes and treaties
 - 1924 Indian Citizenship Act was passed by Congress granting birthright citizenship with exceptions
 - 1940 Nationality Act was passed by Congress reaffirming Native people’s birthright citizenship

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Timely Topics Of The Day

Indians
When Christopher Columbus discovered one of the Bahama Islands he supposed that the new land was a part of India, and he called the Indians Indians. History tells how the Indian races were brought, in deportation, torture, slavery, cruel persecution, vengeance, force and force to way, cruel tortures, cruelties and hatred, towards friends. The white man has generally failed to understand the Indian, but the Indian has no doubt right to be described "their mental temperament as poetic and imaginative to the degree." During the past summer an important proceeding at law was held in North Dakota. A prominent attorney from Washington related upon his return from that one of the most impressive ceremonies he had witnessed in his lifetime occurred at the beginning of the hearing. He told how the white man's court was organized, with many leaders of the Indian tribe present as principals and witnesses in the litigation. Just as the court was about to proceed an Indian chief asked the judge to suspend proceedings for a few minutes. The request being granted the Indian reverently saluted the tribunal and held of their forefathers to aid them in securing justice for their cause. This brief ceremony concluded, the trial of their matter proceeded. In Washington, D. C., there is a large educational institution for the teaching of the deaf and dumb. It was visited at one time by a number of Indians, and in a very short space of time they were able to converse with the students and the faculty in the same language. In the history of the school it is related that the Indians secured the aid of many conversations more readily than any other people who had ever come into contact with this school.

Indian Citizenship
As a result of the passage of the Indian Citizenship Act by the United States Congress very many have Indian in the country but have not citizens of the United States. Approximately 125,000 Indians have thus been given citizenship. It is estimated that 200,000 Indians were previously made citizens by various acts of Congress. While the Indians have all finally achieved citizenship in the land owned by their forefathers before the white man's foot had found their soil, the restrictions on the lands of the Indians has not been changed. The Supreme Court of the United States having held that citizenship is not inconsistent with citizenship. The new law clearly stipulates that the Indian rights in tribal or other property should not be impaired or otherwise affected. Census statistics give the Indian population of the United States as 244,417 in 1929.

Indian Health and Habits
According to the statistics of the Indian Office, there are 13,341 Indians living in Minnesota, and it is estimated that there are 430 active cases of tuberculosis among them. This high rate of tuberculosis has existed ever since civilization began in contact with the life of the Indians—much before the Indians in most parts of the country where they

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Chicago
The United States Supreme Court has reversed the Federal District Court of St. Louis when asked to prevent the Federal Reserve Bank from selling almost 100,000 acres of land to the Federal Reserve Bank. It was claimed that the striping corporation, which had been organized by the Federal Reserve Bank, had been organized to sell to the Federal Reserve Bank, and that the Federal Reserve Bank had been organized to sell to the Federal Reserve Bank. The court also ordered the Federal Reserve Bank to sell the land to the Federal Reserve Bank.

Fertilizing
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Rice Growing in Arkansas
Lately made by the best age, season and four of them was successfully realized. According to the U. S. Census, a million of the amount of the rice crop in Arkansas, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and other states, chiefly in the central, southern and southwestern sections of the United States, is about 100,000 acres. The rice crop in Arkansas is about 100,000 acres. The rice crop in Arkansas is about 100,000 acres.

Savoyens Notes
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Gasoline
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<p>GRAND TRIP AL. A. R. CON. WON AT BOSTON. The Republican club national convention at Boston, Mass., took place here this week. The club of the Windomites held there a grand trip to a restaurant in the city. One hundred and fifty dollars in food were taken and ten dollars in cash and on various cash from the register. In fact the club inclusive of the money they had intended to take was left on the counter.</p> <p>CHANCE ROBBERY. occurring from Lake Okobowj about four o'clock Sunday morning, occurred a car going south at a high rate of speed, and it is thought that it might of been the car which carried the robbery-draw and some more.</p>	<p>HERE OF THE FAMILY. particulars of which may be had upon application to the railroad ticket agents at the Albertson Jones.</p> <p>YALEIGH DRUG STORE ROBBED. Early Sunday morning while upon his store Mr. Yangle found that thieves had broken in during the night. An entrance had been effected through a back window after attempts had been made to force open the door of his store.</p> <p>One hundred and fifty dollars in food were taken and ten dollars in cash and on various cash from the register. In fact the club inclusive of the money they had intended to take was left on the counter.</p> <p>CHANCE ROBBERY. occurring from Lake Okobowj about four o'clock Sunday morning, occurred a car going south at a high rate of speed, and it is thought that it might of been the car which carried the robbery-draw and some more.</p>	<p>GOOD BOADS. A man who runs an automobile repair shop got away from a road test. He doesn't pay the tax collector, but pays the garage and oil stations.</p> <p>"That's more common sense from the Elmwood Garage," published by Nickles. "C. C. Campbell," observed Nickles. "The driver is a man with a special gun."</p> <p>"The fact has proven this road test. Pay the oil stations a little more per cent per gallon and you won't have to stand so much for gasoline" he added, and he read from The Eagle the only alternative of a highway name.</p> <p>High Road Tax. And low gasoline, oil and repair tax.</p> <p>With well-improved and economically but well-lit smooth roads.</p> <p>Low Road Tax. And high levy for gasoline, oil and repairs.</p> <p>With muddy ruts, bumpy, slippery half-made and poorly-lit roads.</p> <p>"The Eagle tells the whole story in a paragraph" continued the gas tax man, "and listen to this. The only way the expense can be avoided is to go back to horse-drawn vehicles, let the road break up and return to their primitive state and take the expense bill out of the horse's side and the extra time spent by the driver in transmitting the ordinary day's business. If anyone can show that there is a greater tax rebate than good roads we would like to have him explain just what it is."</p> <p>"Minnesota collects just one tax on gas and trucks and one tax for truck highway improvement and maintenance on the same gas."</p> <p>"The auto owners are paying for the road test. They are not to be made to pay the cost of repairing their machines. If one can be made to realize the fact, it should not be further fact that a little more road test. And the money way to do this is to have a gas tax declared."</p> <p>Nickles N. Dimes.</p> <p>He added that the gas tax amendment to be voted upon in November will only authorize the state legislature if it sees fit to levy a tax on gasoline, to put the money into the road fund instead of the state treasury expense fund.</p>	<p>TOUCARU SWEEP THROUGH ABLE FRIDAY EVENING. People of Villars Escaped in AHS.</p> <p>A tornado that threatened to hit the town of Arlee of the state, but resulted in putting that little village "on the map" as a center of public interest and a source of revenue from many miles around occurred about six o'clock last Friday evening.</p> <p>The writer, sweeping through the town, destroyed the buildings, in its path, two dwellings, a garage, warehouse and several smaller structures being wrecked. Nobody was killed or injured, all the people of the village being able to get away before the funnel-shaped cloud form and head directly for the town, the people, outside other residents, the imperiling danger, and practically the entire population escaped automobiles from the path of its storm.</p> <p>The cars loaded with the townspeople took a route half a mile north of the village then turning west into, south a mile, east a half-mile, and then coming back into the storm's path. The cars were all very heavily loaded, one ordinary five passenger car, four instances carrying eleven men, women and children, on its back from the village.</p> <p>Entering the town from the west, and demolishing various shops in that part of the village, the tornado passed just north of the postoffice and store, damaging the building to some extent. The next building to the north, which was a garage owned by Fred Dahms, was completely demolished. North of the garage, the dwelling owned by Mr. Walter Parks, and occupied by Ed Taylor and family, was moved from its foundation, and through the blowing was damaged to such an extent as to be practically a total loss.</p> <p>All of the windows and all of the doors were blown out of the building. Door casing were torn from the walls and ceiling. The floor was covered several feet and the rug on which it had been standing was rolled up and placed on top of it, a chair cushion was moved from a wall, but no</p>	<p>in judging the location of such a storm, some people at a distance greatly feared that the tornado had struck the city of Pipestone, and numerous anxious inquiries came in here by phone. Pipestone Star.</p> <p>INDIANS GRANTED FULL CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS. Act Recently Passed by Congress Gives All Red Men Voting Privilege.</p> <p>It has been known in Pipestone that an act of congress approved on June 2, 1924, has given to all of the Indians in the United States full citizenship rights, together with all rights of suffrage the same as enjoyed by other natives born or naturalized citizens.</p> <p>Stops On Parade of the Ired Indian school, yesterday received official information from Washington of the new status of the Indian as brought about by the passage of the Indian citizenship measure.</p> <p>Up to the time of the adoption of the citizenship measure by congress probably not over forty-five per cent of the Indians of the United States had gone through the regular naturalization process and been granted citizenship papers. Many, no doubt,</p>	<p>in places where they were known, were granted the right of franchise without question as to their citizenship, because election boards have been a little slow in refusing to give ballots to the 'first Americans.' Any question that might have existed in the past concerning Indian citizenship and their right to vote has now apparently been cleared. The act of congress giving all Indians full citizenship in no way affects the standing of them as Indians, such as land grants, etc., are covered—Pipestone Star.</p> <p>SPEND IT ON CARDS. Now that the state is furnishing signs to direct tourists to free camp sites, money raised in localities to buy such signs is being used to buy local equipment.</p> <p>The arrangements were uniformity of camp direction signs and the signs matching the other highway markers (and an official sign to those to ensure the traveler).</p> <p>No charge is made by the state department either for furnishing or erecting the signs.</p> <p>Spouting Sun Says. "All roads lead to jail—if you give your boy gas-fool."</p>

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