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## Amato blasts MAA for ignoring members' rights

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George Amato: False hopes.

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ST. PAUL, ALTA.

Metis politicians are feeding their followers false hope about the future of Native people, charges recently-retired Metis association representative George Amato.

During the 61st annual general assembly of the Metis Association of Alberta in St. Paul on Aug. 12, Amato took centre stage and denounced the association's current policy-makers for ignoring the rights of Metis people in Alberta.

Before being asked to step off the stage by Zone 4 Vice-President Joe Blyan, Amato told the 300 Metis membership card-holders in attendance that they are being "manipulated" by their leaders.

Amato charged the current MAA leadership is showing little commitment to its members around the province because its giving up too much power to its regional offices.

"They've never been given any direction (by the MAA)," said Amato, who recently resigned as Zone 6 vice-presidency.

He said the MAA needs to get more directly involved in the functions of its entire organization to ensure its policies work to benefit Metis people.

"I love the Metis people. I love the MAA. But they (Metis politicians) give empty promises," he said.

August Collins, the assembly chairman, told Amato he was out-of-line with his accusations because he could incite others to rebel against the MAA leadership.

"The MAA does the best job it can (representing the Metis people in Alberta)," Collins said, when inter-

viewed later.

"When people become dissatisfied and tell other people, it doesn't make the situation any easier to deal with," he said.

Collins said Amato could jeopardize the progress made by the MAA in advancing Metis rights if his criticisms are taken seriously.

However, Amato said the MAA isn't properly monitoring its regional offices, at the expense of its members.

He accused staff workers of filling their regional offices with non-Natives while

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## Couple blames Social Services for son's death

By Dana Wagg  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

KEHEWIN, ALTA.

A Kehewin couple is blaming Alberta Social Services for the death of their young-

est son.

"They took him from us when he was healthy and brought him back in a box," said his mother Lila McCarthy.

"They just ripped our hearts out," said the devastated mother at a press conference last week in west Edmonton.

Dallas Soloway of Ardmore was killed Aug. 5 after a car in which he was a passenger was hit from behind on the outskirts of Grand Centre.

A vehicle driven by his temporary foster parent, Samuel Spicer, was ploughed into a half-ton pulling a hay rack. Six other people were injured.

Charges have been laid against a 31-year-old resident of the Cold Lake Reserve.

Const. Dan McNaughton of Grand Centre RCMP said charges of dangerous driving causing death, dangerous driving causing bodily harm, impaired driving causing death, impaired driving causing bodily harm and driving while suspended have been laid against Louis Grandbois of Cold Lake Reserve in connection with the accident. Dallas, his two sisters nine-



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## Remembering

Vernon Soloway and his wife Lila McCarthy sort through the clothes worn by their son Dallas, who was killed in a car crash outside of Grand Centre Aug. 5.

year-old Brenda and six-year-old Alexis along with their eight-year-old brother Billy Joe were apprehended by Alberta Social Services on the Easter weekend.

"We believe if they hadn't been taken away, Dallas would still be alive," said his godmother Virginia Soloway.

The children all went to non-Native foster homes: Brenda and Alexis to Fort Kent, Billie Joe to Grand

Centre and Dallas to Ardmore.

Lila McCarthy and her common-law husband Vernon Soloway, the father of Dallas, are being investigated for allegations of neglect and sexual abuse by Alberta Social Services.

"It's bad enough having them apprehended, but bringing my baby home like this I can't accept it," said Vernon. "They would not release my

baby's body to me without the OK of social services.

"Every night I go to bed crying wanting to know what happened. Where did I go wrong?" he asked.

"There was no abuse or neglect on my baby (Dallas)," insisted Soloway.

"We cared for each and every one of them," added McCarthy.

Whether an inquiry is held into the death of Dallas is up

to the coroner or the police, said John Paterson, manager of child welfare services with the Lac La Biche office last week.

"It's certainly tragic when any three-year-old dies," he said. "Unfortunately accidents do happen."

The couple revealed the allegations against them and showed reporters some documents prepared during the in

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Choice of drink for skid row Natives

Gov't bans high alcohol cooking wine

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

High-alcohol content cooking wines are being pulled from Alberta grocery store shelves because it has become the drink of choice for Edmonton's skid-row Natives.

Inexpensive cooking wines, with an alcohol content of 38 per cent, will be removed from corner grocery store counters Sept. 1.

The alcohol content will be reduced to 20 per cent.

The decision by the government to regulate the traditional cooking liquor comes as a result of pressure by two Edmonton downtown beat policemen and a social service physician.

"I wouldn't call it an epidemic," says Edmonton Police Services Constable Mike Crustolo who helped spearhead the campaign.

"But I can really see the affects it's having on a lot of the people down here," said Crustolo, who patrols the Boyle Street area.

The Alberta Liquor Control Board and the Alberta Solicitor General's office handed down their decision to reduce the content because of what it is doing to the health of Natives in the city, Crustolo said.

He said high-alcohol Chi-



Winners: Edmonton constables Mike Crustolo and David Hut won a battle against Native alcohol on skid row

nese cooking wines are the drink of choice for Natives in Edmonton's skid row district.

The wines, found in most Chinese grocery stores in the downtown area, cost about \$1.49 each.

"An average bottle of booze found in the liquor store is 40 per cent alcohol. These guys are drinking this stuff (cooking wine) right on the streets and there was never anything we could do about it. It wasn't illegal," he said.

"All we could do was tell them they had to go somewhere else to drink."

Crustolo and beat patrol-

man David Hut, who patrols the Winston Churchill area, said they spend most of their patrols caring for Natives who became deathly sick from drinking the wine.

The wine, which has a two per cent salt content, isn't meant for consumption.

Herbert Kammerer, Boyle Street Health Centre director, said he noticed an increase in the number of Natives coming to his centre experiencing the symptoms incurred by cooking wine consumption.

He subsequently became alarmed over the number of people suffering from high

blood pressure and lung defects, so he complained to ALCB officials.

Two of Kammerer's patients died this year from heart attacks he believes occurred by drinking cooking wine.

"At first they (ALCB) didn't respond, so I contacted the beat cops to tell them. They agreed there was a problem," he said.

After that, Kammerer said, things started to get done.

Solicitor General spokesman John Szumlas says his department realized the liquor was not being used for what it was originally meant

for. "It became apparent that it was not being used for a culinary complement but rather an intoxicant," he said.

The Alberta Liquor Control Board has been monitoring the problem for some time, said ALCB spokesman Jim Ogilvy this week.

He said all high-alcohol cooking wines are being targeted but the decision was based on prevalent use by Natives in Edmonton's inner city.

"Now we hope it will become less attractive," Ogilvy said.

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qualified Metis people are denied the same positions.

"They are letting more and more non-Natives be hired in every zone and they don't even care about the Metis people," he charged.

"The Metis people are being abused," Amato declared.

Amato, who served four terms as zone 6 vice-president, recently gained his treaty rights through Bill C-31, the federal legislation which accords treaty status to non-status Indians.

But Amato said that wasn't the reason why he resigned his MAA post.

He told Windspeaker he decided to resign because he was "fed up" with being denied access to MAA funds for programs in his area.

He said his funding requests were always quashed at the local level and never made it to the provincial funding source.

"I became blocked by the regional zone. And it was like that all over. It was very frus-



Decision time: MAA officials debate the issues of the day

trating," he said.

"If each zone were looked after we would have got something done."

Amato noted he has been involved in Metis politics for 14 years and called for the MAA to take a stronger role in dealing with its members at the grassroots level.

But Collins defended the role of the MAA, saying the leadership was never meant to control the regional offices or the local people.

"The functions of the MAA have been polarized in Edmonton for a long time. It was never the intention of the association to control peoples lives, or the regional offices," he said.

He said people are hired at regional offices because of their qualifications, not because of their heritage.

"People are hired there because they should be. We need skilled, experienced people, even if they're white."

But Dan Martell, former

Zone 4 vice-president, wonders why the MAA has the power to fire people who disagree with their policies.

He said his membership was revoked last year because he questioned the MAA's funding arrangements.

"People are just tired of being abused. There is getting to be less and less support for the MAA," he claimed.

"How can you trust someone who doesn't care about you?" he asked.

Grand Prairie Metis elder Ernest Primeau agreed the MAA is having internal problems with its members but blames it on impatience.

"Some people are just too anxious for results. I believe the MAA is trying to help the Metis people," said the 74 year-old member.

"Some people are too militant and try to sway others to turn against our politicians. They just need time," he said.

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Federal decision won't affect band suit

# Peigans headed to court in water rights

By Dana Wagg  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

VANCOUVER

A federal court decision giving the go-ahead to the controversial Oldman Dam isn't the end of the road for the Peigan Band, says a band lawyer.

"They're on a different track all together" than the Friends of the Oldman River Society which tried to stop the project, said Vancouver lawyer Louise Mandell, who will represent the band at a hearing Tuesday in Calgary.

A preliminary application is to be heard by the Alberta Court of Appeal in a landmark case involving aboriginal water rights.

Last August, the Peigan band became the first Canadian Indian band to file a water

rights' case.

They claim water rights are included in Treaty 7, signed in 1876. The Oldman River flows through the north-western corner of the reserve, which is located about 60 kilometres east of Lethbridge.

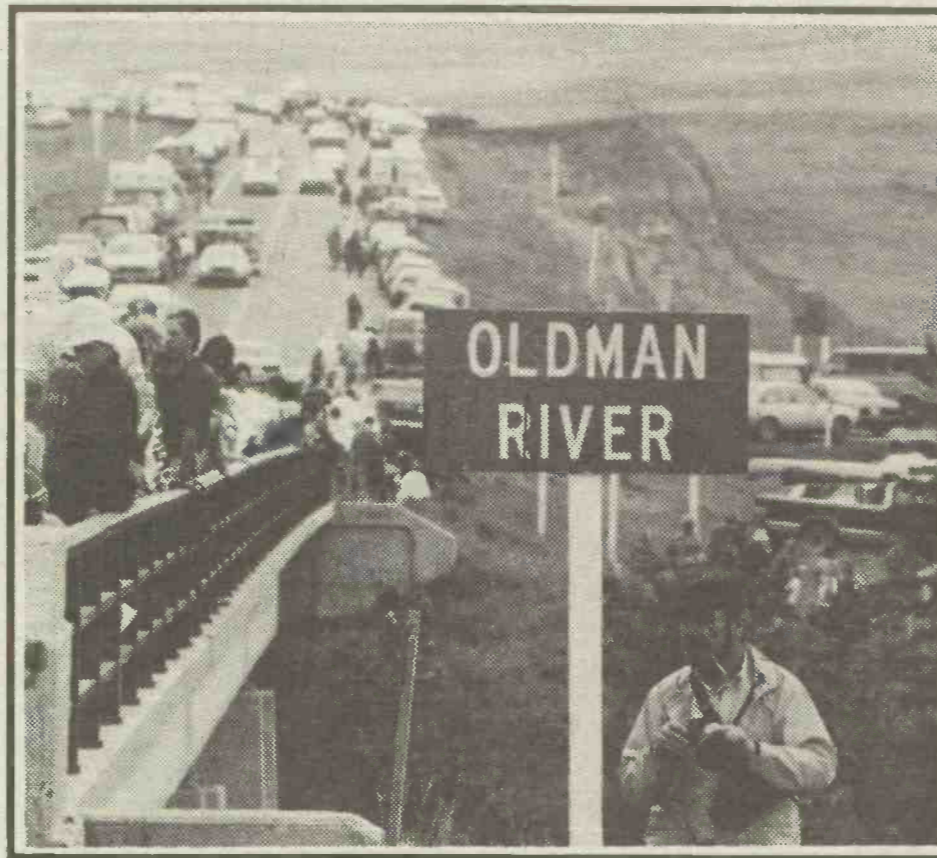
American Indian tribes have won court battles in similar cases.

"What we're asking the court to do is to allow us to divide the case into manageable units so we can quickly get to court on the issue of whether the band has rights to the water," said Mandell.

She said the Peigans have a "very strong argument."

"There's no precedent in Canada which would bind either party's argument. If there's a strong case, this is it," she said.

The band hasn't yet made opposition to the dam a prior-



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ity.

"We first want to establish the band has rights and then we're asking that all other issues like quantity and the impact of the dam be dealt

with at another time," said Mandell.

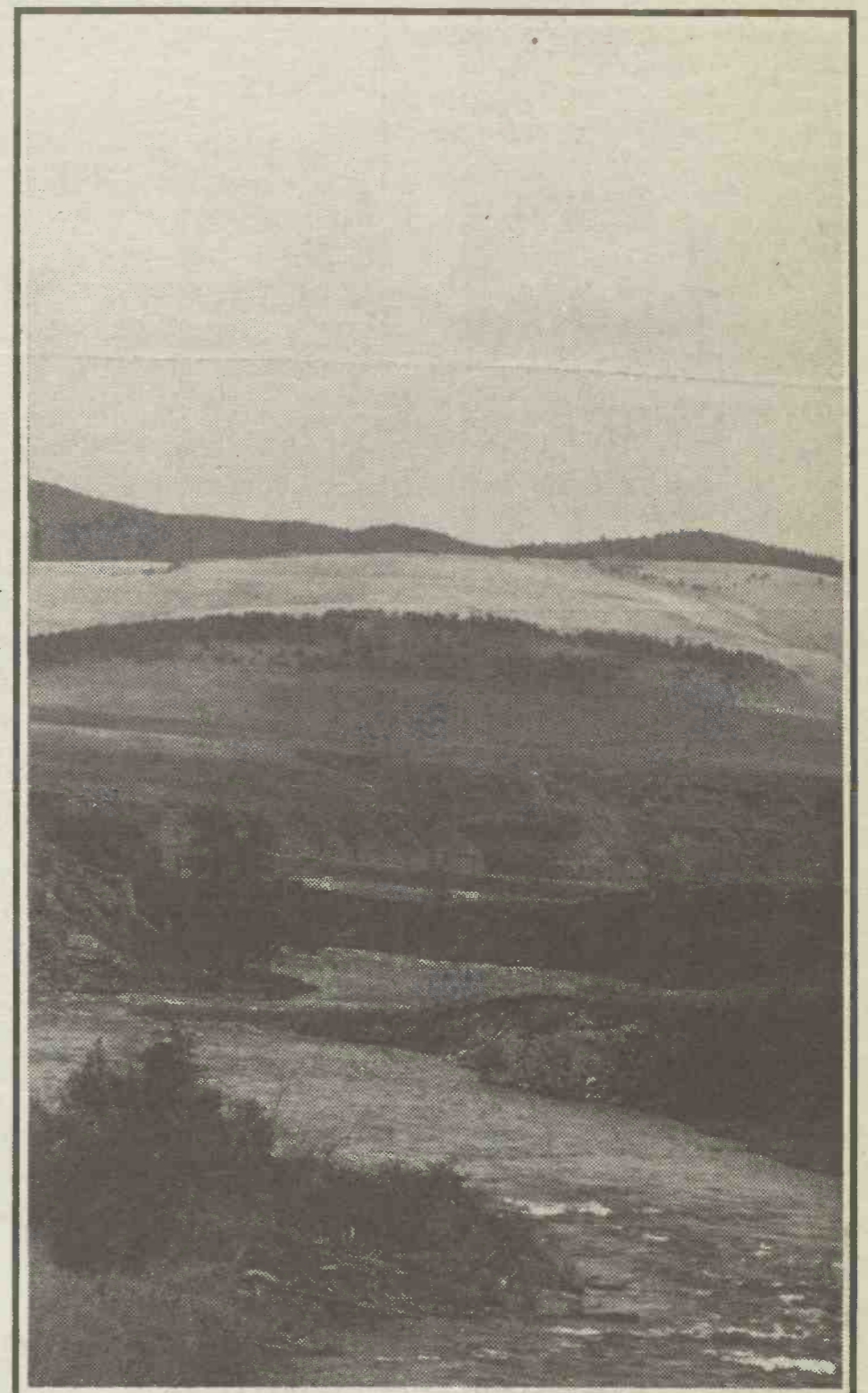
If the band is given priority status on the water and if the band wants to sell that water or do whatever it pleases with it, it can, she said.

"If the dam is constructed, those water rights will still be there. The question is whether they get them first or the downstream users get them first or the water is shipped to Saskatchewan for the benefit of somebody else," she said.

Mandell said the Aug. 11 federal court decision was "a bit of a surprise. Nobody's happy about it."

"The Oldman River Dam project seemed very similar to the Saskatchewan case," she said, Rafferty-Alameda dam which has had construction halted.

"I couldn't see why the Saskatchewan dam was stopped on the basis it was



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The Oldman River: Its water is valued

and the Oldman River Dam wasn't," she said.

The \$250 million Rafferty-Alameda dam in Saskatchewan was halted earlier this year by the federal court because Ottawa had failed to study the environmental impact.

The conflicting lower court judgements make it likely the Supreme Court of Canada would hear an appeal by the Friends of the Oldman River Society, she said.

Peigan Chief Leonard Bastein couldn't be reached for comment this week.

## Expressions



**Young Explorer:** 3-year-old Michael Lameman isn't too interested in the goings on at the 61st annual Metis Assembly. He decided to discover what was happening in and around his campsite in St. Paul.

## Parents mourn son's death

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vestigation.

"If it did happen, we were not aware of it," said Soloway.

"The main concern of the parents is the allegations by Social Services. What is their proof?" demanded Virginia, Soloway's sister-in-law.

In a temporary guardianship order dated April 10 at Bonnyville provincial court, which dealt with Brenda, it was asserted "the children have been left unattended and have been physically abused by their parents. Their parents have failed to protect them from sexual abuse."

Alexis has been assessed by a doctor as having suffered "severe psychological scarring" stated the document.

The doctor said she should remain in a foster home to allow for further assessment.

"She is a very fearful, withdrawn child. I fear if she would return to her environment she might be-

come suicidal," according to the doctor's assessment.

Physical findings are "consistent with sexual abuse," said the doctor.

Asked about the allegations, Soloway said "it's all



untrue.

"They have run us through the wringer. Our reputation is just ruined," he said.

"We don't know where it (the allegations) came from," said McCarthy.

Social services "snatched" the children away, she said.

"It's like they kidnapped them. That's what they did, they kidnapped them," she said angrily.

Paterson said Soloway and McCarthy "had their day in

court" before the children were taken.

"The kids were apprehended legally. If they say it's kidnapping, the court didn't see it that way," he said.

The parents were represented by a lawyer at a hearing lasting almost a day, he said. The judge ordered the children be made temporary guardians for six months and that they be placed in therapy, he said.

The matter is under investigation, confirmed Corporal Rick Samotej of Bonnyville RCMP. It should be completed in a couple of weeks.

Billie Joe, Brenda and Alexis have been placed with a Native foster parent on Kehewin Reserve, located 60 km west of the town of Bonnyville.

Social Services had earlier been unable to find Native foster parents for the children, said Mel Kuprowsky, regional communications' manager with the Lac La Biche department.

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## YOUR WORDS

# Article on centre needs clarification - president

Dear Editor:

Re: "Edson flooded by requests for help"  
Volume 7, No. 22  
August 14, 1989  
By Gary Gee

I would like to provide this information on the Aboriginal Friendship Centre Programme (AFCP) and the position taken by the Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association (ANFCA).

The AFCP is funded by the Department of Secretary of State (SOS), Native Citizens Directorate. This programme provides operational funding to the community based Friendship Centres. Since our past programme ended in March 1988, the National Association of

Friendship Centres (NAFC), Provincial/Territorial Associations (PTA) and existing Friendship Centres in Canada have been lobbying the government to acknowledge the need for enrichments and to enhance the funding levels of the AFCP. Within these enrichments is the component for New and Developing Friendship Centres.

A study has recently been completed on New and Developing Centres in Canada.

It is currently in circulation with the NAFC membership for response and input. New and Developing Centres will have the opportunity for their direct input at a workshop planned for the near future. This will give NAFC the di-

rection and the input of the communities effected by the lack of funding available for new and developing Friendship Centres.

The AFCP, Department of SOS, NAFC and ANFCA have had no new monies for any new Friendship Centres since the 1987-88 fiscal year. Until an agreement is reached with the Department of Secretary of State regarding new and developing Friendship Centres and funding levels, there is no funding for new Friendship Centres.

There are presently 30 plus communities in Canada that are on the list of New and Developing Friendship Centres. There are seven communities in Alberta alone.

NAFC and ANFCA have and will continue to be supportive of the communities working toward developing a Friendship Centre as we are very aware of the need for services and programs to better the quality of life for Aboriginal people living in urban environments.

Friendship Centres are unique organizations. One of the unique facts about Friendship Centres is that our foundation is built on volunteerism.

Without our many volunteers, at all levels, we would not be the movement we are today. It is true, you may be on salary at a local Friendship Centre or a PTA, however, any position you may hold on

the Board of Directors of a local Friendship Centre, PTA or NAFC, you are not in a paid position of that organization.

You provide this as volunteer time because you believe in the Movement and what Friendship Centres do at the local levels.

I would be more than pleased to elaborate on these issues to provide further clarification in the event that the above mentioned article is misinterpreted as NAFC or ANFCA being non-supportive of any New and Developing Friendship Centre and their community's efforts.

In friendship,

Karen Collins  
President

# Saddle Lake woes 'glamorized' — new chief

Dear Editor:

I read with some amusement and more with a little concern the front page article entitled, "SADDLE LAKE CHIEF FORCED OUT" July 17, 1989.

For various reasons of their own, five Saddle Lake Tribal Council Members out of a nine member Tribal Council, issued notice of their intent to resign their positions at a duly convened Band meeting. This included tribal elders and the general membership.

A decision was made that

rather than hold a by-election to fill the vacant positions, a new mandate for a three-year term be issued. Eligibility for holding office is determined by tribal custom. The remaining four that did not resign were all eligible.

While the version is hardly as glamorous as Mr. Morrow's version, it gives a fair representation of the events that led to the election of a new Council. You see, Mr. Morrow, Saddle Lake people are in power and the tribal council are merely an extension. Perhaps, you could

have highlighted this in your article. But, then how could you—your article is based on innuendo, half-truths, and rumors.

I will extend an invitation to you to come to our community, and I will give you a story.

I will tell you of a community with chronic unemployment. I will tell you of the heartache that accompanies alcohol abuse, family violence, poverty, and housing shortages. I will tell you of a government that continually

seeks to undermine treaty and aboriginal rights. But, I will also tell you of a newly elected council sitting together with an outgoing council in order to facilitate a smooth transition; of a community that had post-secondary graduates at the graduation ceremonies held this year by the native student club of the university of Alberta; and of a community vibrant of tradition and culture.

Would social, economic and community development issues; such as the ones mentioned, merit front page news

or are these problems so ingrained within our Native communities that hardly a thought is given to them? If this is the case .... then it is a sad day for our Aboriginal people.

While I don't appreciate my words being reported out of context, I still appreciate being informed of events within various Native communities through the Windspeaker.

Chief Carl Quinn  
Saddle Lake Band #125

## Editorial Viewpoint

# Amato's criticisms bound to ruffle MAA ranks

It's pretty clear what motivated former Metis vice-president George Amato to get up on stage at the Metis Association of Alberta's annual assembly in St. Paul Aug. 12 to denounce the organization's policies and bureaucratic structure.

Amato, a high-ranking Metis power broker in the organization for many years, was obviously frustrated and very dissatisfied by what he perceives is the MAA's own bureaucracy in dealing with the concerns of its members.

It's clear that despite years of involvement and loyalty to the organization, Amato himself - like many others before him - doesn't feel the leadership within is listening to its members.

And while the complaints of one person is not enough to jump to any conclusion about whether the MAA as the representative of Metis people in Alberta is doing its job, the fact that it comes from such a high-ranking official - a former



WINDSPEAKER PHOTO FILE

Former Edson MAA local representative Sharron Johnstone protested at the MAA offices last year.

zone vice-president - is a strong indication that there is something wrong.

Like others who have criticized the organization

in the past, Amato is addressing a recurring complaint: that the MAA is a closed shop and its leadership has sought to consoli-

date its power base amongst an elite few.

It seems the grass roots people want a larger role and say in how the organi-

zation is run.

Grass-roots concerns such as funding for local projects, control over local administrative offices, and equal access to government-allocated funding are being paid lip service by the organization, according to Amato.

It isn't the first time these concerns have been brought up as readers will remember when members of the Edson local marched on MAA offices this year to open up the organization's books to its members.

What George Amato is saying is nothing new.

It's the fact that he himself is saying it is causing a few eyes to blink within the Metis community.

Others have shown the same courage in the past but haven't been successful in changing anything.

Perhaps, now that Amato is saying it, there might be more people willing to put their views on the line.

## Blood Inquiry

Testimony ends as inquiry takes three-week break

# Dead man's wife denies involvement with his death

By John Grainger  
The Lethbridge Herald

LETHBRIDGE

The wife of a man found dead underneath the city's Whoop-Up Bridge in 1984 denied having anything to do with his death.

When Lenore Sinclair was asked by a Blood Band lawyer if she had anything to do with Ivan Garry Chief Moon's death she emphatically said no.

Chief Moon's body was found under the bridge Dec. 9, 1984. Police believe the 25-year-old man fell accidentally.

Commission lawyer Michael Stevens-Guille told Sinclair Wednesday, at the Rolf Inquiry investigating strained relations between the band and police, of a rumor implicating her in his death.

The couple, married in 1982 and divorced by Aug. 1984, split because of Chief Moon's frequent drinking binges, when he often became violent, Sinclair told Judge Carl Rolf, the man heading the \$2-million provincial inquiry.

"Other than that, he was the sweetest man in the world," said Sinclair, who has since remarried.

She said Chief Moon had gone to Calgary, where she was living after their split, twice apparently attempting to patch things up.

"I don't want anything to do with you as long as you're drinking," Sinclair said she would reply to Chief Moon.

Sinclair said she hadn't seen Chief Moon for a number of months before his death.

Chief Moon's blood alcohol level was .20 percent.

A pathologist earlier in the

inquiry testified Chief Moon's blood alcohol level could have been as high as .30 at the time of death.

In other testimony, an 18-year-old girl who had a blossoming romance with Travis Many Grey Horses before he died in Nov. 1986, said rumors her jealous boyfriend killed Many Grey Horses were unfounded.

"I thought it was pretty ridiculous," Penny Many Guns said.

Many Grey Horses' body was found April 10, 1987 — nearly six months after he went missing — in the Oldman River near Diamond City, about 25 km northwest of here.

She said she asked her boyfriend about the rumors circulating amongst their peers and he told her, "even for me, he wouldn't go to that extent, to pull something like that," said Many Guns.

Many Guns gave Many Grey Horses a necklace as a gift, but did not tell her boyfriend about it.

When asked what she thought happened to 18-year-old Many Grey Horses, Many Guns said she didn't know.

"Anything, really, could have happened to him."

Lethbridge City Police Chief Terry Wauters viewed the morning sitting of the inquiry which is taking a three-week break until Sept. 12 when it resumes at Senator Gladstone Hall on the Blood Reserve.

A day earlier at the inquiry, the ambulance driver who took Mike Eagle Bear to Cardston Municipal Hospital from the town's RCMP holding cells told the Rolf inquiry he alerted a doctor about a head wound on the victim.

"I can recollect that comment was made to (the doc-

tor)," James Taylor said Wednesday.

Eagle Bear died about five hours after being arrested for public intoxication after he was found lying down in front of a residence in Stand Off, 85 km southwest of Lethbridge.

When Taylor said he spoke to the doctor at the hospital emergency unit, "he made some comment he knew this man and had saved his life before," said Taylor.

Taylor said he did not check Eagle Bear's head himself but Eagle Bear was face down when Taylor first saw him.

"Transportation was the main priority at the time."

In earlier testimony, a veteran RCMP member at Cardston says the detachment will treat every drunk case on the Blood Reserve with importance — despite handling many every day.

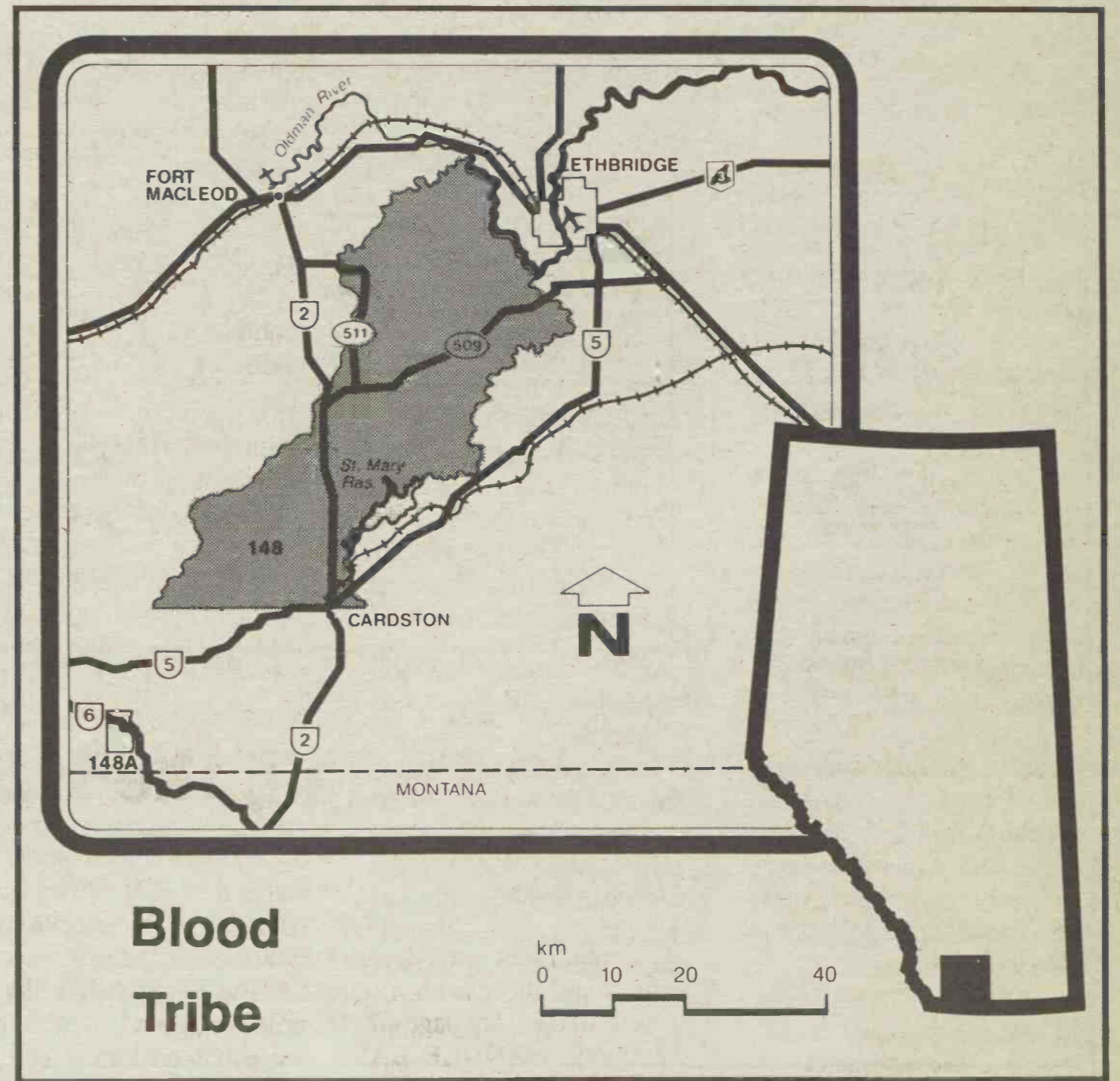
Cpl. Alfred Rudd, who's been working at the Cardston detachment since May 1981, says officers examine every person for possible injuries.

"Each and every person receives the best (medical attention) we can provide. They're not just another number," said Rudd.

Rudd, who has on "many occasions" fielded calls in Stand Off, said if officers find a person passed out, they will check the person's breathing, pulse and look for any external signs of injury.

Rudd said the reserve also has numerous drug overdoses, a source of consternation for the RCMP.

"The symptoms are so identical. Even if they have had just one drink" and have ingested some other substances, it is hard for the RCMP to decide if the person is just passed out from drink-



ing or from substance abuse.

"I've gone to the doctor's and said, 'I don't know what he's taken.'"

The cause of death was originally called chronic alcoholism, but it was later determined death was by an injury to the head.

When being questioned by commission lawyer Michael Stevens-Guille, Rudd became angry when Stevens-Guille implied that by misplacing documentation he didn't carry out the investigation properly.

"That's insulting to me," Rudd said.

Wrapping up the investigation, Rudd called the pathologist who performed the autopsy on Eagle Bear to confirm cause of death and

asked Dr. Rod MacKay if he noticed abrasions to the head detected by the arresting officers.

MacKay told him he did not, but would look again.

"I was very surprised to hear the results. It never occurred to me it was anything other than chronic alcoholism," Rudd told the inquiry.

Carl Good Rider, a 27-year-old Stand Off resident, was eventually charged and convicted of manslaughter and was sentenced to two years less a day for beating Eagle Bear over the head with a hockey stick while fighting over a bottle of wine.

When Eagle Bear was found lying outside a Stand Off residence by RCMP offi-

cers, he was treated for what appeared to be minor head abrasions and then taken to RCMP holding cells in Cardston.

Eagle Bear had a blood alcohol reading of .18 five hours after taken into custody.

The legal impairment limit in Canada is .08.

Earlier in Rudd's testimony, he told Judge Carl Rolf he felt "overwhelmed" when he moved to Cardston.

"It was like leaving the planet. It was a different world entirely from what I was used to," said Rudd.

He added most of the calls were from the reserve and seemed to "centre around liquor".

# Reserve Police force won't work says RCMP veteran

By John Grainger  
The Lethbridge Herald

LETHBRIDGE

An 18-year RCMP veteran now working in Cardston says a Blood Tribe police force will not work.

"Right now, there's no co-operation, no dedication and no commitment," said Cpl. Alfred Rudd at the Rolf inquiry Wednesday.

"They really don't know what a police force is."

He said the band would be better off continuing the way it is.

"A combination of RCMP and tribal police is the most effective (policing method)," said Rudd.

He added he's told Blood Police Chief Liz Scout the

same thing "and she's in agreement with me."

Rudd, who has been at the Cardston detachment, about 90 km southwest of Lethbridge, since May 1981, said Scout has done a great job organizing this attempt to revive a reserve police jurisdiction, but has not received any support from chief and council.

"She's never received any support whatsoever from the administration. Liz had to put up with a lot."

Rudd expects this attempt for a police force will fall flat as it has many times before — as he has witnessed.

"I see history repeating itself."

There are some Blood police members receiving training in Cardston prepar-

ing them for the change to Blood's control Jan. 1, 1990.

Rudd said he has spoken to some about it and they're worried about handling police work by themselves.

The members of the Blood police force were trained by the provincial solicitor general's office.

Rudd was testifying before Judge Carl Rolf about the death of 59-year-old Mike Eagle Bear, who died from head injuries in 1983.

Rudd has worked his career in Alberta including Strathmore, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail and Calgary.

Blood band lawyer Chris Evans said he would not cross-examine Rudd on his comments of Blood policing until he has had time to question others involved.



# 61st ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE

New agreement to provide opportunity

## Alberta Metis building bright future - Desmeules

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ST. PAUL, ALTA.

The Metis people of Alberta are making history while building a future for their children, says Larry Desmeules, president of the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA).

"We are making history. We have done more than any Aboriginal peoples in the nation, and probably the world," he told more than 300 Metis members during the 61st annual MAA meeting in St. Paul Aug. 12.

In his president's report, Desmeules assured them their Native rights are being entrenched in provincial history.

He said a newly-adopted framework agreement will lay the foundation for future Metis generations.

"All of us share a vision and we are making it a real-



President's report: Larry Desmeules delivers speech flanked by Paul Sinclair and Stella Calahasen

ity," he said.

"I hope our young will continue with their education so they can serve our future."

The framework agreement gives Metis settlements additional land, economic development funding and limited self-government.

It was the first agreement

of its kind in Canada to be signed between a Metis group and a provincial government.

Last July, a land settlement deal was finalized by Federation of Metis Settlements president Randy Hardy and Alberta Premier Don Getty.

The deal will provide \$310 million for services and economic development of settlements over the next 17 years.

And that is only the beginning, said Desmeules.

"We will be seeking to expand" Metis agriculture, environmental concerns, judi-

cial system and culture, he said.

"And we will be seeking funding to make it work."

Desmeules said Metis concerns should become more open to society and people should strive to follow in the footsteps of Metis leaders who are making their mark in Canadian society.

Desmeules comment was a reference to Progressive Conservative MLAs Pearl Calahasen and Mike Cardinal who were elected in the March Alberta provincial election.

"We have to support (Metis) people that make it in mainstream society and use them to help us," he said.

He said Metis people should become more familiar with the framework agreement so they can provide their input into its implementation.

"We will be judged at the community level," he noted. To ensure the MAA serves

the Metis people of Alberta effectively, Desmeules said an Elders' Council will monitor its progress.

The Elders' Council was established at last year's MAA annual assembly to help settle constitutional disputes between the MAA and Metis communities.

"I praise them for their diligent work," said Desmeules.

Council co-chairman Fred L'Hirondelle said the year-old council is working to strengthen its mandate even more.

He said he has been pushing to have the 14-member group become better acquainted with the Metis constitution and its legal implications.

"We need legal training, that's for sure. But we're here to make sure the MAA does what its suppose to for the Metis people," he said.

## Tearful Miss Metis accepts crown

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ST. PAUL, ALTA.

Joyce Dumais was crowned Miss Metis Alberta during the 61st annual assembly of the Metis Association of Alberta in St. Paul Aug. 12.

The 15-year-old Metis maiden from Bonnyville, in Zone 2, said she's happy the months of diligent prepara-

tion to face stiff competition for the crown, are over.

"I feel real good now is all I can say," said the tearful winner, immediately after being crowned by zone 4 Metis princess Dawn Marie Marchand.

Dumais, one of nine contestants to vie for the prestigious prize, was awarded a trophy, crown, bouquet and \$200 in cash.

The contestants were judged for talent; traditional

and evening ware; and public speaking.

During the final event, each of the young ladies were asked to answer a question, chosen at random.

Dumais was asked if elders play a strong enough role in the Metis community?"

Her response helped her win the title.

"It's their (elders) vast experience that teaches little kids and keeps them (children) from becoming addicted (to drugs and alcohol)," she said.

Other Miss Metis contestants included Irene Cardinal, 15; first runner-up Jennifer Bobyrk, 15; second runner-up Debbie Desjarlais, 16; Miss Congeniality Pauline Huppie, 15; Lori Kay Gladue, 19; Sonia Dumais, 17; and 16-year-old Le Homa Locombe.



JEFF MORROW, Windspeaker

Visiting: The 61st annual assembly of the MAA attracted these curious campers, who came from Southern Alberta and Saskatchewan.

## More funds coming Sept 1

# Low-interest housing program expanded

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ST. PAUL, ALTA.

The Metis Rural Housing Corporation (MRHC) will extend its northern boundaries to help Natives obtain grants and low-interest loans to upgrade their homes.

Housing director Gary Doucette said the Residential

Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) will be able to provide the additional funding Sept. 1.

"The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has extended our territory north of the 57 parallel," he told more than 300 people during the 61st annual Metis Association of Alberta assembly in St. Paul Aug. 12.

He said the new area will reach Natives from Valleyview to Manning.

"At present, 119 applications have been approved," he said.

The MRHC has committed \$772,649 of its \$854,000 annual budget to the RRAP, Doucette announced.

A total of \$340,000 will go into rural housing and \$150,000 into urban housing.

The RRAP, which offers low-cost loans and grants to Native families with low incomes, has been in operation since 1979.

Prior to the changes, Doucette said the RRAP had only applied to central and eastern Alberta.

A family whose total income per year is \$13,000 or less is eligible for up to \$5,000 for a home repair.



JEFF MORROW, Windspeaker

Tearful queen: Miss Metis Joyce Dumais

# METIS ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA

## Framework agreement to help Natives in job market

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ST. PAUL, ALTA.

Alberta Forestry, Lands and Wildlife adviser Carl Surrendi is looking forward to the day he can give up his job to a qualified Metis.

That's why he spent two days explaining the framework agreement to Natives at the 61st annual Metis Association assembly in St. Paul on Aug. 12.

"It's a policy for the people. It's a way to bring Natives into the workforce," he said, at the assembly which attracted 600 people.

"It's a hell of an eye-opener to see this initiative finally in place."

The framework agreement, a mutual initiative between the Metis and provin-

cial governments to increase Native social and economic development in Alberta, was first developed in 1987.

Revised in 1988 with the Metis Futures paper, it now provides additional funding for education, a mechanism for settling governmental disputes and an increase in economic development for Metis communities.

But the most important advancement of the agreement, insists Surrendi, is the employment opportunities that will be offered to Metis people.

"I'm hoping someday a Metis will be able to take over my job. That's the idea," Surrendi said.

The framework agreement is expected to alleviate the 80 per cent unemployment rate that is affecting Alberta's eight Metis settlements and

put Metis people on the same economic level as other Albertans.

Surrendi said many government positions, from game wardens to park officials, could soon be filled by people from Metis communities.

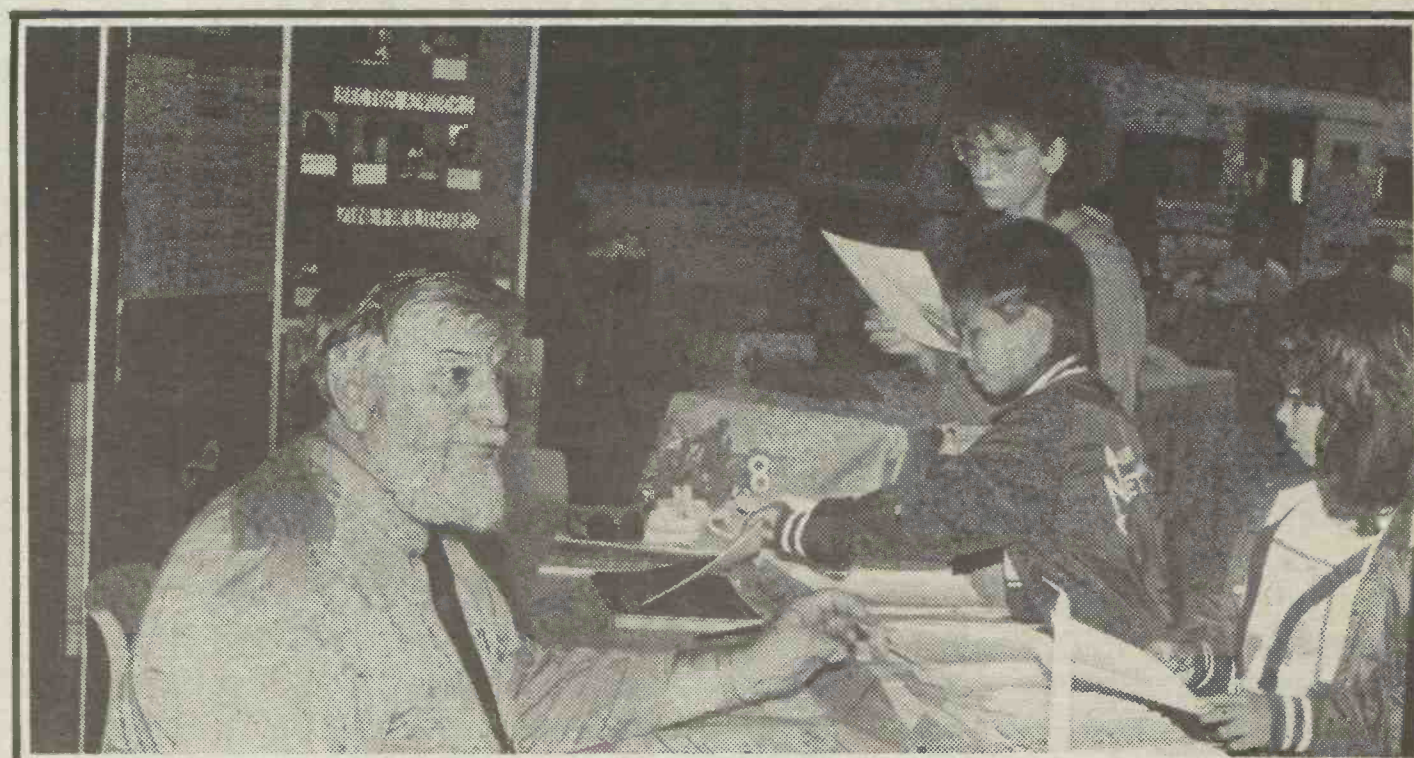
"Why pay a high-priced government worker for doing something a Native can do much better? In time, Natives will filter into the workforce," he added.

Surrendi spent Friday explaining the framework agreement during workshop sessions.

He said it is important for Metis people to understand how the new policies work so they can take advantage of the provisions.

"I found most people receptive and interested in the agreement," he said.

The agreement structure



Youthful public relations: Government official Carl Surrendi explains agreement

includes five sub-committees which are directed by Metis zone vice-presidents.

The subcommittees report to the joint committee consisting of MAA president Larry Desmeules and Alberta government executive Barry

Mellon.

Sector advisers monitor each sub-committee to ensure the operations run smoothly.

That structure is a significant step for the Metis people, said Surrendi, explaining that Metis concerns can finally

make it to the top of the political ladder.

"There will be no more stonewalling or ignoring the issues at any level of government. They (concerns) will go directly to Getty's office," he said.

## St. Paul a mecca of Alberta Metis culture for 97 years

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ST. PAUL, ALTA.

A historical analysis of St. Paul, a town boasting the world's largest UFO landing site, proves it is a fitting place to hold the 61st annual Metis Association of Alberta assembly, says the town's mayor.

"We were pleased the MAA chose St. Paul to hold its meetings," said Paul Langevin.

"It is really appropriate that it was held here of all places."

The assembly, which garnered more than 600 Metis from around the province during the weekend of Aug. 11-13, was the best Native gathering the MAA has ever sponsored, according to assembly organizer August Collins.

St. Paul, a small Alberta town located 130 km northeast of Edmonton, was established in 1896 by a Western missionary named Father Lacombe along with a handful of Metis seeking

a place to advance their culture and lifestyle.

The village of St. Paul, population 5,300, was finally established in 1909.

For the 1976 St. Paul centennial celebration the town's Chamber of Commerce erected the world's first and only UFO landing site.

Langevin said Metis culture has blossomed throughout the St. Paul district.

"The Metis people have worked hard all these years to get things going for themselves. There is a strong relationship between the town of St. Paul and the Metis," he explained.

The Metis settlements of Elizabeth and Fishing Lake, with a combined population of 1,200, are located in the St. Paul area.

Langevin, who has been mayor for three years, said the Metis people played a strong role in the development of the St. Paul district.

"They started on the edge of Therien Lake (in St. Paul) with a sawmill and went from there," he said.

And the co-publisher of the St. Paul Journal weekly newspaper says residents are becoming more interested in what's happening in the Metis communities around them.

Cheryl Drouin believes Native people are expressing their concerns more openly and it's having a positive impact on their relationship with the residents of St. Paul.

"They're letting us know what the issues really are. The people want to become aware and they want to know how Native people really are," she said.

Collins, zone 2 vice president, admitted the attendance was lower this year than previous assemblies, but lauded St. Paul for accepting the Metis members that did attend.

"It's the first time a town put up a sign welcoming the members. We hold this very highly," he said.

He said the MAA successfully adopted new assembly policies this year making the meetings alcohol-free and more culturally-oriented.

The MAA held its first-ever sober dance and a Metis parade during its annual assembly.

## Famed Metis leader honored

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ST. PAUL, ALTA.

Famed Metis leader and educator Joe Dion was immortalized at the 61st annual Metis Association of Alberta general assembly in St. Paul on Aug. 12.

A parade float, aptly-named 'A Tribute To Joe', won best overall entry in the first Metis assembly parade.

Dion's granddaughter Theresa Jenkins accepted the award on behalf of her family members who combined their efforts to construct the float, which she called a "labor of love."

The \$500 project also won for best commercial design. "It just started out as an idea," said Jenkins. "And it snow-balled from there."

Dion, who was born in Onion Lake, Saskatchewan in 1888, was the founder and first president of the MAA in 1930.

After leaving his Saskatchewan reserve in the early 1900s, Dion began teaching children on the Kehewin reserve where he operated a school for 24 years.

He later toured other area settlements to share his wisdom and knowledge with children.

Dion was revered as a crusader and strong spiritual leader.

He died in 1958.



Honoring Joe: Theresa Jenkins, grand-daughter of famed Metis leader Joe Dion accepts the award for best overall float

## CLOSE TO HOME

Deadline for applications Aug. 31

## Canuck women sought for Miss Indian American title

DROPPIN' IN  
By Jeanne Lepine

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Hello, once again. I have great news for all you Droppin' In fans. The original writer of the column will be taking back his column.

I enjoyed hearing from the fans of this column, but I know you are thrilled with the news. When Rocky Woodward left, the column was never the same. Although the temporary writers did a good job, the style and flare that Rocky used was one that could not be imitated.

Reading Rocky's column always made me feel like I was visiting with him. The column was his personal visit, and I am very happy that the

Droppin' In column will get its flavor back.

Rocky will be back with his column next week.

Welcome back Rocky **BISMARCK, North Dakota:** If you are an American Indian woman who has never been married, without children, between the ages of 18 and 25, a high school graduate and of one-half and more Indian blood, you are eligible to enter the National Miss Indian American pageant.

Candidates are welcome from all of North America.

This is the 33rd annual pageant and spokesperson for the pageant said this week that, as of yet, there has not

been a Canadian contestant but they are looking forward to receiving an application from the first Canuck.

Deadline for applicants is August 31. So, there isn't much time left to enter.

No applicants will be accepted without the following: Photo copy of tribal record showing proof of Indian blood; an 8" x 10" color photograph of yourself in tribal dress with a release from photographer for the rights to the photograph. (The photo cannot be returned); a \$200 entry fee by certified check or postal money order (non-refundable); a certified copy of your birth certificate; a current medical report signed by your doctor; a written essay of 300 words, typed and single spaced, of a speech that you would give as Miss Indian America on an issue dealing with Native American people; a parents or guardians release for participation; a 4" x 6" index card showing your travel schedule to and from Bismarck. (This can be sent

later)

Application forms can be picked up at the Windspeaker office at 15001 - 112 Avenue in Edmonton.

The pageant is scheduled for September 5-9, 1989. For more information call 701-255-3285.

**GROUARD:** The rehabilitation centre is holding their annual Compound Picnic days from Aug. 25-27 at Hillard Bay on Lesser Slave Lake. There will be a camping area, and everyone is welcome. Rusty Thomkins, the cook at the rehab center will be on hand to serve bannock and wild meat. See you there Rusty.

The professional Walleye Classic Fish Derby will be held from Aug. 25 and 26 at Shaw's point, which is a few kilometres from Hillard Bay. All entries are filled but with the activities planned, it could prove to be very interesting.

There will be an air show on Saturday, August 26 with fireworks held at night. A tour boat will also be available.

There will also be professional fishermen from all over the world with a prizes totalling \$50,000.

**EDMONTON:** The Fort Chipewyan exhibit in the provincial museum closes on Sept. 4. Curator Pat McCormick estimates that 300,000 people will have seen the exhibit by that time. Last week, I reported that this exhibit will travel to Fort Chipewyan in the winter, but McCormick informed me that only a part of the exhibit will travel to Fort Chipewyan. Because some of the artifacts are very old and delicate, they need special treatment with constant monitoring.

The Indian Summer Festival on August 27 at the Strathcona Archeological Centre will feature Native singers and drums. Cree-ations are by Native designer Kathy Shirt who will host a fashion show with her latest designs. Christine Auger, hostess from "Our Native Heritage", will also be on hand. For viewing, there will be a private collec-

tion of prehistoric artifacts. There will also be a re-enactment of prehistoric times.

This festival could become an annual event depending on the response received.

Well mothers, there are only two weeks before school starts, and for most, holidays are drawing to an end.

For mother's these last two weeks of school vacation are the most hectic. There are days of shopping for back to school clothes and supplies and it is important to be able to take advantage of the back to school sales that are advertised in all the stores. All this running around is over and above all her regular household chores.

A bouquet to all mothers, as mothers are a special species that God created. Mothers should not have to wait until Mother's Day or their birthday to be recognized. So, here's to all Mothers:

"I love you, Mother."

God bless you, and keep in tune as Rocky is back.

## Calendar of Events

**ASUM MENA, July 28 - Sept. 2, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Tues. - Sat., Festival of Arts by Alberta Native Artists at the Front Gallery, 12302 Jasper Ave., Edmonton, 488-2952.

**FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SERIES, beginning Aug. 15, everyone welcome, for more info. call Michael at (403)427-KIDS (5437).**

**CHIEF WALKING WOLF FUND RAISER GOLF CLASSIC, Aug. 18, Indian Lakes Golf Course; in honor of Willie Littlechild, presented by Peace Hills Trust; for more info. call John Fletcher (403)435-4424 or Cara Currie (403)429-4065, (403)5853744.**

**10TH ANNUAL POWWOW, Aug. 18, 19 & 20, hosted by Shuswap Brothers & Sisters and Kamloops Indian Band; camping and Princess Pageant; for more info. call (604)372-9575.**

**SUCKER CREEK RECREATION RODEO & FAST-BALL TOURNAMENT, Aug. 19 & 20, Urban Cowboy Dance & Mechanical Bull Riding Contest Saturday night; for more info. call (403)585-3852.**

**INTERNATIONAL NATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL, Aug. 19 - 27, Concert Hall Foyer, Calgary Centre for Performing Arts, Calgary; for more info. call (403)251-3826 or Calgary Tourism & Convention Bureau Information FUNN Line (403)262-3866.**

**INTRODUCTORY KARATE, Aug. 22, Desmarais Recreation and Cultural Centre; registration fee \$5.00, sponsored by the Improvement District 17 East.**

**1989 SCRAPER CAPERS SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM, Aug. 23 - 26, children aged 9 - 12 years, Native children's games and storytelling program, scavenger hunt, to register call (403)431-2368.**

**COMPOUND PICNIC DAYS, Aug. 25 - 27, (Grouard Rehabilitation Centre) at Hillard Bay.**

**KEHIWIN INTERCULTURAL DAYS, Aug. 25, 26 & 27, Hand Game Tournament, 16 Team All Native Men's Fastball Tournament and Rodeo; for more info. call Harold Watchmaker or Percy Moosepayo (403)826-3333.**

**BOB KOOTENAY MEMORIAL GOLF, Aug. 26 & 27, Jr. Golf Course, St. Albert, Alberta; for more info. call (403)939-5887.**

**LAST DITCH FLEA MARKET, Aug. 26, Slave Lake Friendship Centre.**

**INDIAN SUMMER FESTIVAL, Aug. 27, Strathcona Archeological Centre, Edmonton; for more info. call Wendy Lefsrud at 431-2368.**

**6TH ANNUAL LABOR DAY CLASSIC BALL TOURNAMENT, Sept. 1 - 3, Goodfish Lake, 8 ladies softball teams, 24 mixed slowpitch teams; for more info. call Goodfish Lake Recreation at (403)636-3622.**

**NATIONAL FILM BOARD, Special Screenings of Aboriginal Films, beginning Sept. 6, every Wednesday at noon, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; N.F.B. Theatre, 120 Canada Place, 9700 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton.**

**UNITED TRIBES INTERNATIONAL POWWOW, Sept. 7 - 10, Bismarck, North Dakota; United Tribes Indian Art Expo, National Miss Indian America Padgent; Contact Jess Clairmont or Letitia Stewart (701)255-3285 Ext. 217.**

**COLD LAKE FIRST NATIONS SPORTS DAY, Sept. 8 - 10, for more info. call Randy Metchewais at (403)594-7183.**

**1989 N.I.A.A. SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS, Sept. 15 - 17, Albuquerque, New Mexico; contact Pete Homer at (505)275-7484.**

**FRIENDSHIP BINGOS, every Tuesday and beginning Sept. 16, every Saturday, High Level Friendship Centre; proceeds to go towards equipment for the centre.**

## UN rep upset

## Indigenous people face setback with land claim vote

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

The world's Aboriginal peoples could face severe setbacks in their fight to retain their traditional lands, said a Native lawyer representing Treaty 6 at United Nations meetings in Geneva, Switzerland.

United Nations lawyer Sharon Venne said it could have a negative impact on the international Treaty study presently under way.

Venne said the International Labor Organization (ILO) passed a resolution to a human rights subcommittee last week that Indigenous people should not be offered land-claim settlements.

The resolution, which was passed to more than 300 delegates of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations, could have devastating effects on future UN decisions, she said.

"Indigenous people all over the world will take every opportunity to condemn the process," she said.

According to Venne, the

ILO is one of the most powerful organizations to pass international resolutions through the international law-making body.

"They (ILO) said Indigenous people are not people at all. We're still going to fight it," she said.

"In looking at the ILO document, the only right which Indigenous people still have is the right to die as Indigenous people."

She fears the UN-sponsored study, being conducted by Miguel Alfonso Martinez, will not be taken seriously by the UN General Assembly if the ILO proposals are passed.

The ILO is a tripartite agency represented in the UN by every industrialized country in the world.

It was established in 1919 and is made up of delegates from government, business, and labor communities.

Venne said government and big business usually pass resolutions which promote industrialization.

The UN study is scheduled to take three years and involves an examination of treaties with Aboriginal people in several nations including Canada, New Zealand and Australia.



OUR PEOPLE

Speaks to youth at U of A

Preserve culture says Metis leader

By Everett Lambert  
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

"Don't leave your culture behind," says the former leader of the Federation of Metis Settlements.

Maurice L'Hirondelle, 79, former leader of the group which represents people living in eight Metis settlements in Alberta, stressed that message in a speech to a group of Native students who will start classes this fall at the University of Alberta.

The U of A's Native Student Services was holding a full-blown week of orientation for incoming students.

Known as Native Adult Summer University '89, the week was organized by Shawna Cunningham and Yvonne Dion-Buffalo, both of Native Student Services.

L'Hirondelle told them that it is important to get "all the education you can," but at the same time one should never forget their Native heritage.

He also advised students to learn some of the traditional ways that went hand-in-hand with the old Metis settlement life, and Native life in general.

"You should learn how to put in a garden, how to handle cattle, chickens, pigs and other farm animals, because you never know what's going to happen," he said.

L'Hirondelle was referring to the possibility that people could once again be struck with another worldwide catastrophe, like The Depression in the 'Dirty Thirties.'

L'Hirondelle, himself, was born before World War I and lived through the Great Depression of the 1930s.



In his early days, the Metis elder was a farmer and first moved to the East Prairie Metis settlement in 1941, two years after it was officially created.

There he lived for some 34 years before moving to Edmonton. He had a family of 13 children and during his life at the settlement he

brought some 100 acres of land under cultivation with a full line of farm equipment he collected over the years. He also owned some 65 head of cattle.

He believes people were much more giving in early settlement life. "If a moose was killed, everyone got a piece of the meat."

L'Hirondelle added, however, that since the introduction of the automobile and the more "civilized" way of life, people have become more selfish and share less.

He believes that modern conveniences have made people less dependant on each other and less personable.

Farming also declined after roads were built in the settlements allowing people to go outside the settlements

to work, recalled L'Hirondelle.

He says he reluctantly left his successful farm life to become the president of the FMS, moving to Edmonton in 1975 and serving until 1980.

Towards the end of his tenure as president the federation launched a land and resources claim against the Alberta Government which was settled recently when the province offered a \$310 million land settlement.

L'Hirondelle says he "loves" to speak to students about Metis history, because he feels they should learn the truth, adding that much of the truth has been misrepresented by government officials and historians.

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Tragic deaths delay leadership referendum

# Dene Tha' band wrestle over future

By Dana Wagg  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ASSUMPTION

The Dene Tha' Indian band has postponed a referendum on the leadership of Chief Harry Chonkolay after the recent deaths of two band members.

The referendum had been scheduled for Aug. 3 but has now been postponed to Sept. 7, said a band administration worker, who declined to give his name.

The decision was made at the Aug. 10 band council meeting.

Tragedy struck Aug. 6 when 53-year-old David Dahdona of Assumption was killed in a single-vehicle roll-over accident, seven-and-a-half-km west of High Level.

The vehicle, which was driven by his wife Mary Louise, entered the ditch, crossed the road and flipped, said Const. Dwayne Jennings of the High Level RCMP. Four days before, well-

known trapper Norman Mercredi, 67, was found dead. He apparently died of natural causes, according to Assumption medical examiner Dr. Ron Spice.

"He was fairly well-known and respected in the area," said Spice.

"David (Dahdona) was very well respected as well."

Band members didn't want to hold the referendum at the same time as wakes were going on, said band councillor Warren Daneis.

Some members feel it's time for the 81-year-old Chonkolay to step aside to make way for a younger leader in step with today's world.

But Indian Affairs officials say that under tribal custom, Chonkolay can remain chief until he dies or resigns.

Not all band council members want a referendum, Daneis noted.

Some at Bushe River and Meander River in particular object to having a referendum.

There are 1,400 people in



In happier times: Dene Chief Harry Chonkolay and wife Margaret celebrate 60th anniversary

the band, which includes reserves at Assumption, Meander River and Bushe River. The majority live at Assumption.

Daneis lives at Assumption but Chonkolay lives at High Level west of Bushe River.

"Regardless, the majority of voters are from Assumption. We will still get a majority if only Assumption votes. Some band members from Bushe said they'll come out here to vote," said Daneis.

Daneis, 40, said he has no desire to succeed Chonkolay as chief. "That's the last thing I want to be."

Chonkolay's leadership has been an issue for some time with the Dene Tha', he said.

"Even the previous council questioned his position but they just never followed up on it."

Daneis said if the chief doesn't step down, the only way to vote him out is through a referendum.

"Until we resolve this problem, there'll always be dissension. We have to resolve this problem or we'll never get ahead."

"We're a fairly new council and the topic of the chief's position has been pretty well the main issue. There are so many other things we have to

be concerned about."

Daneis said the council has yet to discuss whether Chonkolay should be given a pension.

Chonkolay, who was named chief of the band for life, said in an earlier interview he couldn't afford to step down as chief.

At a minimum he wants his \$36,000 annual salary matched by a pension from the band.

"I think some of them want to compensate him for the amount he's asking," said Daneis, who has served on council for seven months.

## Elder sees bleak future with band's money woes

By Jeanne Lepine  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

MEANDER RIVER, Alta

To Dene Tha' band elder Baptiste Alexis Deedze the future looks more and more bleak.

"It seems the people here have no future. Our way of life has changed.

"For the past three years we have not received any help from the government", he said.

Deedze, 82, has spent his whole life trapping for a living, only retiring when his health prevented him from going in the bush.

He raised a family of nine of six boys and three girls in Meander River on the Dene reserve.

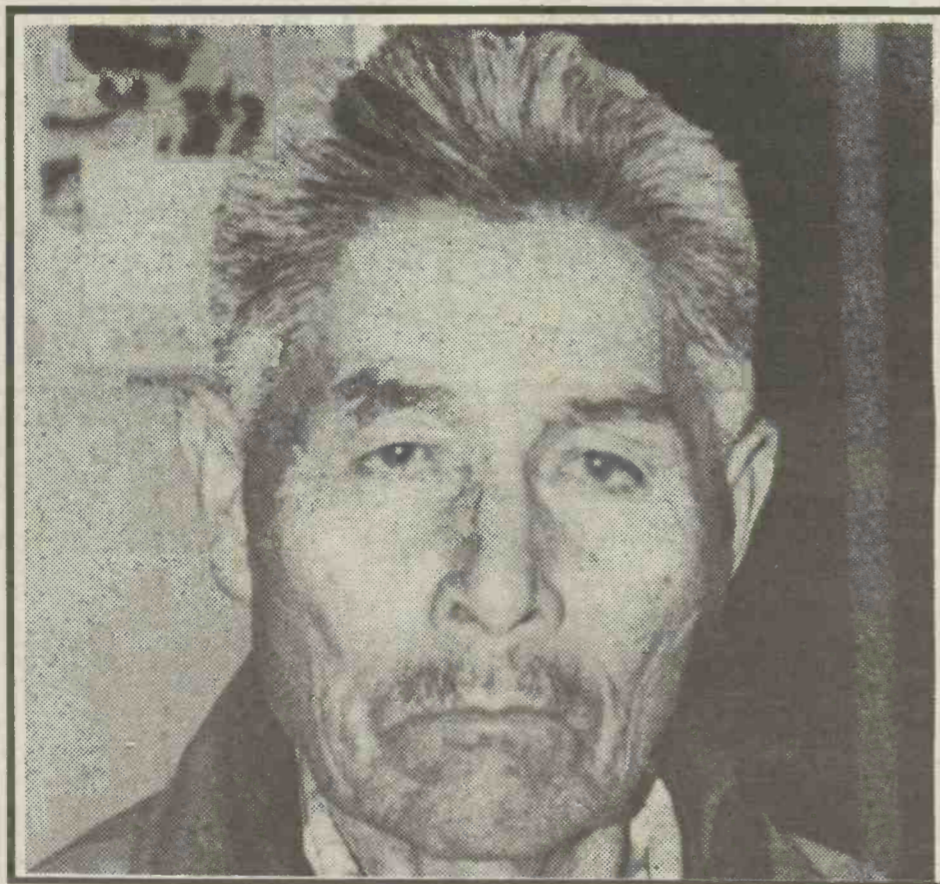
His daughters live off the reserve while his sons remain on the reserve. In 1971, his wife passed.

For 43 years, he served as band councillor. He is also a member of the grand council and serves his reserve as an adviser.

Having worked alongside Chief Harry Chonkolay of the Dene Tha' band, Canada's longest serving chief, he strongly supports the chief and the work he has done for the Dene people.

But Deedze is concerned with the band's finances and the way it has been used, calling the wages paid "outrageous" for the work done.

Some band members have



Baptiste Deedza

borrowed money from band funds and have not repaid it back, leaving the band unable to utilize that money, he charged.

"For two years, my new house sat half-finished. Last fall the contractor finally finished it, but they say they can't put running water in. It costs too much," he lamented.

"The water line had broke before the house was finished. I get water from my sons place, next door," Deedze said.

"I don't blame any of the individuals in administration, I blame their inexperience in money control."

"The Dene Tha' band owns some construction equipment, yet we cannot use it unless we pay for it. For

instance, we asked the band to use the backhoe to dig a basement, and they told us it would cost us \$650.

"We had to rely on a white man from High Level to do it. He is charging us \$40 per hour. It is bad when you can't even get help from your own band," he said.

The elder also stated that the people in Meander feel that they would be better off separating from the band. He is certain they won't rush into things and intend to have all their concerns addressed first.

Deedze says the people in the community feel money for housing, economical development, and social development is not evenly distributed.



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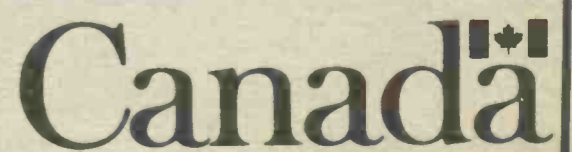
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## CLOSE TO HOME

## Dene Tha' elders back Chonkolay; conflict distressing

By Jeanne Lepine  
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MEANDER RIVER, ALTA

Many residents in this community support keeping Dene Tha' band Chief Harry Chonkolay in office

Chonkolay, 80, became the hereditary chief of the Upper Hay River (now the Dene Tha') band 41 years ago in 1938. But he is under fire from younger members of the band who feel he is too old to rule and out of touch.

Meander River, one of the three populated reserves of the Dene Tha' Band has approximately 400 members living on the reserve, located 78 km north of High Level.

Many residents are in full support of their chief, who is Canada's longest-reigning Indian chief.

They feel only a few young, impatient members of the band would like to see the chief resign.

Elder Baptiste Deedze told Windspeaker the people of Meander River would like to see more understanding from the media on the issue.

"What a few of the members say is not the gospel truth," he said.

Talking to the people in this northern reserve, the feeling of appreciation and respect for their chief is very prevalent.

Reserve residents seek the elder's advice and approval on decisions that are of importance to them.

Reminiscing on years past, an elder told of the time Chief Chonkolay made many trips with horse and wagon to take his people to town for x-rays because of a tuberculosis epidemic in the region.

Several elders recall the chief butchering some of his cattle so his people would have meat. The chief and his wife also made sure the sick were looked after.

Chonkolay and his wife Elizabeth contributed to the establishment of the High Level Hospital, they said.

The chief was involved with the early planning and construction stage of the hospital while his wife served as a member of the board of directors.

One elder spoke of the work done by the reserve residents last year in preparation for the celebration they held in honor of Chonkolay.

Young people were busy cleaning, building, and mowing the lawn for the celebration.

The elders chose the site, known as the Upper Hay River in 1908 where people met to do their trading.

With the approval of the elders, an old house that was standing on the site was relocated.



Meander River: Many still loyal to Chonkolay

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Local artist Gerry Salopree, 23, designed the logo, after receiving approval from elders in the band. The logo was used on souvenirs that were made available for sale, with the proceeds to buy a purse for the chief and his wife.

Salopree created the design, which was an illustration of traditional values, specifically for the celebration, in honor of Chief Chonkolay.

The pipe and the drum represent peace and prayer while the four stars signify the four chiefs before Chonkolay. The three river banks, an actual scene from the celebration site where the Meander River meets the Hay River, indicates the three populated reserves of the band. The twelve teepee pegs represent the 12-member council. The teepee itself is representative of the band as a whole while the fire is

symbolic of the traditional ceremonial fire and also depicts the celebration site.

The overall design represents land, air, water, fire, forest, day, night, peace, prayer and leadership.

The band's logo has also been painted on a 4' x 6' sign that was erected on the highway to make people aware of the chiefs accomplishments, welcoming participants to the celebrations.

The residents not only

contributed their time but also the resources to purchase commemoration gifts for the chief and his wife and gifts in appreciation of their support.

These positive community events are what the media should focus on, not questions about Chonkolay's leadership, one elder stated.

These are but a few of the things reported that the chief had done not only in the capacity of chief but as a human being.

## Driftpile band still seeking flood help after one year

By Jeanne Lepine  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

DRIFTPILE, ALTA

Band members here are in a quandary trying to get compensation for flood damage to their homes, one year after a flood forced evacuation of the reserve.

But a provincial government flood relief official claims compensation has been slow because there has been a misunderstanding over the program's eligibility policy.

Driftpile Chief Clifford Freeman said this week the band is still waiting for compensation of \$400,000 for damages sustained in the 1988 flood.

Raging rivers caused the evacuation of more than 100 Driftpile band members from their homes on August 4th.

Flooding of low-lying areas have become a yearly concern for the band.

The delay in getting compensation to the band for last year's flood is a misunderstanding of policy, claims Ray Langman, executive director for flood disasters with the provincial government's Public Safety division.

"The band chose to be

reimbursed through actual receipts, which takes longer to process, than payment on estimate," said Langman

By using actual receipts, the band must do the repairs, submit the receipts and then have it evaluated to see if it falls into the guidelines of eligibility.

The cost of repairs are for restoring houses to their former condition before the flood. But the government's flood disaster program does not pay for regular wages that fall under the municipal budget, said Langman.

The band is borrowing funds from other programs to do the actual repairs, but the money has to be replaced when compensation is received, said band councillor Peter Freeman.

"There are 22 houses out of the 140 located on the reserve that are hit by floods yearly," Freeman said.

The residence of Judy and Eugene Chalifoux have been constantly hit by yearly floodings. They feel the repairs made to their three-bedroom home are inadequate.

"Last year the flood ripped a hole in the foundation. This was repaired, but we still have water seepage every time it



Driftpile Flood 1988: Band still waiting for compensation

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rains," Chalifoux told Windspeaker this week.

He partially blames this on the way the weeping tiles were in places where it was installed, packing was not used.

The Chalifoux's have seven children and the finished basement serves as bedrooms for some of the children.

The gyprock that was used

in fixing the basement has since been pulled because of rotting due to water seepage, the Chalifoux's stated.

"We need to use the basement for the children so we have to keep using disinfectant because of the musty smell in the basement. We keep complaining to the band and to Indian Affairs, but nothing has been done," Chalifoux complained.

Since the beginning of the year, the Chalifoux's say they have had frequent visits from different inspectors, but nothing has been done yet.

"Because the houses on the reserve belong to the band the flood disaster program deals directly with the band," explained Langman.

"If the home was individually owned, there would be no problem. We would deal

directly with the owner," he said.

"Last week, we read that the chief wants to relocate some of the people, but we don't know nothing about it," Mrs Chalifoux said.

No damage estimates of the most recent flood were available or if a flood prevention program is in the works, which Chief Clifford Freeman believes is needed.

# HOBBEMA 4 BANDS POWWOW



Grand Entry: Miss Morning Dove Roan leads the procession



Elder John Desjarlais: the way it always was

## Hundreds flock to Ermineskin powwow to link with the past

By Rocky Woodward  
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBBEMA, ALTA.

Traditional dancers from across North America and from many of the 42 Indian bands in Alberta took part in the Ermineskin Four Nations Powwow, August 11 - 13 in Hobbema.

The grand entry began with drum groups from Pigeon Lake, Alberta and Rocky Boy, Montana playing and singing their respective Canadian and American flag songs.

Led by Morning Dove Roan, Miss Four Nations 1989, the colorful procession

of Eagle staff bearers, elders, chiefs and traditional dancers provided a spectacular entry into the dance area.

After the traditional invocation by Oregon State elder Junior Colby, the grand entry was dedicated to elder Jim Stoney. Stoney, also a band council member, is recuperating from an illness in University Hospital in Edmonton.

Indian Association of Alberta President Roy Louis, who opened the powwow, told the crowd of over 500 spectators that powwows are helping to make Indian culture stronger with every passing year.

"People are becoming

more concerned about keeping our culture intact, our traditions alive. This takes a lot of work from dedicated people.

The success of this powwow is only because of the time and effort that the people from Ermineskin put into the preparation for this powwow," he said.

Louis added that Indian people have a strong and rich culture that needs to be shared with everyone.

The powwow at Ermineskin, was a tremendous gathering.

As drum groups from the Prairie provinces and the United States played songs, elders, children and families

joined in the celebration.

Dancing began in early afternoon and continued until almost dawn every night for the three-day event.

People who rarely get to visit because of distance renewed old friendships, shared campfires together and, of course, danced.

In all its splendor, the Ermineskin Four Nations Powwow portrayed Indian culture and its tradition to the fullest.

As elder John Desjarlais, a resident of Niton Junction located 100 km west of Edmonton, put it: "This is the way it was in the past. This is the way it is now."

### 'Modern Warrior' loves to dance powwow

## Fashion designer at home in beads, buckskin

By Rocky Woodward  
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBBEMA, ALTA.

The Beaver Indian Band at Doid River in northern British Columbia, lost band member Gary Oker to the bright lights of Montreal for awhile, but now the traditional dancer is back.

In Montreal, Oker was a successful leather fashion designer. However, even the glamour of big city life could not change Oker's desire to return home and work with his people.

Leaving behind his successful career as a fashion designer, Oker returned to Doid River where he is now employed as an economic development officer for the tribal council.

But there is another side to this creative fashion designer.

Since early childhood Oker has loved to dance Indian style. Brought

up by his grandparents, his Indian identity was something instilled in him.

"My grandparents raised me the Indian way. They helped make me proud of who I am. Traditional dancing was a part of my upbringing. So much a part of me, I can't remember when I first started to dance," smiled Oker.

At the Ermineskin Powwow in Hobbema, Oker danced endlessly during the three-day event.

Dressed in beaded buckskin shirt, leggings and wearing a single feather, his painted face and bow and arrow on his back, Oker looked the part of an Indian warrior stepping out of history into the dance circle.

Oker does consider himself a modern warrior.

He says he will never lose his Indian identity and believes in the ways of Indian people.

Oker is also a firm believer that education is im-

portant.

"The balance between Indian culture and education is very important. When the balance is there one cannot adapt to the standard of living that is here today, yet maintain one's tradition.

"That's what I mean by being a modern warrior," Oker said.

As an economic development officer, Oker is kept busy developing business opportunities for band members and identifying traditional skills within individuals they can benefit from.

"Take hunting," he said. "That is a traditional skill that many band members are well-versed in. In order to grab some of the tourist trade these skills can be put to use as hunting and guide service. What I am doing is not only providing education opportunities but also looking at traditional skills that can be turned into a profitable services.

Oker added that resources

are limited at Doid River, another reason he says the importance of developing traditional skills is necessary.

But when summer arrives and his job allows him to travel, Oker can always be found at a powwow.

He has danced at powwows in Eastern and Western Canada and the United States.

Oker says he is proud to bring the Beaver Indian style of dancing to the many powwows he attends.

"The Beaver Indian way of dancing differs somewhat from that of the Woodland Cree. I guess you could say it leans towards the way the tea dance is done. I enjoy dancing very much."

Montreal may have lost a fashion designer but their loss is the powwow dancers gain.

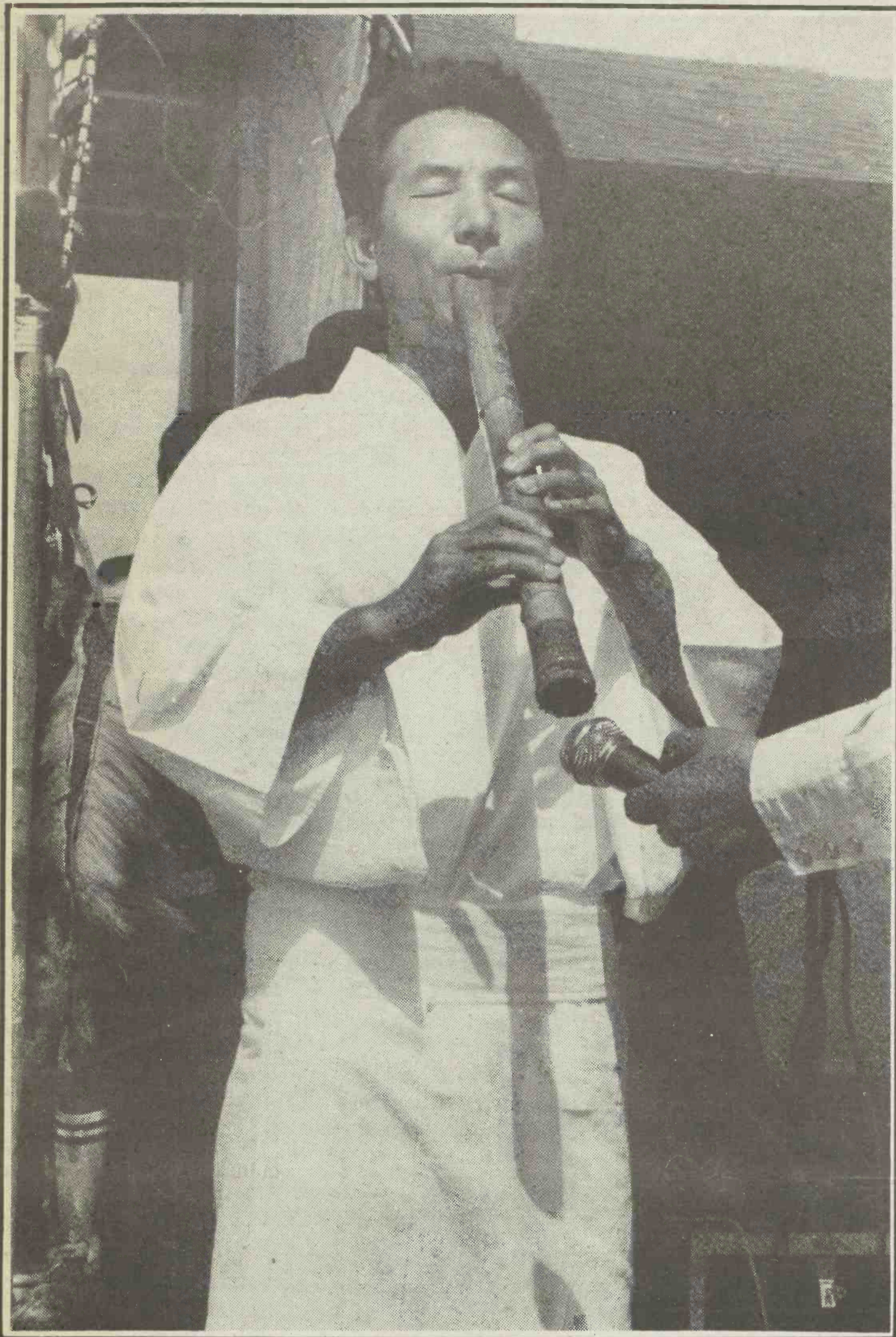
And who knows, perhaps someday soon, Gary Oker will begin designing traditional dance outfits.

After all, that is a traditional skill.



Gary Oker: Tradition important

# Two cultures meet in powwow circle



Pied Piper: setting bamboo to music

By Rocky Woodward  
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBBEA, ALTA.

"In August, people in villages all across Japan take part in dance rituals very similar to that of the North American Indian powwow," says Minoru Sumimoto.

Sumimoto, a Japanese resident of Vancouver, participated in the grand entry ceremonies during the Ermineskin Four Nations Powwow in Hobbema Aug. 11-13.

Sumimoto was invited as a special guest of the Ermineskin Indian band.

Bamboo flute in his hands, the musician explained why he played the instrument at the powwow.

"The spiritual vibrations from the flute are my prayers for the powwow to be a peaceful one," he said.

Sumimoto says his bamboo flute symbolizes everything the Indian drum stands

for.

"The flute is related to religion and is used to meditate with. It is our instrument for prayer. Instead of chanting we use the flute."

He is also a master of Shiatsu, acupuncture and Moxibution, a traditional Japanese program of spiritual counsel, massage and diet.

Because of his close ties with Indian people, Sumimoto says he has learned the ways of the Indians, including how to dance traditionally.

"It is an honor to traditional dance. In many respects, it is very similar to that of Japanese dancing."

"In August all over Japan there are three special days put aside where Japanese people dance to call upon our ancestors. It is just like an annual powwow. Whole families are involved and we dance and sing traditionally," Sumimoto said.

During Hobbema's powwow, before Sumimoto's flute-playing brought a huge

applause from the crowd, he was introduced by his nickname, 'Bodo the Grassdancer.'

Roy Coyote, master of ceremonies, explained about another side of Sumimoto which he understood.

"Sumimoto believes in his religion. It is a strong religion. He is one of the few who can walk across hot coals. In Japan, Sumimoto walks across hot coals to a mountain side to pray. He then walks back again across the hot coals without burning his feet. It proves Sumimoto is a good and strong man," said Coyote.

Last weekend's powwow wasn't Sumimoto's first trip to Hobbema.

From his Vancouver offices where he operates Sumimoto Oriental Therapeutics, he has travelled on many occasions in the past two years to the Four Nations Reserves on numerous offering his services as a master of Shiatsu.

## Prices just right

## Mobile store a powwow first

By Rocky Woodward  
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBBEA, ALTA.

If you look out your tipi one morning and see a long grey trailer being pulled by a pickup truck on to the powwow grounds, don't be alarmed.

No doubt it's only Hazel Anderson from Hobbema looking for a place to park her Mobile Second Hand Store.

Hazel first thought of the idea for a mobile second hand store three years ago.

She says the idea came to her when she thought of the many people who visit powwows with their children who just might be in need of some second-hand items.

"Many people look for ornaments for their homes or clothes for their children. A lot of people want Indian crafts and I have crafts for sale," Hazel said.

Hazel's mobile store is more like a travelling department store. Every item imaginable adorns the shelves in her trailer.

The prices are right too. Various ornaments from maple leaf ashtrays to candy dishes are neatly presented, row upon row, to potential buyers.

Stuffed toy animals, books, clothes for children and adults, beaded belt buckles, Indian crafts and jewelry are all available in Hazel's mobile store.

"I have two daughters who have children. So when they outgrow their clothes, I get them for my store," Hazel smiled.

A member of the Sampson band of Hobbema, Hazel has



Hazel Anderson: Everything to sell

taken her mobile second hand store to other powwows as well.

However, this year, she says business has been on a downward trend.

"The first two years my business did very well. This year it seems people are watching their money more tightly. Business is kind of slow," she says.

Most of the Indian beadwork and moccasin work has been done by Hazel herself.

She added, however, that some of the items in her store are made by friends of hers.

"All my life I have done beadwork and sewed moccasins. It's easy when you're brought up that way," Hazel proudly admits.

The mobile store has been Hazel's own idea.

There is no other store like it.

Looking for some second hand store items?

Then maybe it's time you took in a powwow.

You may just happen to run into Hazel Anderson's second hand store where she will guarantee that the prices are just right.



## Family operation

Vicki, Allen and their daughter Jina operated a concession booth at the Ermineskin Four Bands powwow on the weekend of Aug. 12.

## CLOSE TO HOME

# Vermilion Heritage Days fizzles with poor turnout

By Jeanne Lepine  
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FT. VERMILION, Alta.

Heritage Days celebration in one of Alberta's oldest towns were a bust this year.

Organizers hoped the celebrations would carry over the excitement of last year's bicentennial but it wasn't to be.

Three activity-packed days were scheduled, but many of the events had to be cancelled due to lack of participation.

Local merchants donated prizes for the scheduled events.

The Native cultural activities drew an average crowd Aug. 5 with a firework display later that night.

Although drummers and dancers planned to participate in the powwow, attendance was poor.

The Dene Tha' drummers were unable to attend after an accident claimed the life of one band member.

For patient observers, a small group of Indian dancers performed some steps Aug. 6.

Although community participation was at a low



Fort Vermilion: Main Street

WINDSPEAKER PHOTO FILE

for other events, observers were given a tour of the Vermilion Lodge.

The lodge is the oldest occupied three-story house in Fort Vermilion.

Joe and Irene Fromhold have lived in the house, a gift from the late Gus Clarke, a factor of the Hudson Bay Company, for two years.

The couple coordinated the cultural and children's activities for the event.

The house retains its original wood and its wooden walls. A few minor

repairs have been made over the years but without changing the overall appearance of the building.

Entering the home is like walking into a well-preserved museum.

Over one doorway is a sword once owned by Peter Pond, the American fur trader and explorer.

Pond established the first post in the Athabasca country in 1778, which is now known as the city of Fort McMurray.

On one wall, there is a cornhusk Iroquois mask.

There are headdresses and complete Indian outfits of various designs of the Blackfoot, Cree, Iroquois, Chipewyan and Mohawk tribes among others.

A room set off from the front room showcases clothes from the past two centuries.

In the kitchen are enclosed glass cases filled with Native artifacts.

The walls are adorned with cradle boards, moss bags, spearheads, bows and birch bags. A quarter

of the wall is covered with native jewelry.

The lodge is one of a kind, preserving artifacts of a unique culture.

The Fromhold family, Connie Frances from High Level and her three-year-old niece and a few others performed to recorded powwow music at the celebrations this year.

Joe Fromhold, 40, of Cree ancestry wore his Blackfoot Warrior costume, which he constructed himself.

His wife Irene, a 32-year-old Cree from Beaverlodge, danced in her Cheyenne outfit. She made her outfit with moosehide and deerskin and beaded it throughout.

It is customary for traditional dancers to make their own outfits. The couple made the outfits for their two children, 12-year-old Jennifer and 8-year-old Odin.

Outgrowing her old outfit, Jennifer has started sewing her own outfit.

Joe Fromhold has begun a Native dance group for youngsters aged 8 to 14 since his interest is not only in preserving Native artifacts but also the traditional dances.

The 12 members of the group are taught dance steps, but they took the summer off. Once school gets under way, the group will begin again.

Heritage days may have fizzled this year, but organizers are already planning to put an extra effort into next year's celebration.

With persistence, Fromhold foresees the event becoming a celebration that is worthy of its name.



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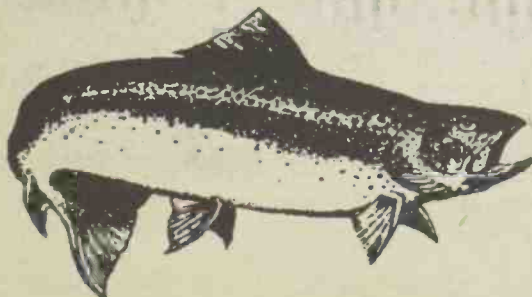
This intensive, two-year program will be offered primarily on the NAIT campus in Edmonton. The training will include two, 8-month periods of classroom instruction and two, 4-month periods of on-the-job training. Graduates will receive a diploma in Biological Sciences. This training qualifies the individual to work as a warden in one of the National parks or as a ranger in one of the Provincial parks.

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Class size: 20 students  
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## Ponoka Composite High School

### Fall Registration - 1989

Registration will be held as follows at Ponoka Composite High School, for the fall classes. Parents are welcome to attend registration.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,	August 28th August 29th August 30th	Grade 10) Between the hours of Grade 11) 9:00 a.m. and Noon Grade 12) and 1:00 & 3:00 p.m.
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To avoid long line-ups it is recommended students come in to register according to the following schedule. The schedule applies to X, XI, and XII.

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Last Name
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	CL-G
11:00 - 12:00 p.m.	A-CH
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	SO-Z
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Noon Break
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	P-SN
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	M-O
	H-L

Students must return at this time to pick up their timetables and confirm their courses. Students who are new to Ponoka Composite High School must bring with them and up-to-date list of their marks, for evaluation purposes.

All students are to pay fees and pick up textbooks on their respective registration days. The following fees and charges are due at this time.

Book Rental	\$40.00
In instances where the total book rental for a family exceeds \$100.00 a rebate down to the maximum of \$100.00 may be claimed at the County Office. This maximum applies only to book rental.	
Student Activity Fee	10.00
Handbook	5.00
Yearbook	16.00
Business Education	6.00
Social Studies Magazine	5.00
Vocational Courses	5.00 (for 5 credits, max \$10.00)
Welding	10.00 (for 5 credits, max \$10.00)
Automotives 22	50.00 refundable tool deposit
Physical Education 10	15.00
Physical Education 20	35.00
Physical Education 30	35.00
Art	10.00 (for five credits)
Driver Education	10.00 refundable tool deposit
	210.00

Insurance coverage will be available after school begins. Students should pick up an insurance application form on registration day.

School opens on Tuesday, September 5th, 1989, with classes from 8:45 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. Since staff member will be involved in meetings, etc., on August 31st & September 1st, there will be no time for registration of students. Students must register on the days outlined above.

At registration, all students will receive a handbook which outlines school policies and other facets of high school affairs. All parents are urged to read this booklet. Within the first few days of the new school year parents will be sent a copy of their students timetable which they will be asked to sign and return to school.

Reminder: It would be appreciated if all registration fees could be paid in full at this time.

Native students are required to pay their Driver Education fee at this time. Students taking Work Experience 25 & 35 are to register with the teacher in charge of Work Experience when they register and pay fees for their other courses.

## OUR PEOPLE

# Old trapper remembers a happier time

By Jeanne Lepine  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

MEANDER RIVER, AB.

Being a trapper all his life, 80-year-old Gabe Lazott finds that since his retirement six years ago, life can be boring.

Keeping an immaculate house seems to be the only pleasure he finds in life these days.

Reminiscing causes Lazott to smile and brings a twinkle to his eyes.

He recalls when in his younger days he had a good year at trapping.

"I brought in 90 lynx, that was the biggest catch ever," he said, smiling proudly.

Lazott, a widower, is originally from Fort Vermilion and has a family of ten children.

"In those days one could not be lazy, otherwise your family would starve," he said.

"Trapping, fishing and gardening provided the staples of our diet. Sometime I went to work in the bush camp to be able to make other purchases," Lazott said.

My father and my grandfather, both worked for the Hudson Bay Company. Lazott recalls his father worked for \$100 per year.

"My father even worked one full year just for a cow. But the milk was sure good," he said.

"In my young years as a trapper, pelts were paid by the skin. One skin was 35 cents.

"There was one man that earned the named 'Thousand Skin'. He was the only man to have earned a thousand skins in one season," he said.

Although Lazott admits he would still like to go in the bush to trap, he says it costs too much money to go trapping any more. With the fur bearing animals being scarce, a trapper does not make money anymore, he said.

Having lived on the reserve since his retirement, he doesn't like what he sees.

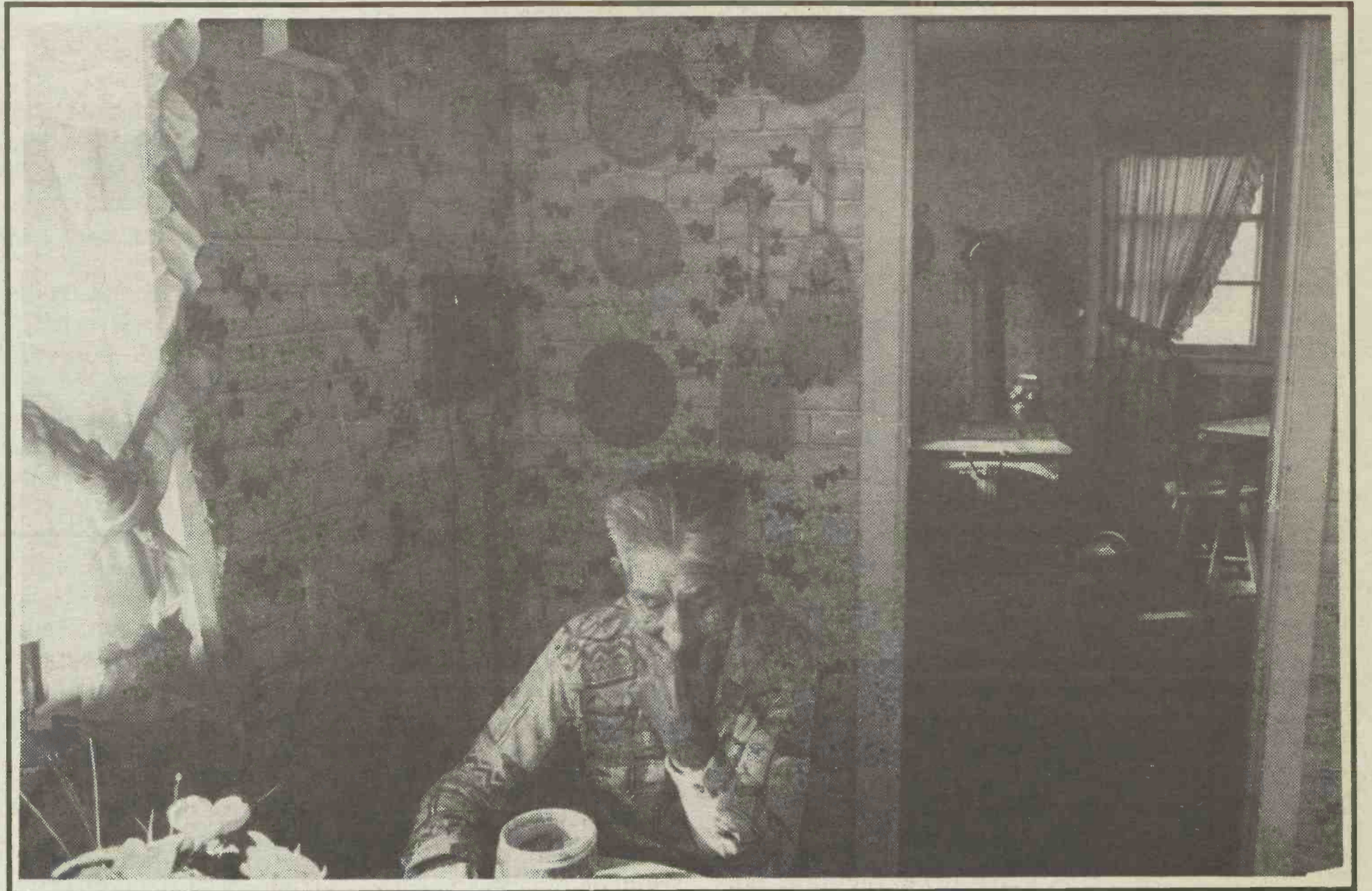
He says there has been a lot of lives lost as a result of alcohol.

He doesn't like to dwell on the situation, so he began to talk about a much happier time.

"After trapping season was over, a few of us would go to this man in Fort Vermilion. He was the only man that took pictures for 10 cents.

"This man had a big camera, nothing like the one you got," he said pointing to my camera.

"Once the camera was set up, he would put this big black cloth over his self and take our picture. He took good pictures," he said as he showed yellow-colored pic-



Pondering a lifetime of memories: Dene elder Gabe Lazott

JEANNE LEPINE, Windspeaker

tures of himself and friends taken a long time ago.

"My last moose I killed was six years ago," he said, chuckling fondly.

"I had gone hunting and had arrived at my cabin when I remembered I forgot something. So I went back to the highway to hitch a ride. There was construction going on at

the time. I asked the flag girl to see if she could get a ride for me.

"Just then she said, look at that moose. It was scared and was trying to cross the road but with all the vehicles and noise it went back into the bush.

"I told her to forget the ride and walked back to cabin

and got my gun. I knew it would go in a circle so I set out to where I figured it would come out.

"Sure enough it did. I had moose steak that night. I even gave some to the flag girl, I think she was my luck.

You see, I couldn't see out of one eye, and the other one was really sore as I had

gotten a willow in it a few days earlier and I was squinting a lot," Lazott said as he imitated the squint.

Over the next couple of hours, Lazott told stories of his early life as a trapper.

He seemed to delight in having someone to share these happy thoughts with.

The feeling was mutual.

## New Funding Available

### Community-Based Family Violence Prevention Projects

Alberta Family and Social Services has approved new funding for community-based Family Violence Prevention projects:

#### Educational Projects

Projects will be funded to a maximum of \$2,000 per project. Examples of educational projects include: development of educational material or tools, such as drama; or a specialized training package or workshop. Submission deadlines are: **September 15, 1989** for projects during the 1989/90 fiscal year\*, and **May 15, 1990** for projects during the 1990/91 fiscal year\*.

#### Demonstration Projects

Projects will be funded to a maximum of \$18,000 per contract. Examples of demonstration projects include: programs designed for children and youth to help prevent their future involvement in abusive relationships; self-help, outreach and advocacy groups; and support for coordinating community responses. Submission deadline is **December 1, 1989** for projects during the 1989/90 or the 1990/91 fiscal years\*.

\* The 1989/90 fiscal year is April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990. The 1990/91 fiscal year is April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991.

For information and an application form, write or phone:

The Office for the Prevention of Family Violence  
Alberta Family and Social Services  
11th Floor, Seventh Street Plaza  
10030 - 107 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3E4  
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FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

## Calahasen rumored for cabinet post

By Dana Wagg  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Lesser Slave MLA Pearl Calahasen is keeping a low profile amid suggestions she may be in line for a provincial cabinet post.

Calahasen declined to comment on whether she's discussed a cabinet post with Premier Don Getty but she'd clearly like the opportunity.

"I wouldn't mind a challenge like that. I always accept challenges," she said.

Calahasen, 36, was elected to the Alberta legislature March 20 in the provincial election.

She is one of three Metis MLAs in the house. The others are Solicitor General Dick Fowler and Athabasca MLA Mike Cardinal.

Getty apparently has four candidates to choose from as he attempts to replace Career Development Minister Connie Osterman with a woman in the post.

Osterman was fired by Getty July 28 after a judicial inquiry conducted by lawyer Bill Code found her negligent for her role in monitoring the Principal Group empire, which collapsed two years ago.

Public Works Minister Ken Kowalski is temporarily filling Osterman's post.

Apart from Calahasen, the other women candidates are Calgary-



BERT CROWFOOT, Windspeaker

Glenmore's Dianne Mirosh, Calgary-Foothills MLA Pat Black and Bonnie Laing from Calgary-Bow.

Calahasen, who was born in Grouard, hinted she may have more to say on the issue this week.

## The Elders Speak

# Hard-working couple adjust to life's setbacks



Keeping a positive outlook: Tom and Emma Lizotte

JEANNE LEPINE, Windspeaker

By Jeanne Lepine  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

MEANDER RIVER, AB.

When the Hudson Bay Company store closed its doors three years ago, a long time employee purchased the building and started her own business.

Working as a clerk for the HBC in Meander River for 19 years, Emma Lizotte was not new to the business.

The HBC closed its doors due to the numerous break-ins. For this reason, Lizotte was forced to let her shelves go bare. She now has a pool table, juke box, and a few arcade games. She sells pop, bubble gum, suckers, and chips. She does not carry tobacco or cigarettes.

She maintained the post office for a year, but following an accident she found she could not keep up to the workload.

The post office is now located at the Chalipoux

Confectionery on the opposite side of the highway from the Lizotte's.

Her husband Tom of 42 years worked for the provincial government on the highway for 26 years.

The highway 35 years ago was just a winter road. When the highway was gravelled making it more accessible, Tom said he use to fill in the holes by shovel.

Tom recalls when the highway was just a wagon trail. Going to Fort Vermillion was a three day trip, he said.

From the age of 12, Tom trapped. He owned a trapline at Stein River stretching out to Caribou.

After he married, they decided to settle down in Meander River. His wife was from Paddle Prairie.

They have one adopted daughter, Carol and four grandchildren.

Both, the Lizotte's are disabled. Emma, crippled from the car accident is able

to get around some and looks after her husband who uses a walker to get around.

Working hard all their lives, the Lizotte's find it hard not to be able to do as much as they would like.

The one thing for certain that they do and do well is making one feel welcomed.

The Lizotte's would like to see constructive activities organized for the young people, saying the young people get into mischief from boredom.

An improvement in the Greyhound bus service is a much needed service they feel is needed. The bus stops in front of Lizotte's place.

The bus travels both ways Tuesdays to Sundays, on Mondays there is service going to the North.

Most times the bus is loaded when it arrives at Meander River, that the passengers leaving Meander River have to stand or sit on the steps, she said.

# Housing on reserve falling apart says resident

By Jeanne Lepine  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

JEAN D'OR, ALTA.

Housing on Jean D'or reserve is getting worse every year, complains 55 year-old Morice Loonskin.

He has good reason to complain.

Living in a deteriorating house, Loonskin monitored the construction of his new home next door.

Loonskin questions the construction of the building. "Even before the siding or the floor were put in there was water in the basement."

His wife, who suffers with asthma and bronchial prob-

**"Just because I am an Indian doesn't mean I should be treated like dirt."**

— Morice Loonskin

lems, was given a letter recently from her doctor stating that for health reasons she should live in a dry, warm home.

"I might be better staying in my old house. It might be dryer and warmer," he said.

"The siding is plastic and I can't see it standing up to our

winters," Loonskin said.

To prove his point he put a piece of the plastic siding in his deepfreeze to see if it would crack under a little pressure.

"I have complained to the band, and the maintenance, and they tell me it's the contractor's responsibility.

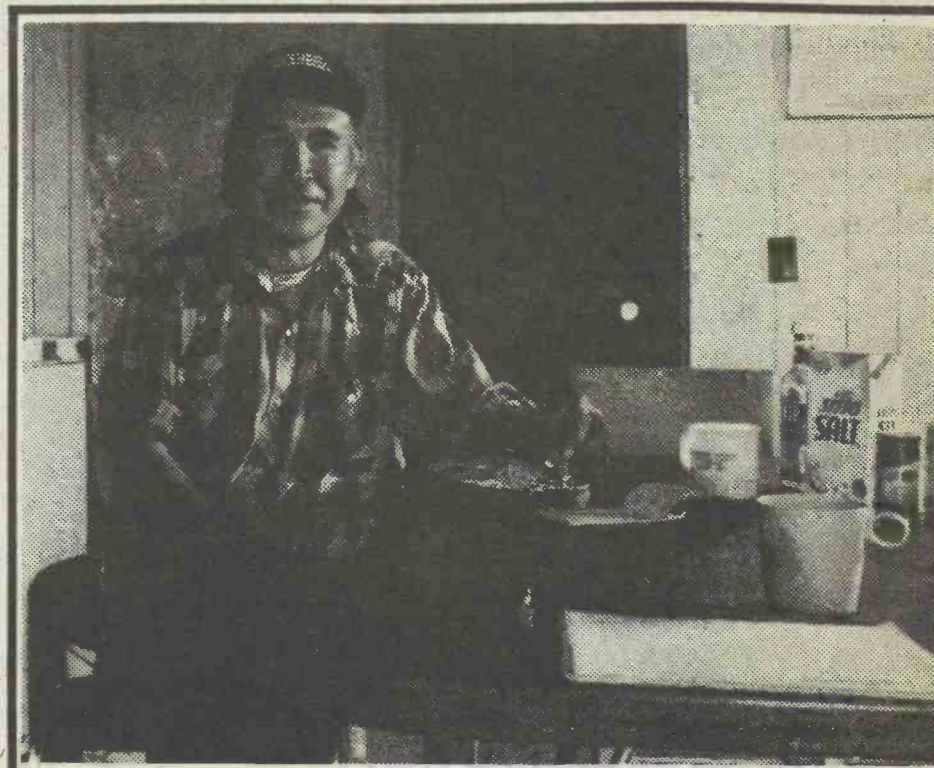
The contractor tells me he is just doing the job. The band should have more control over the contractor, and make sure the houses are built properly.

"Just because I am an Indian doesn't mean I should be treated like dirt," Loonskin said angrily.

There is a real need for housing, according to Lewis Patmore, economic development officer for the band.

There are twenty houses being built this year, the same as the last year, and a similar number of houses are expected to be built next year.

Houses are not equipped with running water and are served by water trucks.



JEANNE LEPINE, Windspeaker

Housing problems:  
Dene resident  
Morice Loonskin



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# What do you get when you cross a front-end loader with a powerline?

**IN MEMORIAM**  
MCOSTRICH - Mr. Neil McOstrich, beloved farmer and community leader had his life tragically taken in a farming mishap on April 23, 1988. He leaves behind a loving wife and two children. Only 36 years old, Neil's sudden departure serves as a reminder to us all that life is indeed a very precious thing and something never to be taken for granted. To his relatives and friends, Neil will always be fondly remembered as an active community leader and a good

A killer of a punchline.







Passing the time away: A group of people gather before the start of the first-ever elder's / youth conference held at Sturgeon Lake on Aug. 5.

# The Generations Meet: First Annual Youth / Elder Conference at Sturgeon Lake

## 'Fifth generation' encouraged to become leaders

STURGEON LAKE, AB

The First Annual Youth-Elders Conference held at Sturgeon Lake Aug. 6-9 was attended by hundreds of people across Alberta.

Elders from Fort McMurray, Sucker Creek, Calling Lake, Wabasca, High Prairie, Ontario and the Poundmaker's Lodge in Edmonton offered their expertise to the many youth who attended the conference.

According to addictions counsellor John Gambler, the conference was dedicated to Elders in appreciation of their wisdom, knowledge and the teachings they offer.

"We also dedicate it to the youth because they are our future leaders," said Gambler.

Topics such as drug and alcohol abuse, suicide prevention and solvent abuse were discussed openly.

Elders were always on hand to share their knowledge, offer guidance and when it was time to bring the youth together, spiritual direction during the sweatlodge.

Elders such as Rufus Goodstriker from the Blood Reserve in southern Alberta were available. Also in attendance was Joe Tootoosis from Hobbema, Poundmaker's Lodge and Alfred Bonaise, Vera Martin from Ontario and Rose Cheechum from Fort McMurray.

"We couldn't have held this conference without them," noted Gambler.

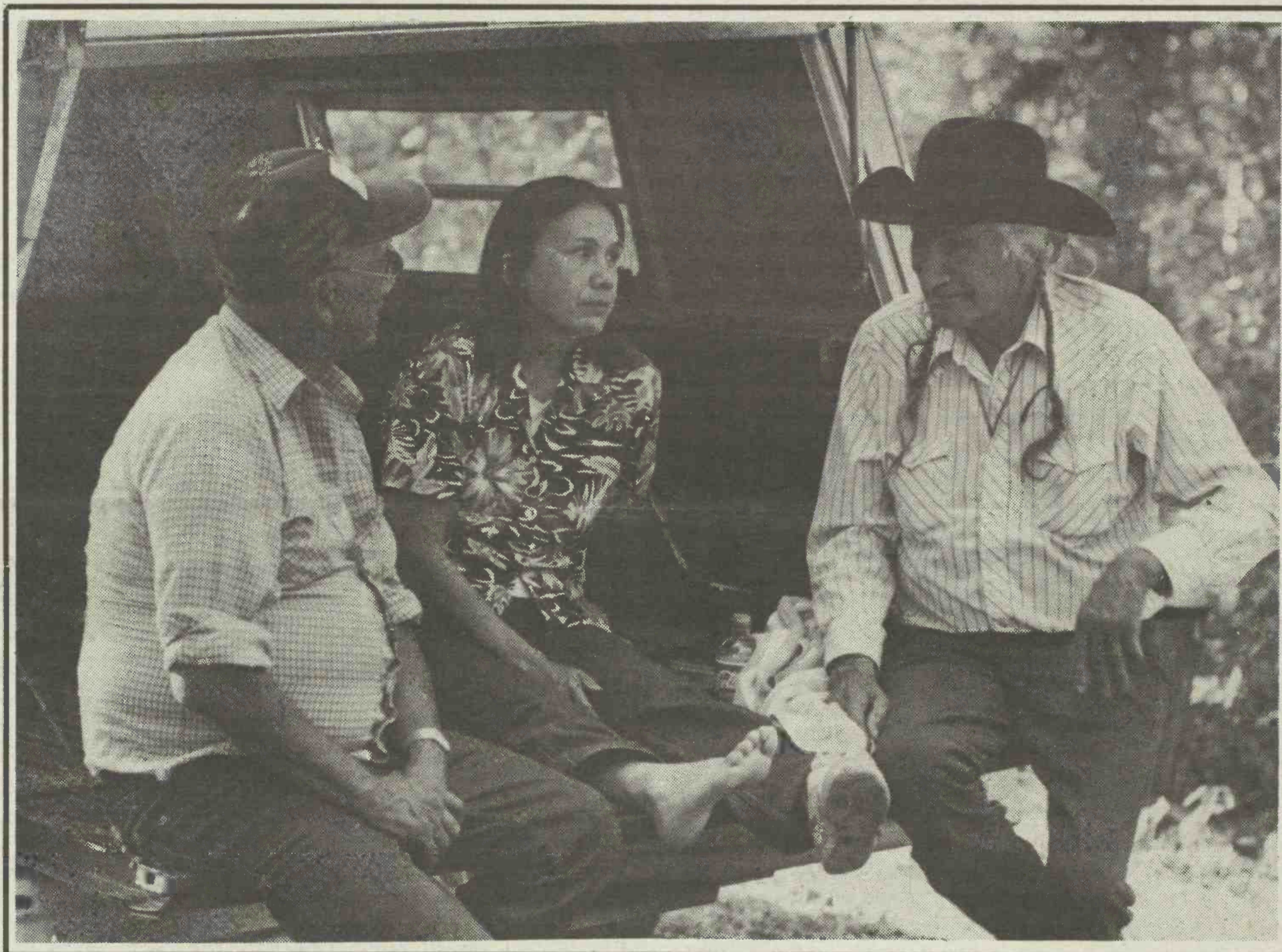
An elder's group, Muddy Bull Society, also attended from Hobbema. During the feast and drum songs, youth and elders mingled together.

"We also have many parents that attended and the nice thing about that is we have the chance to talk with families on how they can help their children. These conferences are so important," Gambler said.

As Gambler talked, elders were busy chatting with the youth around campfires.

"You know, it makes me feel good inside looking at the elders getting together, speaking with the people.

"Soon the elders won't be



Renewing friendships.

Rufus Goodstriker (right) shares an old story with friends Joe Tootoosis and Mrs. Roy Coyote. The three were in Sturgeon Lake Aug. 5 to participate in the first elders/youth conference to be held in the community.

around and if we don't learn from them now, we will be lost," a concerned Gambler said.

One of the things they (elders) discussed was the importance of what is known

as the "fifth generation".

"They say it is the fifth generation that will stand up-pick up the culture and become the leaders of tomorrow. That generation is here now, the one's the elders are

talking to.

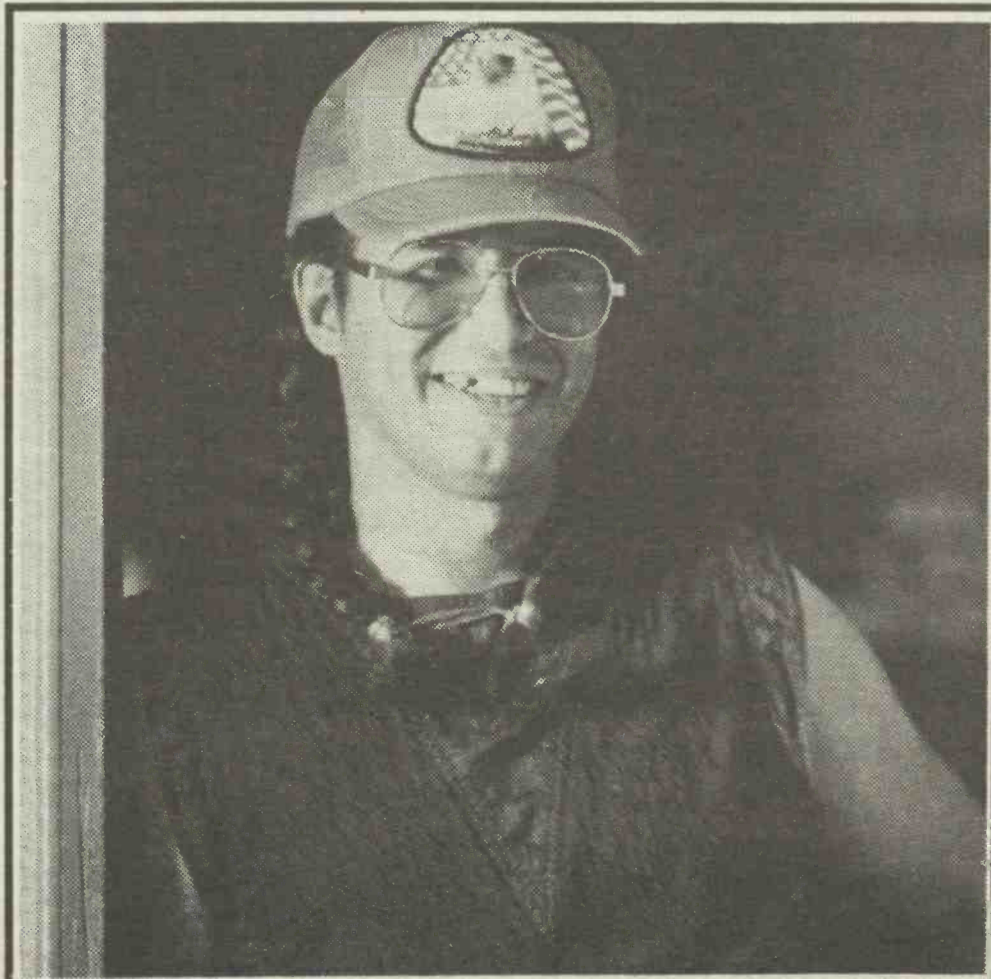
"It's happening now and that's why this conference and other Youth-Elder Conferences are so important."

The conference held on the Sturgeon Lake Campground

was sponsored by the Alberta child welfare program, the national affiliate of the Alberta Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program and the Sturgeon Lake Band.

"We couldn't have done it

without the sponsorship. Without their support and Chief Ron Sunshine's support this would not have happened. We'd like to thank all the sponsors," Gambler said.



Helping youth beat their problems: John Gambler



5th generation: (l-r) Albert Cooper, Lee Manichoose and Blake McLean

## Sturgeon Lake elders / youth conference

# Young offender finds way through Poundmakers

STURGEON LAKE, AB.

One dark night last year, 17-year-old Spencer (not his real name) and his younger cousin decided to steal a car.

That night turned into a nightmare for the two youth, one they would rather forget.

Both boys were drinking heavily and "popping pills" that night when Spencer decided they should steal a car in Stony Plain.

After they had stolen a car they managed to steal a car but in no time at all, a high speed chase with an RCMP cruiser began.

Reaching speeds up to 140 km per hour, the high speed chase roared down country roads, through the Enoch Reserve and eventually into Edmonton.

The boy's car turned off on to a street and met a dead-end inside a residential crescent.

It also proved to be a dead-end for the two boys.

"I was scared. My cousin was crying. Police were all around us," he recalled.

"A police dog was barking loudly. They hollered for us to crawl out of the car. We lay on the pavement and they came up on us and threw us into separate cars. I kept holding onto the door because the police dog wanted to get at me. I was scared."

Spencer was charged with dangerous driving, failing to stop, impaired driving, not having a valid driver's license, theft over \$1,000, unlawful possession over \$1,000 and theft under \$1,000.

He was held in custody and faced a jail term over the charges.

Thinking back now, Spencer shakes his head remembering the chase down

the Whitemud freeway. In a quiet voice, he admits he could have killed someone.

"I finally got a visit from a probation officer after about three weeks in a youth detention centre. Their report was I was a nice person when I was sober, so I guess she wanted to help me."

"She asked me if I knew about Poundmaker's (treatment centre) but I never had counselling in my life. Another thing is you can't open up in those centres because in there you have to be tough, macho - one of the guys."

**"A police dog was barking loudly. They hollered for us to crawl out of the car. We lay on the pavement and they came up on us and threw us into separate cars. I kept holding the door because the police dog wanted to get at me. I was scared."**

Spencer eventually found the confidence to enquire about entering Poundmaker's program.

Through the recommendation of his probation officer, Spencer was accepted because apparently almost based all his problems with the law were alcohol-related.

For his night of frolic, Spencer received three months open custody, no probation and no fines for the charges.

The only stipulation was that enrol in the Poundmaker's Alcohol and Drug Abuse treatment program.

"I was scared when I entered the program," Spencer recalled.

"After the second day listening to people talk, I couldn't believe it! I never heard people talk like that before, caring. I went to primary groups, attended the sweatlodge and joined in circle discussions in one room. It helped me a lot," he now says.

Then one day Spencer's group, called the "Young Studs", were allowed to go out of the centre on a temporary pass.

Although they were not allowed to contact anyone, Spencer broke the rule and phoned his brother who invited him over for a visit.

Spencer remembers he didn't want to but decided to leave the group.

"I just went. (But) I had one beer with my cousin and then it hit me. I looked at my family members all drinking. I called my counsellor and he said to come back or I would be charged with being UAL (unlawfully at large)."

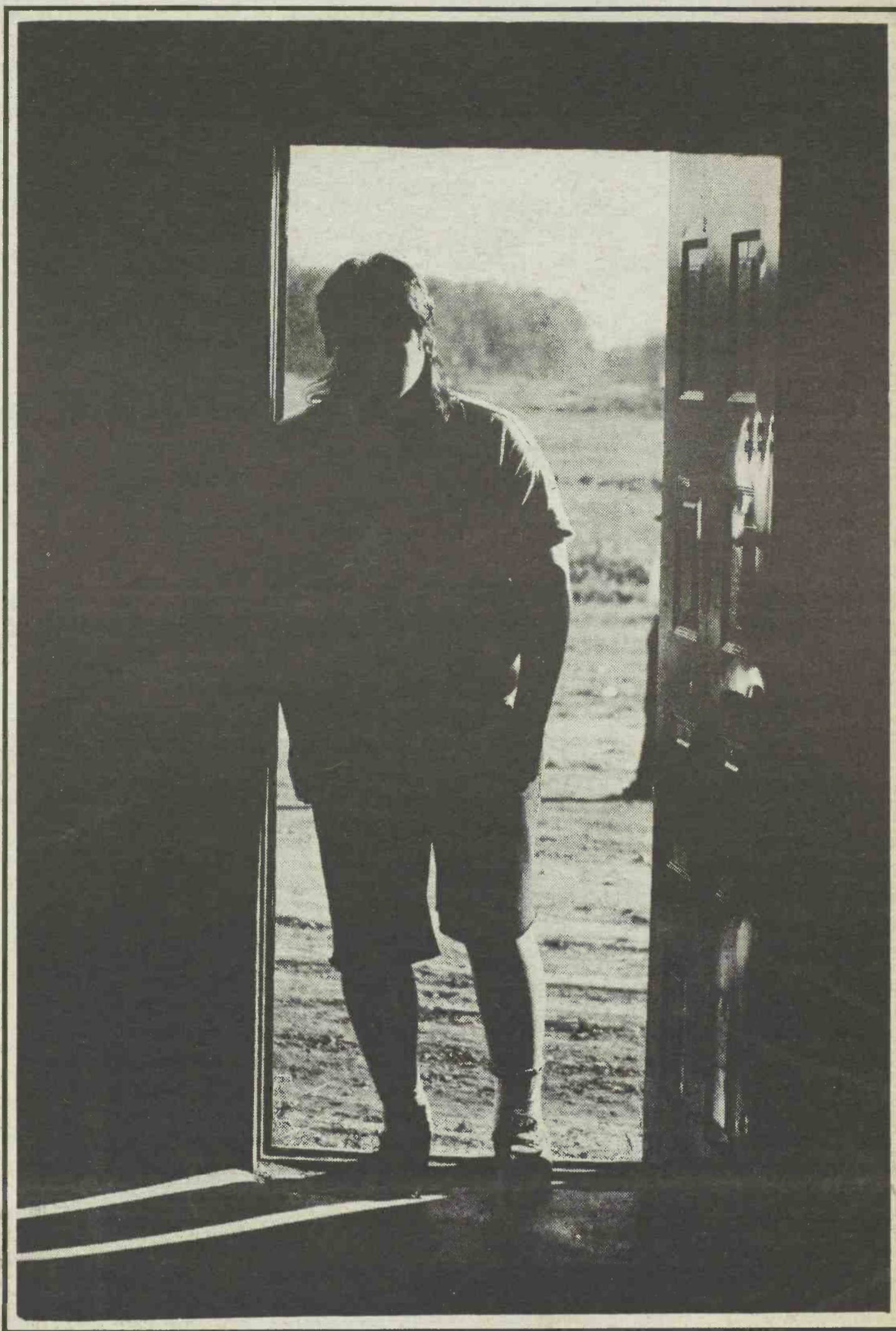
"I told my family I was going back. Some of them said not to, that I'd only get two weeks, but I said no and went back."

Spencer eventually found work at Kikino, and shut out his experience at Poundmaker's.

"I was confused. I felt like a loser, like I gave up. But while I was at Kikino, I was thinking all the time about Poundmaker's."

He returned to Edmonton, living at the Kochee Mena Apartments, a place where prisoners paroled from jail can stay while piecing their lives together.

"I talked to a caseworker there and mentioned I wanted to go to Poundmaker's again.



Young offenders find long road back: Spencer (not his real name)

"At Poundmaker's, I was learning things about the abuse of alcohol and drugs. I was learning about myself," he said.

After talking to a counsellor, he was allowed to return.

When Spencer did return, he received a Poundmaker's

welcome.

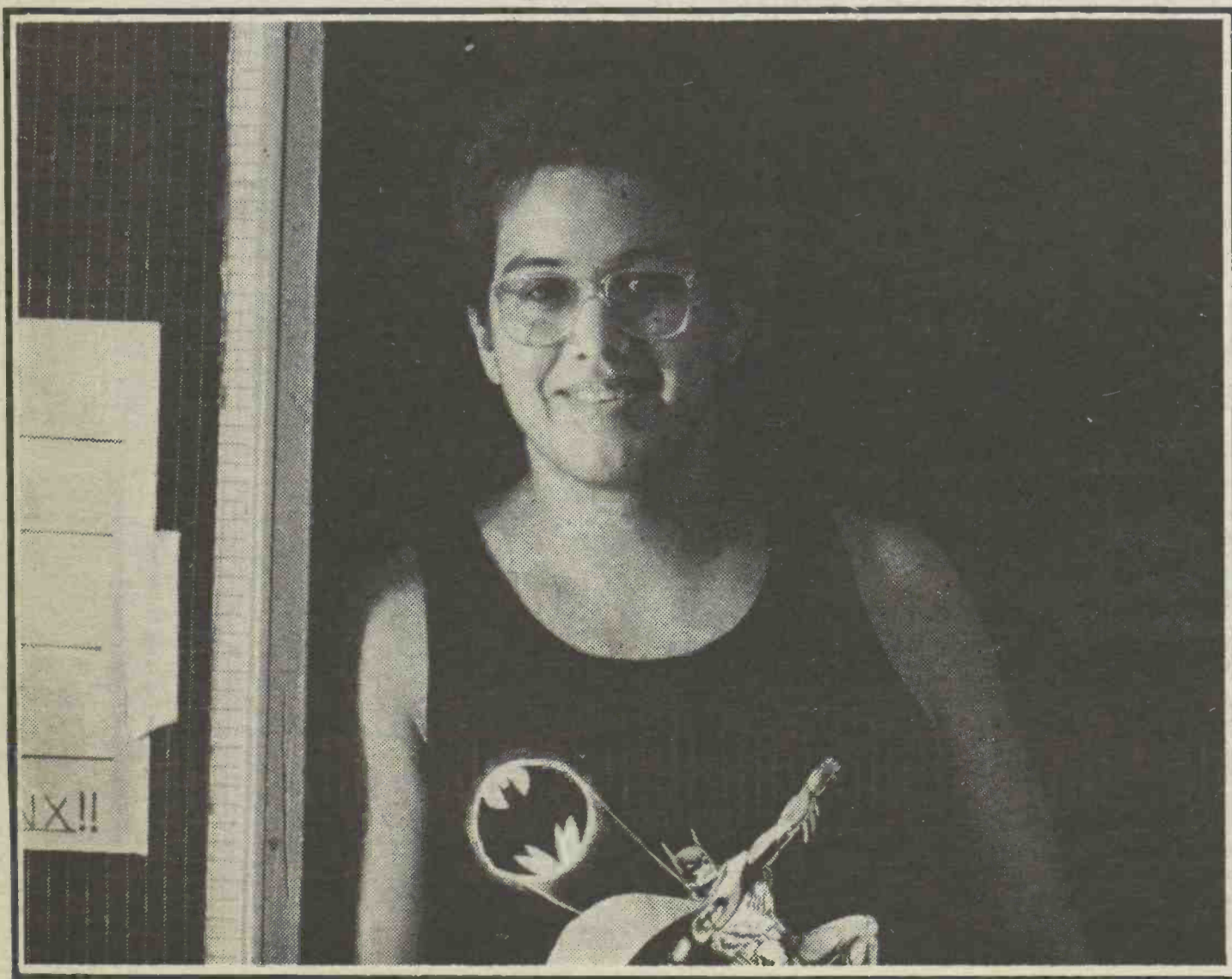
His goal in life now is to finish his treatment. Spencer says he wants to help other teenagers battle the addiction of alcohol and drugs and want to eventually enter the Nechi program to learn how to become an addiction counsel-

lor.

Elder Alfred Bonaise, who works at Poundmaker's Lodge, said he cannot believe the complete turnaround that Spencer has made in his life.

With pride and a smile, Spencer says June 24 was the last day he took a drink.

## Grandson of Chief Dan George wants to reach youth



Helping youth his goal: Jim Aleck

STURGEON LAKE, AB.

"The last nine years of my grandfather's life, we were like room mates. My grandfather was a very warm and loving person. He loved everyone and treated everyone equal. My grandfather never judged anyone. It was the way he was," says Jim Aleck.

Aleck's grandfather is the famous Chief Dan George whose wisdom he was passing on at a recent youth/elder conference on the Saddle Lake Reserve.

He hails from the Stolo Nation in the Fraser Valley of British Columbia, where his grandfather also lived.

Aleck, whose mother is the daughter of Chief Dan George, was invited as one of the speakers of the conference.

Conference organizer John Gambler says the group wanted him to share what he had learned from his famous grandfather.

"He knew his grandfather very well. We all know Chief Dan George had much to offer when he was alive," said Gambler.

"The things he must have told Jim are important, important enough that I thought it would be a great idea for Jim to share some of that wisdom Chief Dan George passed on to him, right here at the conference."

Aleck, who is a youth worker at McMann Youth Service in Edmonton, told the conference participants that

he would like to see treatment programs geared strictly for youth.

"When you stop and think about it, there is no treatment centre in Canada that caters just to youth," he said.

"I do know we have to reach them at an early age. So possibly in the future, we will have a treatment centre just for youth," he said, hopefully.

The St. Alberta resident graduated from the Nechi program in advanced counsellor training in June.

Aleck says he plans to enroll in the future in a child care youth development program at Grant MacEwan Community College.

Stories by Rocky Woodward  
Photos by Bert Crowfoot

## CLOSE TO HOME

# Young woman ready to share cultural exchange

MONTREAL, QUE

The two-week orientation classes may be over, but it is just the beginning of a seven-month program for non-status Albertan Indian, Karen Lepine.

Lepine was one of 40 youth in British Columbia, chosen to participate in the 1989-90 Canada World Youth program.

The program is a non-profit organization which operates youth exchanges between Canada and Third World countries. The program is in its 18th year of operation, with more than 30 exchange countries and a total of more than 10,000 youth participants.

The program was founded by a group of citizens interested in the role of youth in contemporary society. In today's society, it is becoming increasingly apparent that people must develop tolerance to live with other races



Setting off for a challenge: participant Karen Lepine

of the global village.

Last May, Lepine received a call from the World Youth Program informing her of her acceptance into the program. She immediately tried to find

out everything she could about her exchange country, Rwanda.

Lepine sought out other youths who had taken part in the exchange, and particularly

those had visited Africa.

Lepine believes her cross-cultural experience may have led to her being chosen to participate in the Canada World Youth program. She is the only non-status Indian in the group of 40 British Columbia participants.

The orientation program was held in Nicolette, Que., 65 km from Montreal.

The orientation, shared by 23 other Canadians and 24 Africans from Rwanda, gives them French language training and a better understanding of both cultures.

Lepine, who had excellent marks during her three years of French in high school, is now fluent in the language.

After three-and-a-half months in Quebec, she will be travelling to Rwanda Africa Oct. 21, where she will stay for a three and a half months.

Lepine will be involved in a community-oriented work project and will live with families from Quebec and Rwanda.

Participants in the program are encouraged to get involved in the life of their host community, both in Canada and in the exchange country to foster greater understanding.

Lepine shared her culture with other Canadian and African youth and their supervisors July 31.

As part of her presentation, she served bannock. Making bannock for 60 guests proved a challenge but she admits it was a personal highlight.

Lepine is looking forward to the knowledge she will gain from the Rwandans.

"I'll be sharing with the people. I will be given first-hand experience on their values, culture, and their way of thinking and doing. I'll be working with families on different work projects," she explained.

In 1987, Lepine was awarded the Rita Houle Memorial for her skills in track and field and her community involvement.

In 1987, she was named the Miss Friends and Sports. She received the Dr. Anne Anderson scholarship in '88.

While attending St. Joseph's High School, she took training in her final year and later became a volunteer with the Sexual Abuse program.

After her graduating last June, she moved to Vancouver to work as an aide to the elderly and disabled for

Medical Services. She took a part-time job as an aide with a transportation service, caring for 20 handicapped children.

On her return to Canada, she plans to train for next summer's North American Indigenous Games, to be held in Edmonton.

Although plans for her future are not definite, she indicated her job will definitely involve working with people.

Lepine was to obtain sponsors for the minimum amount of \$300. In return, she must sign a contract with the sponsors to publicize her experience from the program.

Lepine would like to thank her sponsors: Windspeaker, Lite Printing in Vancouver, and the Fort Chipewyan Cree band. She would like to see more Native youths benefit from the program and encourages them to apply.

The Canada World Youth program is structured to build a teenager's understanding of the world and self. It is available to youth between the ages of 17-20. Applications are accepted October to December. For further information, contact the Canada World Youth in your province.

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## Public Notice

### "Open House" & "Public Meeting" Christina Lake Management Plan

An Open House will be held to review the "Christina Lake Management Plan Alternatives Document".

Date: Tuesday, September 12, 1989

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Place: Conklin School Gynasium  
Conklin, Alberta

Public input regarding the various alternatives is welcome.

For more information and copies of the document, contact Alberta Municipal Affairs - Improvement District No. 18 North in Fort McMurray (743-7192); or Alberta Forest Service in Lac La Biche (623-5240).

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## Notice of Nomination Day Local Authorities Election Act

(Section 26)

Local Jurisdiction Improvement District No. 18 North, Province of Alberta.

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is Monday, September 18, 1989 and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon of Nomination Day.

### Offices to be filled

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One(1) Advisory Councillor for the  
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One(1) Advisory Councillor for the  
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One(1) Advisory Councillor for the  
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Five(5) Advisory Councillors for the  
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Division #14 - Fort Chipewyan

### Location of Local Jurisdiction Office:

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Division #11 - Janvier: Janvier Contact Office

Division #12 - Anzac: Anzac Contact Office and I.D. 18(n) Office,  
513-9915 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray Provincial Bldg

Division #13 - Fort MacKay: Fort Mackay Community Hall

Division #14 - Fort Chipewyan: Fort Chipewyan Fire Hall  
- I.D. 18(n) Sub Office

Dated at the City of Fort McMurray in the Province of Alberta, this 11th day of August A.D 1989.

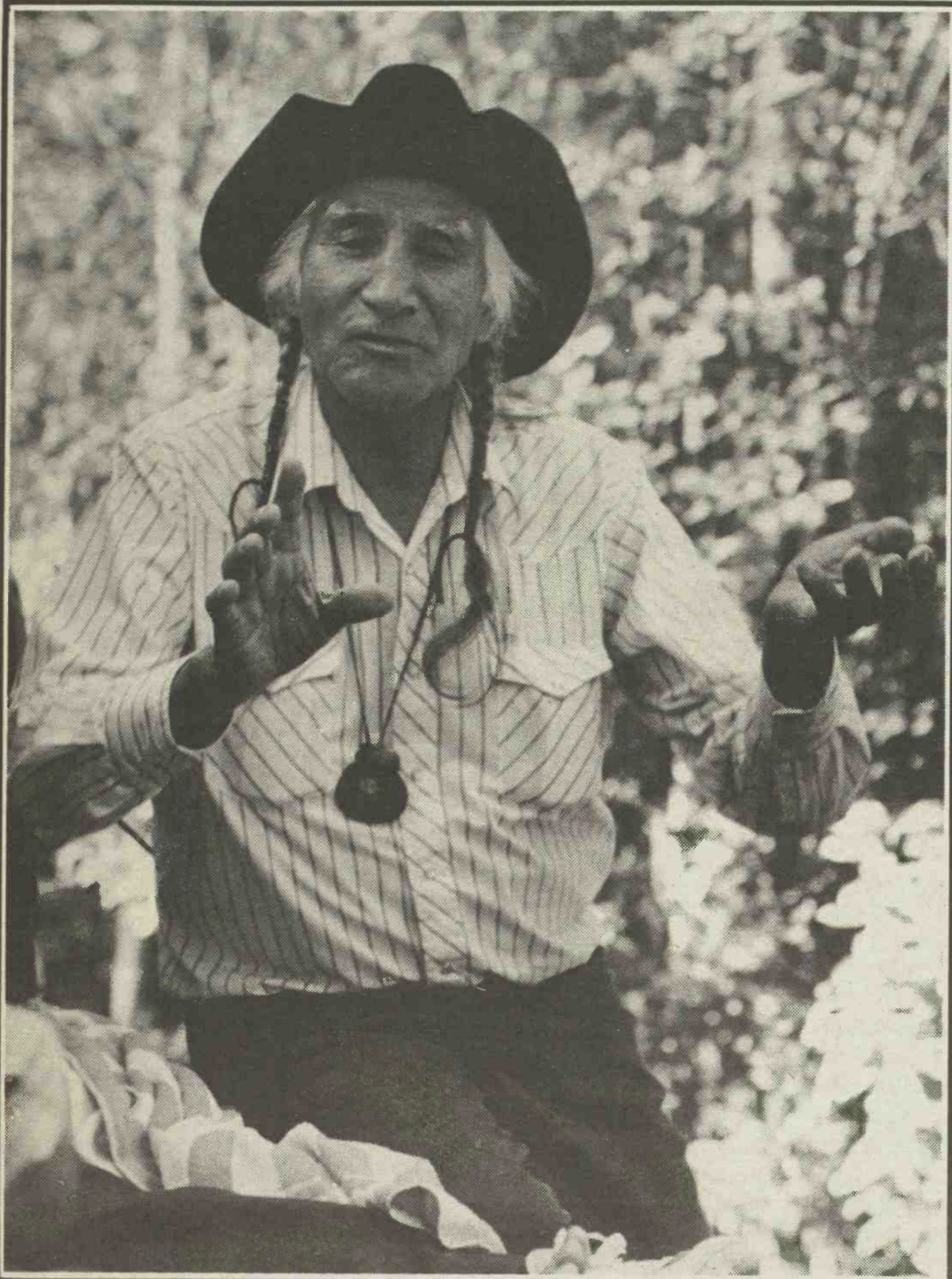
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Returning Officer

Summer Villages:

Nomination Papers are received within the first hour of the annual meeting. (Section 11)

## The Elders Speak



### Wisdom imparted

At the Sturgeon Lake Elders / Youth conference on Aug. 5 Rufus Goodstriker (right) tells a good story to friends while Alfred Bonais tells a story to his circle of admirers: Nathan McDonald, D. J. McDonald and Rosalyn Goodswimmer.



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**Native fire drill!**

Alexis Reserve was the site for the all-Native hose-laying competition held on Aug. 10, 1989. The region has been divided into six zones. This competition involved the

Edmonton-Hobbema district with teams of four fire-fighters each. Spectators applauded the volunteer teams of firefighters as they competed for first place.

Fastest team was Sunchild with 175 seconds; Alexis placed second with 207 sec.; O'Chiese took third with 290; Alexander came 4th with 228; Samson placed

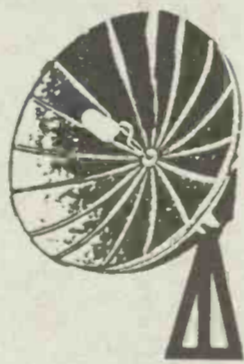
fifth with 237 seconds. The judges were Regional Fire Safety Officer Don Gordman and Fire Prevention Safety Advisor Dan Kootenay of the Yellowhead Tribal

Council. The contest attracted a good turnout. The next competition for the zone winners is scheduled for Sucker Creek Reserve in September.

Story and photos by Isabel Kootenay

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**Director of Social Development**

To manage a staff of seven persons responsible for delivery of Family and Community Support Services, Youth programs and Tribal Social Assistance programs for three tribal communities of Fox Lake, John D'or Prairie and Garden River.

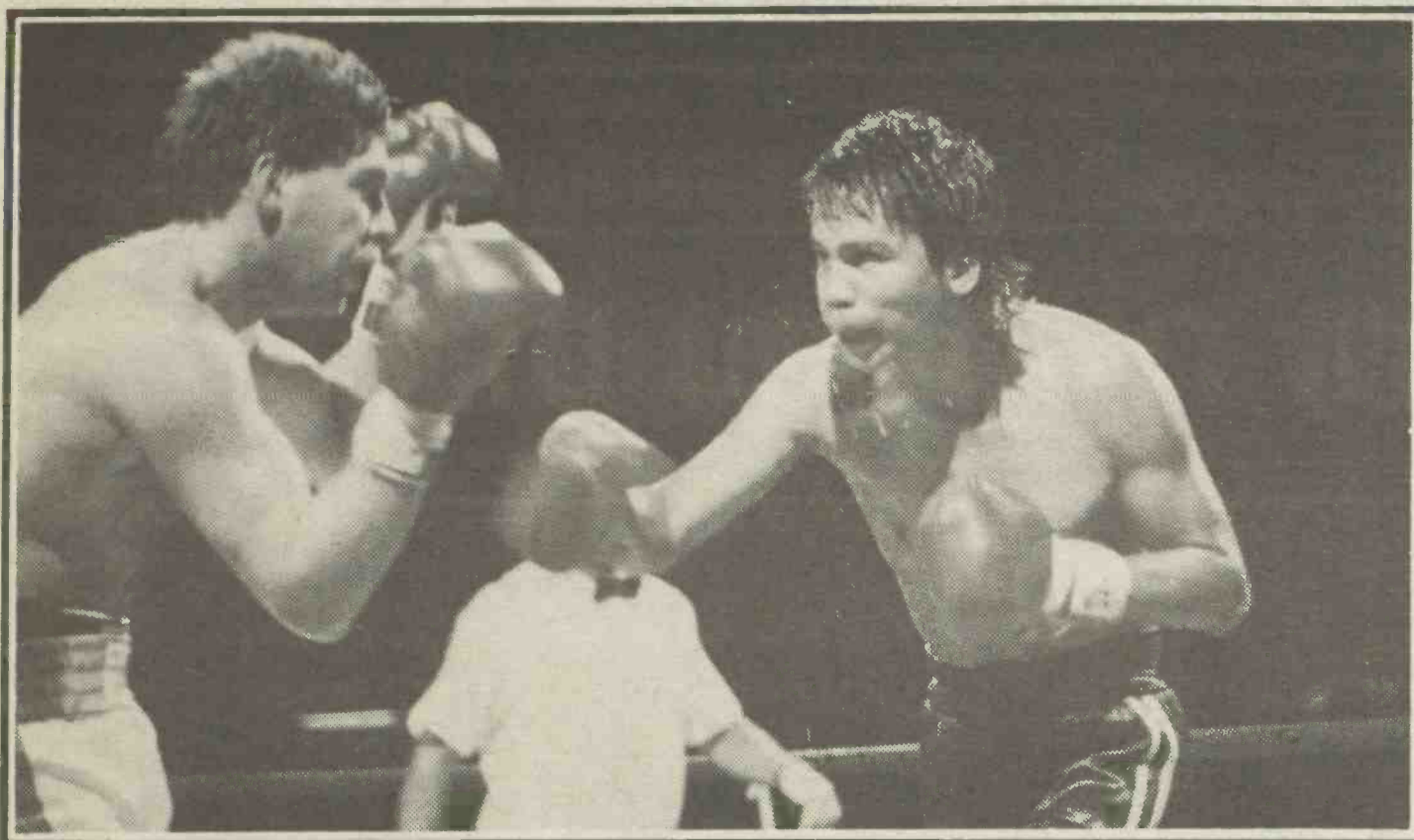
Should possess a Bachelors of Social Work or MSW plus community experience, or have equivalent combination of education/experience, plus good administrative/financial management skills.

Knowledge of Indian culture/Cree language and/or experience in working with Indian people at the community level are desirable assets.

Salary is negotiable, dependent upon qualifications. Send applications, plus resume and references to:

Jim Webb  
Tribal Administration  
Little Red River Cree Tribe  
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High Level, Alberta  
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Closing Date:  
August 31, 1989



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SPORTS & LEISURE

# Cunningham overpowers opponent for eighth pro win

By Kim McLain  
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

Welterweight boxer Stan Cunningham boosted his professional record to 8-1 after winning a six-round unanimous decision over Tony Davi of Las Vegas in a bout on August 14 at Edmonton's Agricom.

The metis boxer set the tone of the fight overpowering Davi with body punches in the second round. Later, in the fifth round, Cunningham knocked Davi down.

Earlier this year, Cunningham lost a chance to fight in Las Vegas because of a drinking problem. But he says he hasn't had a drink in eight months.

With his new-found sobriety and the Monday's victory, Cunningham hopes he'll get another chance at Las Vegas.

Cunningham, who lives in Edmonton, is trained by Joey Edwards.

His corner coach for the Monday bout was Eddie Futch, who has trained former heavyweight champions



KIM McLAIN

Corner Coach: Words of Advice

Larry Holmes, Joe Frazier and Michael Spinks.

Warriors Pro-Am Boxing Card, where Canadian pro boxers Harpal Talhan and Dave Fiddler knocked out their opponents.

Cunningham's bout was the undercard of the Young

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**Function:** The primary function is to direct the total organization towards a high standard of operation in achieving the goals and objectives of the Bonnyville Canadian Native Friendship Centre.

**Duties:** Responsible for all phases of management, including administration, supervision of staff and promotion of all areas of the organization. Ensure that board directives, personnel rules and regulations are adhered to and are implemented, in order for the programs of the organization to operate effectively and efficiently.

Ensures that accounting procedures are followed in order to have proper financial control and administration. Arranges for monthly financial and staff reports to the Board of Directors.

Consult and participate in the development of existing and new programs for continuous personal and intellectual growth of the organization. Maintains good working relations with the Board of Directors, government and community agencies, other native organizations and the public at large.

Foster an environment of teamwork and commitment through the organization by developing and improving methods of good communication and training.

Responsible and answerable to the Board of Directors.

**Qualifications:** Extensive administration and management experience in the service of organizations. Good communication skills (written and oral) are a requirement. Proposal writing and budget preparations a necessity. Some accounting experience desirable. Experience and knowledge of the Native Friendship Centre Movement and other native organizations is an asset. Knowledge of the aboriginal cultures and able to speak the Cree language a great asset. Must be willing to do some travel.

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Advertising Feature

# Immunization program paying off for Native communities

EDMONTON

A blitz by Health and Welfare Canada to bring up immunization levels in Native communities is paying dividends.

The levels of protection against communicable diseases in many reserves in Alberta were dangerously low this spring, according to the Alberta Indian Health Care Commission.

But already after a campaign of several months the figures have "gone up considerably," says Dr. Harold Hodes, assistant regional director of community health programs with Health and Welfare.

"Nurses in the field have been giving lots of immunizations," he said.

"Positive things are happening," he said. "We don't want outbreaks of these diseases."

Communicable diseases like measles, whooping cough, diphtheria and mumps can be prevented and eliminated as a threat to Native children.

Smallpox, a dreaded disease of the past, has been eliminated from the world.

Hodes said officials have been meeting with chiefs, health councils and nurses to

help spread the message about the importance of having children immunized.

Community health workers are also out trying to trace children, who haven't been immunized.

Health-care staff turnover in isolated areas has contributed to low immunization rates, said Hodes.

There has also been some fear about the side effects of the immunizations, which has deterred some parents from having their children immunized, he said.

And since the diseases aren't common, some parents have felt it isn't important to have their children vaccinated.

"We're trying to boost that importance factor," he said.

Hodes noted "there was an epidemic of whooping cough" up north this past winter, which also afflicted Non-Native communities.

The number of cases of measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus and polio are at an all-time low across Canada, because of immunization.

A new form of diphtheria and polio vaccines was recently introduced throughout Canada. They've been used for over 30 years throughout

the United States and Europe.

The advantages of these vaccines are that reactions are less frequent and less severe and the children produce much higher amounts of protective antibodies. Boosters also need be given every 10 years instead of every five years.

DPT and polio vaccine protects against diphtheria, whooping cough, lockjaw and polio.

Diphtheria, which severely affects throat and breathing passages, is always serious and sometimes fatal.

Before whooping cough vaccine was introduced in the 1950s to the United States and Canada, 4,000 to 5,000 children died annually from the disease.

The prevention of important diseases is one of medicine's greatest contributions.

Since young children are at greatest risk, they should be immunized early.

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6 Months	DPT Polio (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Polio)
12 Months	Measles, Mumps, Rubella
18 Months	DPT Polio (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Polio)
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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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