



OUTSTANDING INDIAN — Dr. Lionel H. deMontigny (center), Director, Indian Community Development, Indian Health Service, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, receiving the Outstanding Indian of the Year award in Sheridan, Wyoming. At left is Mr. William Youpee, Ft. Peck Reservation, President, National Tribal Chairmen's Association; and on right Mrs. Marie deMontigny, Dr. deMontigny's mother.

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Dr. deMontigny Outstanding Indian of Year

Dr. Lionel deMontigny, Director of Indian Community Development, Indian Health Service, was selected Outstanding Indian of the Year and honored at All American Indian Days in Sheridan, Wyoming recently.

In his acceptance speech at the Sheridan County Fairgrounds, Dr. deMontigny stated that, "American Indian people are the only people who know how to manage land, timber, grasslands, water, fish and game and natural resources in the United States," and recommended that the U. S. Government "turn over all management of forests, grasslands, fish, wildlife, agricultural improvement programs and rearing of fish and game life to organized American Indian tribes."

Dr. deMontigny is a member of the Chippewa Tribe. He was born on the Turtle Mountain, North Dakota Reservation 36 years ago, attended elementary school at Belcourt and graduated from Grand Forks High School.

He received his BS degree from the University of North Dakota and his Medical degree from the University of Wisconsin. He interned at St. Mary's Hospital, Duluth, Minn.

A commissioned officer, Dr. deMontigny joined the Public Health Service in 1962 and has served as Field Medical Officer PHS Indian Hospital, Pine Ridge, S. Dak. and Deputy Director of the Portland, Oregon Indian Health Service Area.

Dr. deMontigny completed his residency training in preventive medicine in a program cooperatively sponsored by Indian Health Service, the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, and the Oklahoma State Health Department.

He is married to a Menominee Indian and the father of five children. He participates in Indian dancing and religious activities, rides horseback, swims, hunts, fishes, and sings.