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Fort Chip gets 2,000 acres of new reserve land

By Dorothy Schreiber

The Fort Chipewyan Cree band has received its first parcel of reserve land; close to 2,000 acres which is rich in red granite.

The 1,300 member band located about 627 km north of Edmonton has already received a cash settlement of \$26.6 million.

The crown land transferred from the province to the federal government is one of seven land parcels which makes up a land claim package agreed to by the band and both levels of government in December 1986.

"The reason that this parcel of land is transferred in advance of the others is

we're proceeding with developing the granite that's on our reserve," says general manager Simon Waquan of the Cree band.

The community-owned Fort Chipewyan Development Corporation plans to start mining the granite in the spring as soon as the snow is melted away from the rock, says Dave

Tuccaro, project coordinator.

The Devils Gate site, as it is known locally, will be the only granite quarry in Alberta and Waquan says the red granite "is practically non-existent on the market today."

Under a pilot project the Alberta government has committed to three years of

purchasing the granite which will be used to side the exteriors of government buildings.

Land which lies within Wood buffalo National Park at Peace Point has gypsum and good agricultural potential, too, says Waquan. Three other land sites are located on three different lakes and long

range plans include building fishing lodges and promoting tourism.

The remainder of the reserve land has been surveyed and will be transferred to the band within the next year.

The corporation is made up of the Cree band, Fort Chipewyan band and the Metis local.

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Lubicon rejects feds offer of \$1.5 million

By Dorothy Schreiber

The federal government has offered the Lubicon Indians cash compensation for loss of treaty benefits but says Alberta may want to claim half of the oil and gas revenues on the land under claim by the band.

In a letter to the band, federal negotiator Brian Malone says Alberta may be constitutionally entitled to "50 per cent of all monies gained from the sale, lease, or other disposition of minerals on Indian reserves transferred after 1930."

The federal government has offered the sum of \$500,000 in compensation for loss of treaty benefits, \$300,000 toward planning a reserve and another \$350,000 for a health centre.

"Those are the kinds of things that we feel we can get ahead and negotiate... so that if a transfer of land is made possible then we can get on with the job of building a reserve," says Don McGregor, director of communications with Indian Affairs.

The band has rejected the governments offer calling it worse than one made two years ago, which would have given the band full mineral rights.

Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak says Malone is missing the most important issue in all of this, "the membership question."

The number of band members has been the central issue of contention in the land claim which has gone unresolved for 48 years. The number of band members will determine the amount of land the band will receive. The Lubicons claim 457 members but both governments say there are fewer and therefore the land claim should be smaller.

The federal negotiator sent a separate letter to the province on the amount of land required for the reserve. The Lubicon chief says he asked for a copy of the letter but his request was denied.

The letter to the band also says the government is willing to negotiate a capital construction program with the band for infrastructure needs such as water, sewage and roads.

The letter goes on to say that Canada is willing to work with the band and the province to set up a wildlife management area outside the reserve as well as a program to compensate trappers for losses.

Ominayak says the government is trying to "deceive the public to believe that they are trying to settle with us and that we're (the ones) being unreasonable."

The band is willing to negotiate with the federal government as long as E. Davie Fulton is re-involved in the talks, a request that both governments have refused.



A PLEA FOR MOTHER EARTH

Winston Wuttunee gestures as he addresses a packed room gathered at the Calgary Indian Friendship Centre last Friday to open People of the Land, an art exhibition by Dale Auger.

Flanked by Harold Cardinal (left) and Rose and Dale Auger, Wuttunee told of the woeful sins of man against nature, moving people to tears with his declaration that Mother Earth is crying out through people like Bernard Ominayak. The display is meant to show the peoples' close relationship to the land.

— Photo by Terry Lusty

\$8.3 million to help Indian businesses

By Mark McCallum

The federal government is pumping \$8.3 million into Native economic development through a lending institution called the Alberta Indian Investment Corporation.

The funding is expected to create more than 500 new jobs and 250 Indian-owned businesses, generating up to \$27 million into the province's economy over the next decade.

The corporation is owned by the Indian Equity Foundation of Alberta, which is owned by the province's 42 Indian bands, and serves the Treaty-Indian business community. Individual loans of up to \$400,000 are available to those who are Treaty and are majority (51 per cent) owners of their businesses.

The corporation, which held its opening ceremonies at Edmonton on Feb. 11, will provide business advisory and referral services as well as competitive interest rates on loans to Native entrepreneurs, according to Harold Gray, business development manager of the corporation. He explains the corporation



FRED GLADSTONE... president of AIIC

will assist existing managerial and entrepreneurial training programs that are being offered to Native people today.

Gray says the corporation will give loans to Native entrepreneurs that might not otherwise be obtainable through mainstream banks. He explains most of the mainstream banks consider Native businesses a "high risk," making it difficult for Natives to get loans.

Gray adds the corporation will provide loans to Native people with a lower equity base than other banks which will mean that Native applicants can get a loan from the organization with less collateral. However, he says there will still

be strict guidelines governing the loans procedure and clients will be expected to do their homework before making application. "We expect the client to do a lot of the leg work and research about the prospective business they want to start," he says, adding the corporation will steer clients in the proper direction and show them what they expect.

The corporation is also planning to give annual incentive-building scholarships and awards. The scholarships, which will be given to two students at the post-secondary level in business development, are called the Senator James Gladstone Memorial Scholarships. The awards for the Indian business of the year and businessperson of the year are called the Honourable Ralph Steinhauer Awards.

The Department of Indian Affairs will be channelling \$2.5 million into the corporation over the next five years to help the fledgling operation get established. The corporation is currently operating with a capital base of about \$10 million.

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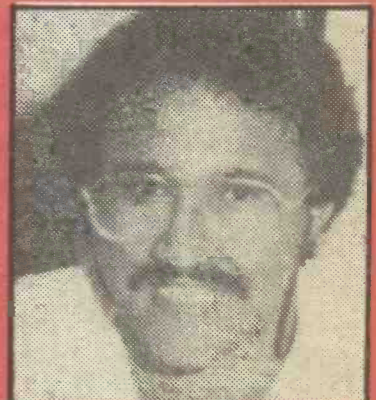
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Band controlled education at a 'crossroads'

Native educators share concerns, seek answers

By Jackie Red Crow

BLOOD RESERVE — The first Treaty 7 Education Conference held Feb. 4-5 at the St. Mary's high school exceeded everyone's expectations.

Over 650 Native educators, politicians, students and interested community members attended the two-day event despite the bitterly cold weather.

Sponsored by the Treaty

7 education steering committee and the Blood tribe education committee, delegates came together to discuss a wide variety of issues in band control of Native education.

Bands are in various stages of band control of Native education said Bobby Breaker, coordinator of education on the Blackfoot reserve and a member of the steering committee.

In the past, bands had operated in isolation and did their own independent studies on the new education move, he said.

An attempt was made in the early 80s to establish an education steering committee to deal with Native education issues but interest was low.

Then two years ago, efforts were made to reactivate a steering committee and many of meetings have been held since. Last August, a group of representatives of each reserve in Treaty 7 started work on a Treaty 7 education conference.

Breaker explained the committee now shares information on a number of

education concerns, encouraging "a united front on education in Treaty 7."

Blood Chief Roy Fox told delegates at the opening ceremonies that the theme, Native Education at the Crossroads was appropriate. "We must find a cluster of ideas so that we encourage our students ability to cope and master skills needed in today's society."

Susan Whitney, a trustee for the Sarcee Board of Education, said that there are about 5,000 Native students in the Treaty 7 area. However, about 1,000 pursue post-secondary education. She emphasized "these (statistics) are just rough numbers," but

stressed that is why more bands want more involvement in their children's education.

Morris Manyfingers, coordinator of the conference, said in an earlier interview that the conference topics had something for everybody. About 22 topics were covered each day. Workshops were facilitated by Native educators and professionals. Topics included treaty rights and Indian education, problems faced by new students entering college and university, to name a few.

Probably the only criticism by delegates was that there was so many workshops to choose from that they were

disappointed they couldn't attend all of them.

Social events included a disco dance demonstrated by Stand Off school students under the direction of Blood teachers Olivia Tailfeathers and Evelyn Goodstriker. The Blackfeet Youth Alliance of Browning, Montana also provided additional entertainment on the first day of the conference.

Kenote speakers included Darrel Kipp of Browning and Chief Bernard Ominayak of the Lubicons in northern Alberta.

The Blackfoot band announced their intention to host next year's education conference.

National Briefs

Grand Chief Erasmus calls for McKnight's removal

George Erasmus, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, sent Prime Minister Mulroney a letter calling for Indian Affairs Minister McKnight's removal for showing a conflict of interest in his decision to provide a grant to a Japanese-owned paper company.

"He offers half a million dollars for lost treaty benefits to the Crees of Lubicon Lake, who never signed a treaty, then he hands a foreign company 19 times that much - 9.5 million - plus the timber resources of the Lubicons and at least seven other bands, all of whom have been denied reserves. It is an outrage," said Erasmus.

Teachers protest poster, say it paints them as racist

WHITEHORSE — A controversial poster issued by the Yukon Human Rights Commission showing a young Native girl standing in front of a schoolhouse, her face fraught with despair, has outraged the Yukon Teachers Association.

The caption on the poster reads: Mommy Don't Leave Me Here.

The text of the poster continues: "Racism scours the depth of our souls and dredges up the most undesirable of emotions. Yet the fear, the poverty, and the hatred pale beside racism's true legacy: the destruction of human dignity and potential."

The teacher's union says the poster, by implication, paints its members as racist and is considering lodging a formal complaint with the Human Rights Commission against the Human Rights Commission.

The commission has refused to stop distributing the poster despite demands from teachers to do so.

Sioux war chief named, first in 100 years

PINE RIDGE, S.D. — The great Sioux nation has named its first war chief in more than a century and charged him with leading the battle to recover the sacred Black Hills of South Dakota.

Philip Stevens, 59, is the great-grandson of Chief Standing Bear as well as the head of an engineering firm. He will now fight the American government, which the Sioux say, illegally confiscated the Black Hills 100 years ago.

Canadians and Americans sign polar bear treaty

YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T. — Canadian and American Native groups have signed a treaty to protect and manage polar bears along the border region of the Beaufort Sea.

The treaty means that American Inupiat hunters from Alaska will keep strict quotas and hunting seasons on the bears which they share with the Canadian Inuvialuit.

To avoid lengthy negotiations with American and Canadian governments, the Native groups worked together on the agreement which will limit bear hunts based on population estimates.

Picture in Windspeaker recognized, missing boy found with relatives

By Dorothy Schreiber

A picture published in Windspeaker helped to locate a 12-year-old boy who went missing in June of last year.

Joseph Osecap's picture, published in a special October 1987 crime prevention issue was noticed by a secretary at the Prince Charles school in Edmonton who recognized Osecap as a former student.

"I couldn't really believe it. I thought, gee, that's one of ours that went missing," says Iris Hogg about the young boy who was a student at the school from April to June.

Hogg who remembers Osecap as a "quiet young boy" brought the photograph to the attention of principal David Forester who had received a request in September to transfer Joseph's school records to a Saskatchewan school.

Forester contacted Det. Ken Anderson, a missing person coordinator, and from there it was discovered the young Cree boy was living with his grandmother on the Red Pheasant reserve nearby North Battleford, Saskatchewan.

Osecap was reported missing in June of 1987 by an aunt who was his legal guardian at the time, says Det. Anderson.

In a telephone interview from the Red Pheasant reserve Reginald Bugler, Joseph's uncle, says he is "going great" and is a good companion for his grandmother who he "helps out a lot."

Prior to seeing his picture in Windspeaker, the boy's grandmother was unaware

that he had been listed as a missing person, says Bugler. "All of a sudden he just showed up."

Bugler, a student guidance

counsellor, says Joseph, now 13, is attending school on the reserve. His goal is to play hockey next year.

Last year 4,441 persons

were reported missing in the city of Edmonton and the vast majority, like Osecap were under the age of 18.



A COWBOY AND INDIAN

Blake Wildcat, 3, isn't faced with the dilemma of whether to be a cowboy or an Indian — he's both at the same time. Wildcat is the son of Patti Wildcat and Benji Buffalo of Hobbema. Here, Wildcat waits for the next intertribal at Ermineskin's last powwow.

— Photo by Bert Crowfoot

Over 200 protesters flood downtown Calgary

Lubicon supporters withstand pestering crowds

By Lesley Crossingham

CALGARY They had been there since 6 a.m. huddled tightly together holding their banners and placard high above their heads. They come to Calgary from all over Canada to unite in a show of support for the Lubicon Lake Indian band's land claim and boycott of the Calgary Winter Olympic Games.

More than 200 protesters gather in downtown Calgary Saturday Feb. 13 to show their support and to greet the Olympic flame with a cry of protest on behalf of the Lubicon's outstanding claim and the recent announcement that the government had leased disputed land to a Japanese logging company.

"It's outrageous," says Jeanne Lepine, a Saskatchewan Federated College student. "We have come here to show support for the Lubicon...they must have justice."

As the crowd huddles together, exchanging banners and pinning Lubicon support buttons onto their collars, Lubicon lawyer James O'Reilly passes out information sheets informing the protesters of their rights.

"You have the right to freedom of expression and freedom of speech," he tells them. "If you are asked to move, inform the organizers of the protest and we will ensure your rights are not trampled."

As the crowd waits for the flame, bitter cold winds blow icy snow in from the mountains. But the protest-



WINSTON WUTTUNEE (left) declined to open Winter Games with a song. More than 200 protesters turned out to support the Lubicon (right).



ers keep warm by waving their placards and singing songs. A team of entertainers from local television stations greet the crowd but are careful to ignore the protesters.

At one stage, traditional white Calgary cowboy hats are presented to people in the crowd, however, no Aboriginal people are selected for this honor.

Then as organizers announce the flame has reached the outskirts of the city, Calgary police officers surround the crowd of protesters and police observers line the ledges of nearby highrise buildings, training binoculars on the crowd below.

Finally, as the dignitaries

which included former premier Peter Lougheed and Calgary MP Harvey Andre watch from the podium, the torch bearer pushes his way through the crowd as loudspeakers play the national anthem.

A large children's choir sings Share the Flame as the Olympic cauldron is lit. Protesters sing "Share the shame and share the blame" during the chorus.

Then, while speeches of congratulation pour out of the audio system, spectators at the back of the crowd begin throwing snowballs at the protesters and try to tear the placards out of the hands of the protesters.

Police officers watch as some members of the

crowd begin to push and shove, trying to knock protesters over. Other people identified as plain clothes security officers also push through the crowds and some protesters fear violence will break out. Protesters are asked by organizers to remain calm and not to fight back if attacked.

Other spectators complain that the protesters have blocked their view of the flame procession.

"I used to have sympathy with you Indians," says one angry woman who refuses to give her name. "But you've lost my sympathy now."

"It's a pity that so many people put a ceremony

before the lives of real live people," says Edmonton protester May Albertson. "The people of Lubicon Lake are dying of TB. They are losing their land to the Japanese - they have nothing. Yet these people in the crowd think the flame

ceremony is more important."

After the ceremony, the flame procession moves to Calgary's McMahon stadium where a huge Olympic cauldron will be lit. It will burn until the final day of the Olympics, Feb. 29.

Rock group supports Lubicon

By Lesley Crossingham

CALGARY - The audience at the Austrian Olympic Club got quite a surprise here when world famous rock group, Opus, announced they support the Lubicon Lake Indian band and dedicated a song to the Lubicon.

In a Feb. 13 press conference with the Native media shortly before the show, the all-Austrian band told Windspeaker that they had heard about the Lubicon band's land claim in Austria and wanted to show support for the Lubicon during their concert on the opening day of the Olympics.

"We have to help the earth and the Native people," said Kurt Plisnier, a member of Opus. "There is too much business involvement in the land, they are selling everything, we have to learn a lesson from the Native people."

Members of the band read about the Hopi Indians of Arizona and their philosophy and decided to



BERNARD OMINAYAK ...with rock group Opus

make a stand for the Lubicon band to call attention to the band's land claim and the recent news that the government had leased traditional Lubicon land to a Japanese logging company.

"I think the Hopi Indians have a wonderful philosophy. They know how to be able to live on this earth without killing all the resources. Too many

white people live only for profit and the Hopi are the slaves of these people.

"We have to learn to live like the Native people did in the ancient times," said band member Herwig Rudisser.

Opus are well known for their international hit record Life if Life and dedicated the song Can You Hear Me to the Lubicon.

"We didn't write the song for the band but we thought it was appropriate," said Plisnier.

The rock group say they are empathetic with the controversy over the Glenbow Museum's acquisitions of sacred Native artifacts. They explain that their country is in a similar dilemma over sacred Mexican artifacts brought to Austria by Joseph Bonaparte, former king of Mexico. The artifacts still remain in Austrian museums.

"There is a lot of discussion over these objects," said Plisnier. "Most of us think they should be returned to their true owners."

The rock band will return to Austria later this week but say they will continue to inform their countrymen of the Lubicon's plight and will continue to wear Lubicon support buttons. The band consists of: Niki Gruber, Ewald Pfleger, Kurt Plisnier, Herwig Rudisser and Gunter Gresmuck.

Provincial Briefs

Mohawks to appeal court for false face mask

The Alberta Court of Appeal will hear from three Mohawk Indian councils in their appeal against the Glenbow museum to have a sacred false face mask returned. They are asking the court to overturn a decision by the Court of Queen's Bench that returned a mask to the Calgary Museum's Olympic exhibit said Chief Bud Morris of the Kahnawake Council.

Lubicon protester complain about 'racism remarks'

An investigation has been launched into accusations that Olympic security police made racist remarks and shoved Lubicon Lake demonstrators last weekend. The investigation was prompted by a letter from the Calgary Committee Against Racism (CCAR) and "is being treated as a legitimate complaint," said Doug Green, Deputy Chief Olympic security co-ordinator.

The behavior of the crowd and undercover police "was just a taste for us of what Native people have had to put up with for hundreds of years," said Elli Jilek, CCAR member.

Door to door campaign launched to save river valley

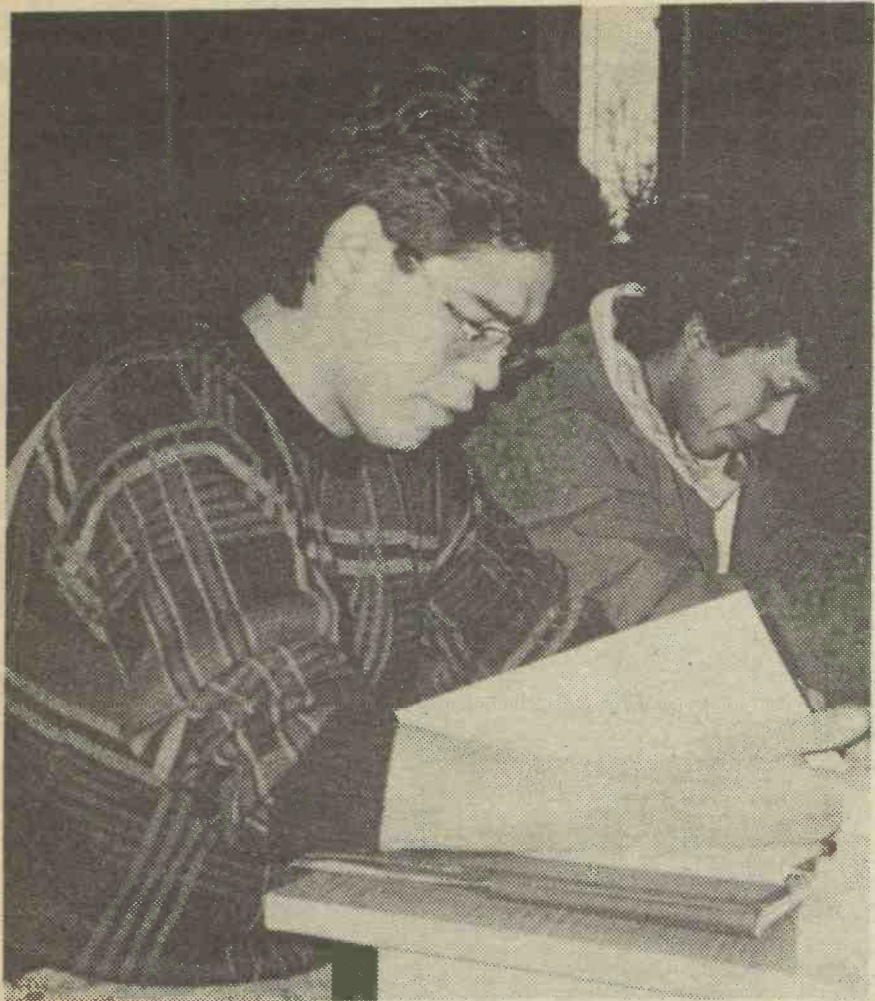
Friends of the Oldman River are taking their message to the public with a door-to-door campaign.

About 3,000 newspapers describing the issues surrounding the project have been distributed in Edmonton by the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society. Another 7,000 are going to Calgary homes.

The newspaper says off-stream storage and water conservation could deliver the same amount of water as the dam would but at half the cost and minimal environmental damage.

Friends of the Oldman River won a case in the Court of Queen's Bench in December in which provincial permits for the dam were found invalid.

Instead of appealing the court case, Environment Minister Ken Kowalski has issued new permits for work to continue on the dam.



ALBERT CRIER, Windspeaker

LOUIS CARDINAL

...Hopes the program will appeal to all ages

Radio show called 'Peace Pipe' begins broadcasting Students spotlight Native people and issues on university airwaves

By Mark McCallum

EDMONTON — A new Native radio program, operated by a group at the University of Alberta, is intended to make listeners more aware of the issues and people who shape the Native community today.

"There's a lot of people that don't know about the great things that are being done by Native people today," says one of the

program's founders, Lewis Cardinal.

The half-hour program is called *Peace Pipe* and began broadcasting to the Edmonton area Jan. 19. By spotlighting prominent figures like entertainers and politicians, Cardinal explains they want to show its listeners the "diversity of Aboriginal people."

The program is a segment of a U of A radio station called CJSR, operated by the students' union. Although the four members

of the group have training and experience in the media field, CJSR has offered to give them additional training. Joining Cardinal in the group is Richard Ward, Joey Cox and Albert Crier.

"The first few shows will be pre-recorded until we work out the kinks," explains Cardinal, who says the program will be broadcast live once they master the controls. To give the show a more lively feel, he adds that more than

one disc jockey will be on the air at all times. Broadcasts will include national and local news reports as well as traditional and contemporary music.

Cardinal says they hope the program will appeal to all ages and create role models for youth. He adds they are currently trying to secure funds to expand programming and employ a full-time staff.

Peace Pipe can be heard every Tuesday morning at 8:20 a.m. on 88.5 FM.

High school students right at home in university

By Albert Crier

EDMONTON — For eight teenagers from Alexander reserve's Kipothaka high school, the giant University of Alberta campus has just become friendlier.

On Jan. 21, accompanied by teacher Franklin McKenzie, they came to have a close look at the academic city within a city and to see what university has to offer.

After joining up with Native university students, who were their host/guides, the Grade 10 class sat in on various lectures to experience a typical campus routine.

"It's a big campus," remarked student Rod Yellowdirt, who plans to visit campus more often, so he can get used to the place.

Yellowdirt believes university is a must for his plans to enter the world of entrepreneurship.

"This Native thing they have here is really good,"

he says, referring to the on-campus Native Students Services, Native student lounge, study area and the Aboriginal Student Council.

Neil Courteoreille, who wants to study journalism, joined Yellowdirt in the English 210 class, to hear a "heavy" discussion about a novel on Japanese internment camps during the Second World War.

Shawna Paul, another future journalist, took in the introductory Cree class instructed by Emily Hunter, in a small room crammed with mostly non-Native students.

"It's so hard to believe that they speak our Native tongue and that I could understand them," says Paul.

Barry Augibelle and Kenny Arcand were reluctant to sit in on what they thought would be a boring class on statistics.

"They were studying new methods of math," exclaimed Augibelle, who was also impressed with the professor's teaching style.



ALBERT CRIER, Windspeaker

ALEXANDER RESERVE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
...tour U of A campus to get feel of university routine

Shannon Loyer and Tammy Arcand went to watch a swimming class in action, at one of the pools in the spacious physical education building. All were

impressed with the size and the huge mob of students crowding the hallways throughout the facilities.

The tour of Canada's fourth largest university,

with a 30,000 student enrollment, was coordinated by Native Student Services.

Doreen Richardson, community liaison officer,

reported that other Native student groups, mainly from northern communities, will be visiting the university to experience being a student for a day.

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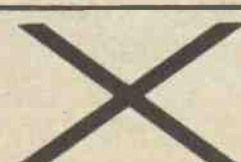
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Donna Badger

Looked to for wisdom

Elders honored at Pastoral Centre

By Lesley Crossingham

EDMONTON — A special Jan. 28 ceremony of thanksgiving took place at the Native Pastoral Centre in honor of the many Elders who are regular and hard working members of the congregation.

The celebrations began with a mass and eucharist. The mass began with the burning of sweetgrass and ended with a traditional round dance.

Then a special feast of rabbit and bannock followed by the wild rice pudding, was served to the gathering of about 15 Elders who regularly attend the centre.

"Many Elders' feasts are held in December but we have ours now because we just don't have the time to prepare everything before Christmas...it is so hectic then," says pastoral assistant Lucienne Meek.

Official Elder

Recently, Elder Connie Morin became the official Elder of the centre and was honored in a special ceremony.

"Connie represents our Elders. We look to her for



A SPECIAL CEREMONY AT THE NATIVE PASTORAL CENTRE TO HONOR ELDERS
...Elder Connie Morin (above right)

wisdom. When we look for an Elder we look for someone involved in the community, who has all the qualities of good citizenship,

who is kind, generous and honest."

Meek and her helpers prepared the supper and served the Elders. Then five

young powwow dancers entertained everyone with a display of traditional dancing ranging from fancy and grass through to an

impressive sneak-up dance by two-year-old Billy Desjardin.

Other dancers included Ian Desjardin, 11, Bradley Cote, 5, Rhonda Cardinal, 15, and Karla Quinn, 15. Francis Badeagle, one of the Elders, drummed for the small group.

After the dancing the Elders were presented with commemorative crosses in remembrance of the work they have given the centre during the year.

The Native way

Then Francis Badeagle spoke to the congregation saying they could all take a lesson from the Elders.

"I used to be an alcoholic. I turned my back on my people...but now I have



returned and I take joy in the Native way," he said.

In an interview after the celebrations, Meek said the centre is an important part of Native life as it combines the traditions of Native spirituality with the traditions of the Roman Catholic church.

"They compliment each other," she said. "We use the sweetgrass as incense and we use the eagle feather as a symbol of our faith next to the dove, (the traditional symbol) of the Roman Catholic faith."

Traditions complement

Meeks says the two traditions compliment each other; Native people always believed in one spirit creator so when Christian missionaries came to the country speaking of one God, the new religion was easily adopted.

"But there were some differences," she says. "But now that we have combined them into our kind of worship they work really well together."

Elders at the centre work in a variety of areas such as baptism, first communion and marriage counselling. They also take part in prayer meetings and act as eucharist workers during mass. The centre is located at 10829-105 Avenue.

'Youths keep the church alive'

By Mark McCallum

EDMONTON — A new Christian youth group here is "learning to build the church and find their place in the community," says Lucienne Meek.

The Native Pastoral Centre administrator explains the centre formed the youth group in November hoping to attract a younger generation that can "keep the church alive."

The group currently has about a dozen members and although the numbers aren't high, Meek says the group didn't want to start growing in numbers until they felt they were ready.

"It's almost like trying to build a big family that can

grow together and trust each other," says group leader Janice Williams, explaining the youth group plans to add new members at a slow pace. By not hurrying the building process, she adds they want to keep the family atmosphere intact. "We eventually want to see a fair sized group."

Williams points out that the church is having problems attracting youths because "I really feel that young people nowadays don't feel like they're part of it." To remedy this feeling of non-involvement and get more participation she says they'll be asking their young membership for input into the group. "We want to make it exciting for them..."

The group meets on Wednesday evenings at the Native Pastoral Centre (located at 10829 - 105 Ave.). Each meeting begins with an opening prayer and introductions. "Everyone is encouraged to open up and talk with other members," says Williams. The group sometimes watch Christian video movies and also participate in physical activities such as roller-skating.

The group took responsibility for a youth Christmas mass that was "really successful" and plans are already being made for the next mass in March. Meek says the young people "selected all of the music and readers for the first mass."

There is no charge to join the group. They welcome interested youths to contact them for more information at 424-1431.

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People

Edmonton's Oscar Lacombe

Metis man watches over legislature

By Mark McCallum

Oscar Lacombe is the first Metis parliamentary sergeant-at-arms and the only one since they began guarding royalty in the 1400s at England's Westminster palace.

Monarchs and MPs considered them to be "body-guards," says Lacombe. "At that time, everyone had a sergeant-at-arms. And, the house speaker usually had about four of them guarding him because it was not a popular position."

The house speaker had the final decision when debates occurred in the palace. "If you made a decision for the commons, the king would want your head, and vice-versa."

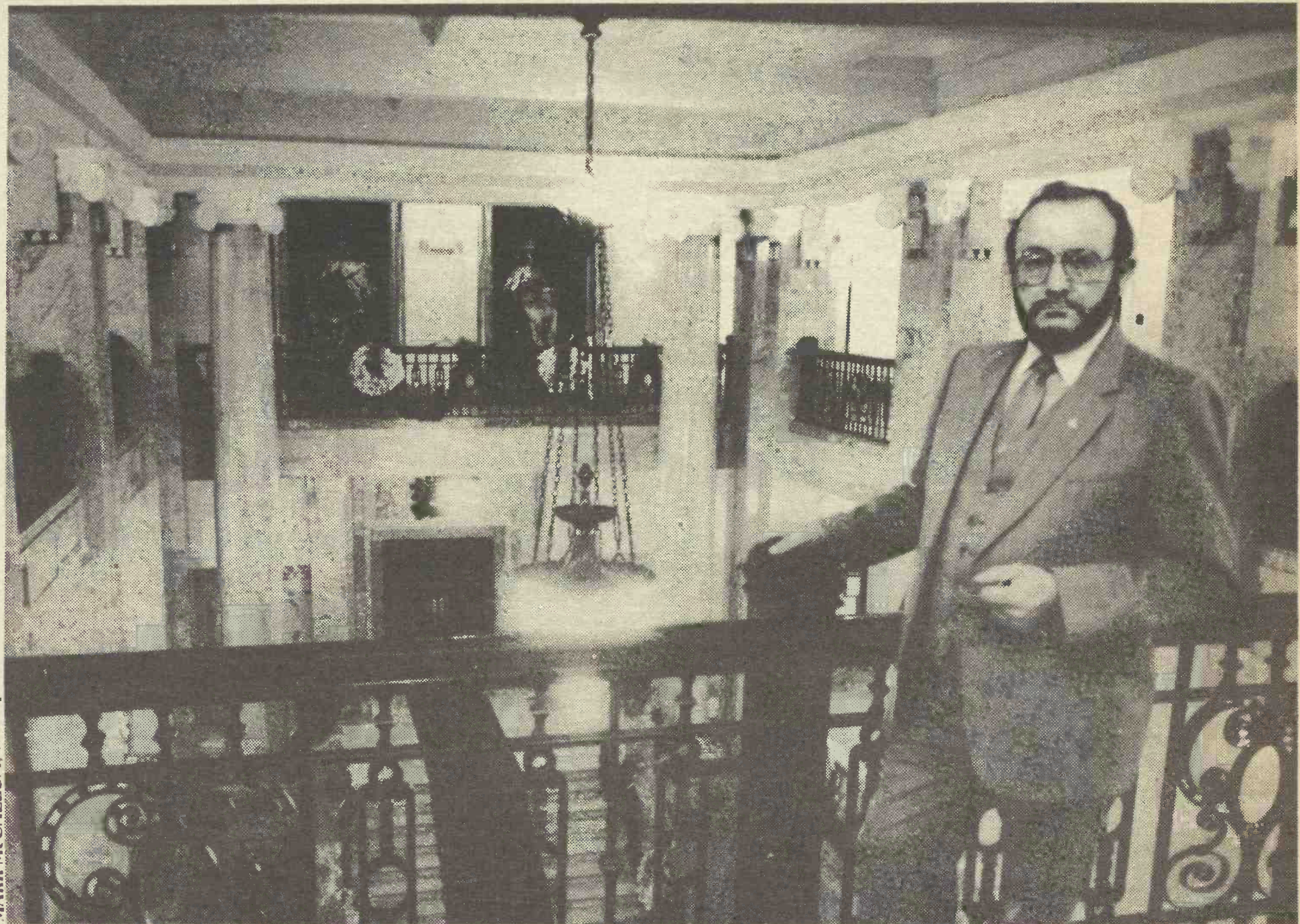
However, the sergeant-at-arms is "more ceremonial now, of course, but you still protect the speaker

or anyone else in the chambers if you have to."

Often devoted knights, the sergeant-at-arms used a mace or sword to stop a would-be-attacker. And, although Lacombe has a mace, he has never had to use it. In fact, he doesn't carry a weapon at all. "I make sure the chambers stays in order," explains Lacombe.

He has however evicted spectators from the gallery on the order of the speaker and commons but does so in a gentlemanly manner. The Legislative Building has a series of security guards and systems to keep out unwanted guests; it would be difficult for a suspicious looking character to enter the chambers.

Although Canada is independent from England, it is a commonwealth country and still retains many traditions. Lacombe is the seventh sergeant-at-



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arms to serve Alberta since the province joined the nation in 1905.

"It's a real honor," says Lacombe, who was appointed in 1980 following his retirement from the military as a sergeant major.

Lacombe, 58, is the eldest of 12 "all raised in St. Paul on rabbit and bannock." He was raised during the depression years in the 1930s and left home to find work at 17. He worked at "everything from lumberjacking to cab driving." In 1949, he joined the Canadian Armed Forces and gave 25 years of active service in the Korean conflict and for North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Europe. And, he explains proudly that he is the great, great nephew of Father Albert Lacombe, who helped settle western Canada in the 1800s.

Former Metis Association of Alberta president, the late Stan Daniels pointed Lacombe in the right direction following his

retirement from the army in 1974. Daniels suggested that his old school mate from St. Paul apply for a job at the Legislative Building where a security guard was needed. He was appointed sergeant-at-arms six years later.

"It's a unique place to work in that it's like a big family; you become very protective of each other." When NDP leader Grant Notley died in a plane crash in October 1983, "it effected everyone very strongly. Everyone here was no longer a conservative or Liberal...we all become one big family."

Lacombe is disappointed when he sees Metis people using their ethnic background as a crutch. "I know

it's hard for a Metis person to get ahead because we don't always have a lot of advantages or opportunities. But, that doesn't mean you should call it quits.

"I don't care if you're white, yellow, black or technicolor if you want to make it you can," he says, encouraging others to pursue their goals. "It's a tough world, but hell they pick on everyone."

Lacombe was a "card carrying member" of the Metis Association for much of his life but decided to break all political ties, to avoid being accused of bias. He still votes in mainstream politics "but that's confined to the privacy of a voting booth -- even my wife doesn't know who I vote for."

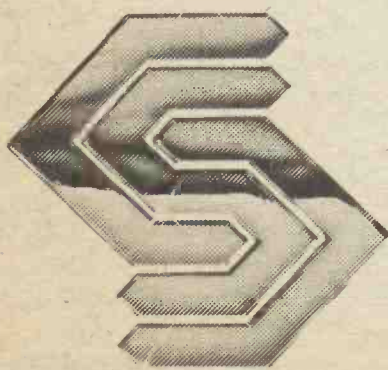
He plans to become an active member of a Metis group when he retires. "And, spend more time hunting and fishing with my five grandchildren, getting to know them."

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Virginia Yankowski, "loved dearly"

School cook a friend to young and old

By Mark McCallum

If you look closely at Virginia Yankowski, you can almost see the faint image of a halo above her head.

And, although the Kinuso-born Cree Metis woman doesn't have wings, her boundless energy and friendly personality would make her an easy choice at almost any popularity

contest. She has not entered in any contest, but this is especially true at the Alex Taylor elementary school in Edmonton where she's a cook and supervisor of a seniors' drop-in centre.

Yankowski prepares morning snacks for the school's 145 kindergarten to Grade 6 students and also runs a daily drop-in centre in the basement of the school for seniors.

"Virginia is a very warm, sensitive, caring human being," says Steve Ramsankar, school principal, who says she is "loved dearly" by everyone at the school.

Ramsankar explains Yankowski has been cooking food like bannock and soup for school kids since 1971. "She has the kids best interest at heart," he adds, noting he enjoys her cooking as do most that try it.

For Yankowski, the day begins in the wee hours of the morning. She arrives at the school at 7 a.m. each day and begins preparing the daily snack for the students.

"This school is a great place to work at," says Yankowski, adding "the kids are just wonderful, too."

Yankowski also prepares a hot meal once every week for the seniors that drop in to see her regularly because they feel close to her. "They're lonely, so most of the time they come here just to talk," she explains, adding she tries to make them feel special and enjoys doing it. "I like to spoil them when I make meals for them."

Yankowski also runs recreational activities and bingos for the drop-in centre.

The 61-year-old is currently working at the school through a PEP subsidy wage program until May. But for most of the 18 years she has been cooking at the school, she has volunteered her time without pay. The school

children are a big reason she stays. Although Yankowski will be turning 62 in March, she says she still feels like a "spring chicken."

"When you work with little kids, they make you feel young. They remind me of when I was a little girl," she explains.

Yankowski's maiden name is Giroux. She was raised by her grandparents for the first years of her life. When she was six years old, she was placed in a convent at Jousard where she remained until her 18th birthday. She credits the nuns at the convent for teaching her how to cook.

Yankowski moved to Edmonton where she met her future husband and married him in February 1948. They celebrated their

40th anniversary on Feb. 22 this year.

The Yankowskis have four children, three boys and a girl, who are all living on their own. But before they left, Mom says she made sure all of them knew how to cook. "Some of the boys can make better lasagna than me now," she jokes, noting that her daughter is the most gifted cook of the children.

In her spare time, Yankowski likes to do beadwork or embroidery, which she also learned in the convent.

Yankowski is not certain whether she will be getting pay from the school after her PEP project is up in May. But, she is certain she would like to remain at the school for as long as they will allow her.



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VIRGINIA YANKOWSKI

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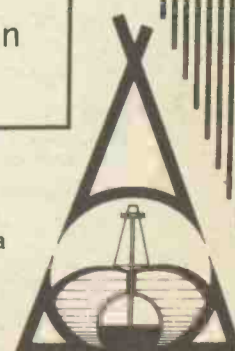
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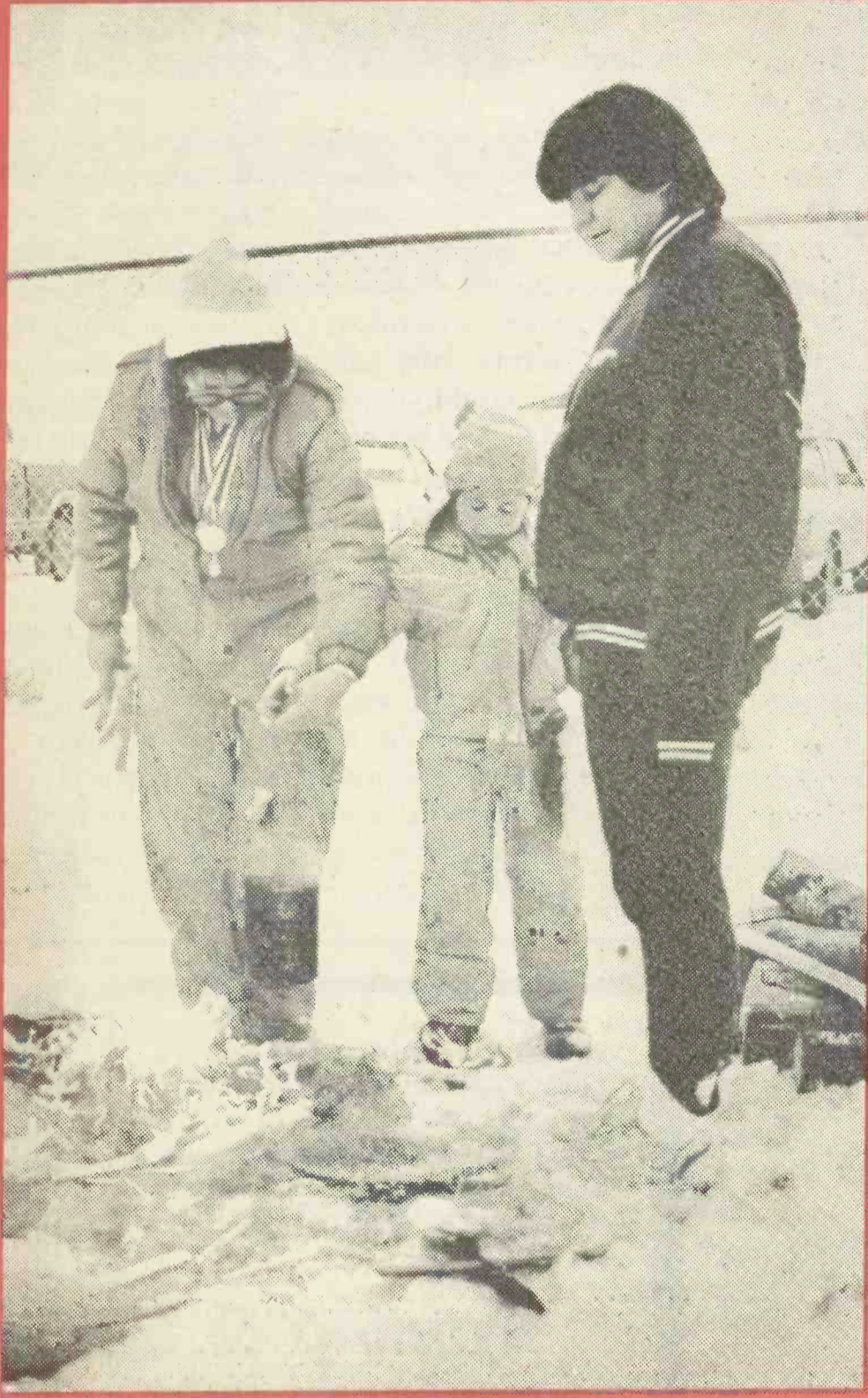
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Goodfish Lake heats up with Winter Fun Carnival

The Goodfish Lake reserve held a winter carnival in February to battle a staggering unemployment rate in the community.

Goodfish residents gathered what little resources they could find and hosted a much needed celebration called the Valentine's Winter Fun Carnival Feb. 12-14.

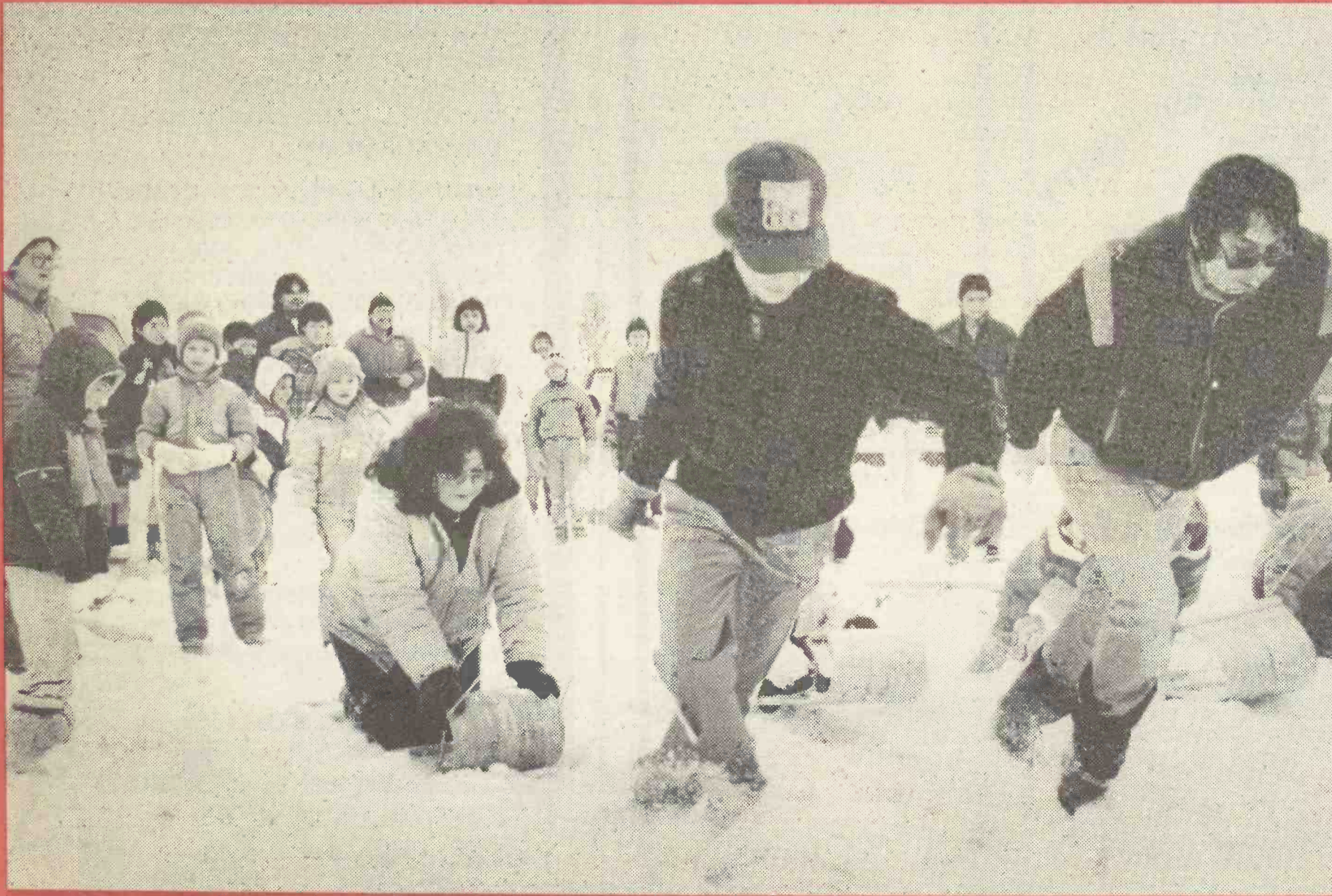
For the tiny reserve located about 170 km northeast of Edmonton, the event couldn't have come at a better time, says Rene Houle, Goodfish Lake recreation director.

Houle explains the reserve has been suffering from a "economic crisis" of late and that the winter time celebration helped the community raise money to fight its staggering 90 per cent unemployment rate.

A fund-raising committee and a local hockey team, Goodfish Lake Flyers, raised the \$8,000 needed for the event, which included activities such as a 14-team hockey tournament, a talent show and a Stampede Wrestling exhibition. By the end of the weekend celebration, which was attended by about 700 people from the community, Saddle Lake and Kikino, a profit of more than \$2,000 was made. Houle says all the proceeds will go toward the hockey team and bingos that the fund-raising committee is planning. The bingos will raise money for more community activities.

Pleased with the outcome, Houle is optimistic that Goodfish's 225 residents can make the carnival an annual event and put on an even bigger and better show next year. He says the residents are responsible for the success of this year's carnival because they rallied behind it. "This event would have never worked without all the volunteers we got from the community," notes Houle.

"Everyone participated in something equally," says Rhonda Jackson. The 19-year-old lifetime resident of Goodfish Lake says the only problem she had was trying



Photos by Diane Parenteau - Story by Mark McCallum



Clockwise from top left: Tea making for the Kokum of the North contest. Esther Bull in log sawing competition. Everyone pulls behind the tug of war event. Sheldon Hunter with borrowed medals. Lincoln Morin and Hason Halfe haul Sharleen Jackson in the 2X4 race. Cynthia Jackson concentrates in the egg and spoon race. And finally, a sled race renamed the Honeymoon Race.

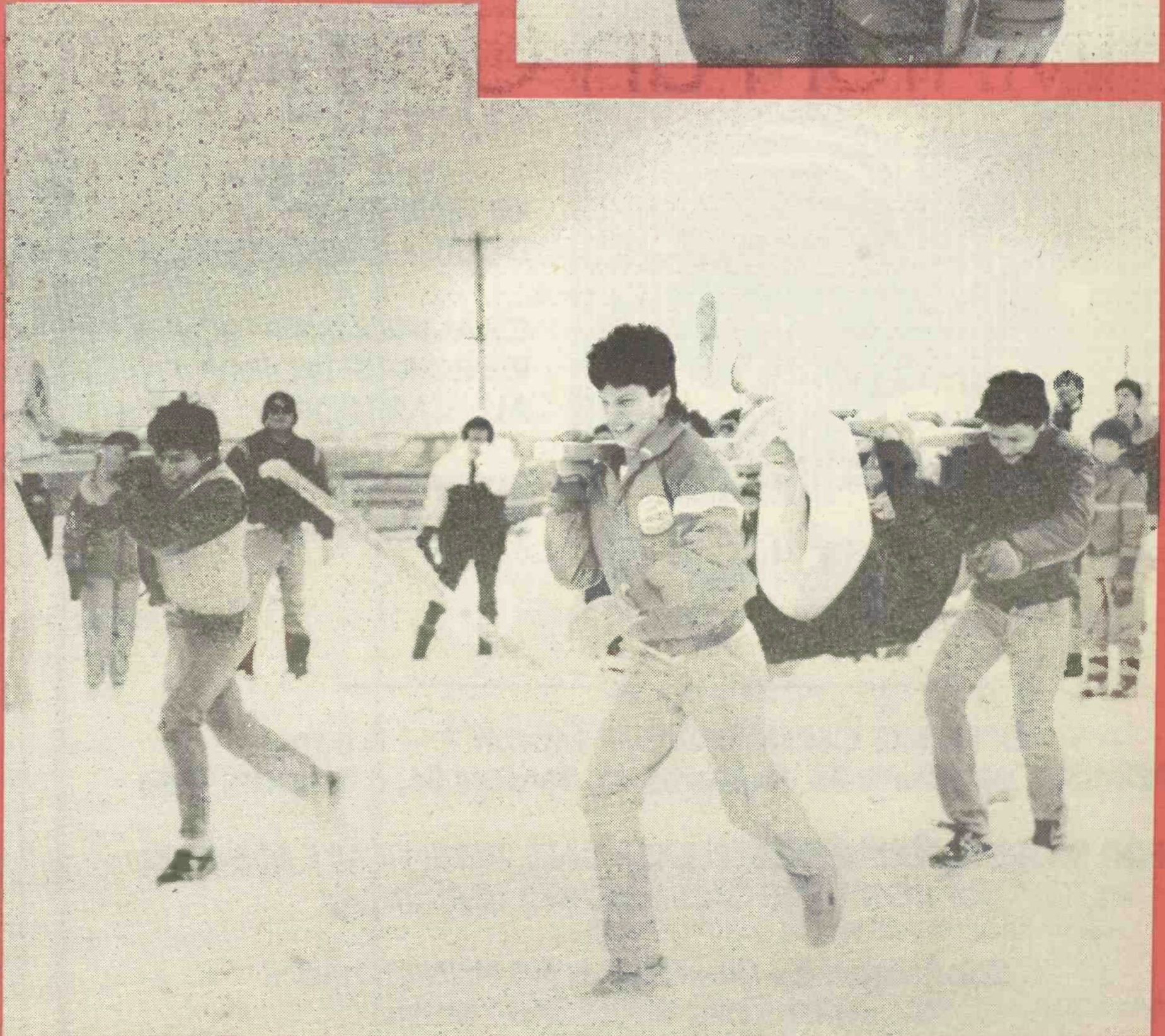
to keep warm as she handed out medals to the winners of carnival events.

Despite mildly cold temperatures, Jackson adds it was an "exciting time" for everyone that took part in such events as a tug-of-war, log sawing and foot race contests.

Goodfish also held a "Kokum of the North" contest, which was won by Margie Jackson.

The Kikino Nighthawks won the hockey tourney hosted by the Goodfish Lake Flyers. The Nighthawks defeated the Goodfish Kings 12-5 in the "A" side final.

On the "B" side, the Saddle Lake Magics defeated Saskatchewan's Mistikan Islanders 13-9.



Sports

Lethbridge and Cardston win at southern basketball meet

By Larry Erutse

"Lethbridge won by using good fast breaks and good outside shooting," says Mike Bruised Head, organizer of the basketball tournament at the Lethbridge Friendship Centre over the Valentine's weekend.

The centre's ladies team dribbled past the Calgary Jersey City 92-77 in the finals to win \$500 and team jackets. Jersey City received \$300, a trophy and sweaters. Hobbema Jazz, the third

place winners, were rewarded with a trophy and gym bags.

On the men's side, the Stand Off Plumes narrowly defeated the Cardston Lakers 91-84 to win \$500, a trophy and team jackets. The Lakers received \$400, gym bags and a trophy. The Peigan Nation was awarded \$300 and baseball caps for their third place finish.

The ladies all-stars of the tournament were as follows: Lorna Lentz of Hobbema Jazz, Paula Reitier and Amelia Simpson from the Lethbridge Friendship

Centre, Glenna Cardinal of the Calgary Jersey City, Denise Rainford of the Pincher Creek No-Stars. Pam McLeod of the Lethbridge Friendship Centre received the MVP award.

On the men's side, Gary Scout and Curtis Smallface from the Cardston Lakers, Barry Black Rabbit of the Kainai Twist Caps, Lester Twigg of the Stand Off Plumes, Buck Yellow Horn of the Peigan Nation. MVP went to Godfrey Weasel Heal of the Plumes.

The other teams that were at the tournament were as follows: Cardston All-Stars and Kainai Dribblers on the ladies side and the Lethbridge Community College Native Club and Stand Off Bucks on the men's side.

"Fans were treated to really good basketball, especially on Sunday when the finals took place," said Bruised Head, who is planning a "A" division basketball tournament in March. Any team wanting to enter can call Mike at 328-2414.

Hobbema Oilers defeat Enoch Blues to win Alexander hockey meet

By Isabelle Kootenay

ALEXANDER There was no love loss here on Valentine's Day as the Hobbema Oilers defeated the Enoch Blues 8-4 in the 14th and final game of a two-day senior "A" hockey tournament.

Shooting pucks, not arrows, the Oilers snared themselves the \$1,000 first prize plus the prestige of winning the 22nd annual Alexander hockey tournament.

Although Enoch may have been blue over second place, their spirits were lifted by the \$800 prize. The host team, Alexander Braves, earned \$700 for third while Saddle Lake took home \$500 for their fourth place finish. Teams just out of the money were the Alexis Jets, Alexis Saints, Goodfish Lake and

a second Alexander team filling an eight-team double knockout schedule.

Most valuable player awards went to Hobbema Oiler Joey Potts, Enoch Blue Donovan Morin, Alexander Brave Warren Kootenay, Saddle Lake's Billy Halle and Hobbema Oiler goalie Darryl Buffalo.

Alexander Brave, Tom Morin, was rushed to a hospital after he was body checked by an Enoch player in the second period of the Alexander versus Enoch game on Sunday.

Game co-ordinator Norm Kootenay said he was pleased with the turnout in spite of a power outage on Sunday evening. Teams and spectators waited patiently as they lit candles and told stories. Three hours later, the lights came back on and the games resumed.

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Jason likes hip checking. "You have to get a guy all lined up, it's pretty hard — I end up using my shoulder mostly," says the 6-3 Cree and Chipewyan Metis born in Ile-a-la-Crosse, Sask.

The 19-year-old defenceman started playing hockey 12 years ago and hopes to further this career in the game in college or semi-pro hockey.

"But my chances are pretty tough — I'll just have to bear down and work at it," says Seright.

Right now he spends most of his mornings down at the Four Band Arena's hockey rink, practicing his skills, he says.

After this season he'll probably return to Saskatoon, where his parents and younger brother and sister live, and learn a trade. "I think," he says, leaving the door open for opportunities here in Alberta.

AJHL Stats Compiled Feb. 10, 1988

SOUTH DIVISION	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Calgary Canucks	43	5	0	334	159	86
Red Deer Rustlers	29	14	1	271	195	59
Olds Grizzlys	23	24	2	240	268	48
Calgary Spurs	17	31	3	227	298	37
NORTH DIVISION						
St. Albert Saints	37	13	0	275	175	74
Fort Saskatchewan	19	27	1	217	234	39
Sherwood Park	17	32	1	178	236	35
Hobbema Hawks	17	32	0	195	270	34
Fort McMurray	11	35	0	187	289	22



SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Kim McLain

Is there life after sobriety? Recently I phoned several people working in an alcohol and drug addiction field in search of the answer.

And as I found out, this fun stuff can be serious business.

Let's get right into what these helping professionals had to say about recreation and leisure. I'm sure you'll find some of their insights enlightening and fascinating.

FORT CHIP: In what was once used as a home, is the offices of the Fort Chipewyan Alcohol Program, better known as the drop-in centre by the townspeople of Fort Chip. "The atmosphere is relaxed and open, almost calming," says Jan Cohn, counsellor at the centre. The door is always open to anyone who wants to drop in for a game of cards, watch videos or quiet conversation. For friends and family who might have a problem with someone's drinking there's the Al-Anon meetings every Monday night. Tuesday night is girls night - that's the Girls Youth Group. Right now the group's project is sewing duffle mitts. For those of you with the desire to stop drinking, there's the AA meetings every Wednesday night. And bannock and stew is served every Thursday at lunchtime.

But things are not all fun and games for the centre. Much of the staff's time is spent making arrangements for outside treatment. Sometimes the person who wants help has to wait up to four weeks before a spot opens up at a treatment centre. So the staff is there to encourage and assist the problem drinker to stay dry during the wait.

"Learn to relax," says Cohn in a soothing voice. "It's so important not to place high, high expectations on yourself. Because if you don't reach that high, the fall could be hard."

Curious? Phone the centre at 697-3875.

In search of fun after sobriety

DESMARAIS: Here the Bigstone Cree band have an almost identical operation as Fort Chip says James Yellowknee, alcohol program coordinator.

Working out of a trailer, the staff of three invite the people of Desmarais for videos, coffee and talk. But to Yellowknee, a self-admitted alcoholic, says there's more to leisure and recreation than loose chat over coffee.

"Rather than sitting around on my butt just staying sober," he says, "I can do what I've always wanted to do."

For Yellowknee, that means meeting new people, working around the house, attending community social events.

"Looking after yourself and personal growth goes along with leisure," he explains. Leisure, he adds, "is how I maintain my sobriety, it shows me there's better things to life than drinking."

The phone number at the trailer is 891-3777.

HOBHEMA: For Dan Villebrun here at Nayoskan Resources, chuckwagon racing is helping him maintain his sobriety.

"There was a big gap in my personal life after I quit drinking," says the alcohol counsellor. Suddenly he found himself with a lot of free time on his hands.

Someone asked him what his childhood dream was. Chuckwagon racing was his answer, but at the time he didn't think racing could be possible. "That's a lotta bucks," he replied. "So was drinking," said his friends.

Villebrun's been a chuckwagon driver for ten years now. His avenue for recreation replaced his drinking with something healthier. He says he's learned about responsibility.

"Now the day isn't long enough," he laughs, a hint of relief taking off the edge in his voice.

Villebrun says the people of Hobbema are fortunate to have so many outlets for recreation, like the many arenas and gyms, but staying sober in Hobbema is just as hard as staying sober in a community with only a single outdoor rink.

CARDSTON: Recreation and leisure is not something outside ourselves says Leo Daychief, a counsellor at St. Paul's Treatment Centre here. "It's woven into the lifestyle."

"We're always engaging in recreation but we're unconscious of this," says Daychief. "Most of the time

we're not aware of why we do these activities."

To help his clients become aware of their own attitudes about leisure so they can benefit through leisure Daychief uses something he calls "therapeutic recreation."

Right from day two of the program, Daychief begins to encourage the clients to assess their beliefs and values about leisure. Once the task of taking a personal inventory is complete, the slow but sure process of changing attitudes begins.

Soon, the valuable contributions leisure makes to their minds and bodies becomes clear to see. And as each positive experience multiplies the clients recognize the longterm benefits like physical fitness, friendship and success in recovery. But almost immediately, the clients begin to become more creative, develop intellectually and find peace of mind.

But can't drinking be a form of recreation and leisure? I ask Daychief.

Not for a problem drinker, he says. "Recreation releases tension, it's enjoyable and chosen freely." For some people, drinking robs them of all those benefits, making their lives tense, uncomfortable, trapped. Drinking can split families - positive recreation and leisure can draw families together. Recreation gives people a chance to learn new skills and develop independence.

"When a person is working on himself through recreation, he's really working on his mind, body and spirit."

INDIAN OLYMPIAN: Steve Collins, 23, an Objibway Indian from Ontario, who ran into a problem with substance abuse a few years back is competing in the Olympic Games as I write this column.

Sources close to Collins told me that he had to spend some time in an American treatment centre before he began his comeback into the world ski jumping circuit.

Now in Calgary, Collins has already competed in the 70 metre jump, placing 13th out of 58 ski jumpers - the highest Canadian finish in that event.

Next week, Sports Roundup will let you know how Collins made out in the rest of the events at Calgary. But a lot of people think he's already a winner - because he has that golden feeling of a serene sobriety.

That's all for this week. Catchya later.



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Through work habits, general skills and confidence gained on these summer jobs, it is hoped an interest will be sparked on the part of students for a future career within the CEIC or the Public Service of Canada.

Last year, 64 Albertans participated in the program, 14 of whom were returning from the previous year's program. "The momentum of the program over the years shows our managers' willingness to use it again," said Joan Poole, NIP coordinator.

Because of the functions of each department and unit within the CEIC vary so widely, students may find the opportunity to apply for jobs in their educational or interest background. Wages depend on the student's academic level, ranging from \$6 to \$11.30 an hour.



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Daughter's search ends

Family reunited after 24 years

By Mark McCallum

A man was reunited with his family in January after being separated from them for 24 years.

Lloyd Williams seemingly vanished from his home one October morning in 1964 and didn't resurface until he received a letter from his daughter Debbie Morin 24 years later.

Since Morin was 18, she has been trying to locate her father through medical and work records. But Morin, now 29, couldn't find a clue as to where her father might be until last September.

Morin approached the Edmonton Veteran's Affairs Department last summer, asking them to send Williams the letter if they knew of his whereabouts. The department did and Williams responded with seven postcards and letters in a row. But, Morin had moved only days before the correspondents from her father arrived at her Edmonton home.

Morin was living in Enoch when she decided one September morning to check her mailbox at a post office in Edmonton. She'll never forget that day. Tears filled her eyes as she opened the letters one after another, she recalls. "I cried all the way home."

The date was Sept. 20. Morin began dialing the

Winnipeg phone number that was enclosed in her father's letters. The phone on the other end of the line rang repeatedly. There was no answer and she started worrying that maybe she had reached yet another dead end.

She hung up and dialed the number again. It had been a month since Morin last checked her mail. Was she too late, she asked herself. Suddenly, a voice came on the line. It was her father.

Williams couldn't explain where he had been for the last 24 years or why he had left in the first place, saying only that he was to blame for any differences that might have come between him and wife Rose Williams.

Rose did not go with her children when they went to meet their father at the Edmonton International Airport, Jan. 12. But, she did meet with him three days later. "It was like talking to a stranger," Rose explains. "We don't know each other anymore." She adds that she is willing to "forget the past" and be friends with Lloyd.

Lloyd is in Winnipeg now, but he says he plans to move back to Edmonton.

Debbie concludes, "I'm really glad I found him. It was worth all those years of searching."

Locals have fun playing deejay



RAY FOX
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LAC LA BICHE — Townspeople here were given a chance to be a radio deejay at CFWE-FM during the station's open house and fundraising drive Jan. 23.

Guest deejays included MP Jack Shields and MLA Leo Piquette. Piquette announced the birth of his son that morning.

Locals were entertained by Ernest Monias (who was on hand to sign autographs), Priscilla Morin, Clarence Desjarlais and Emiel Cardinal.

Broadcasting was not only in English, but included Ukrainian from Olga Meardi, German from Chris Fanta and French from Alcide Ulliac and Leo Piquette.

The guest deejays brought their own style and flair, and their own records. The day was full of ethnic music

and lessons in different cultures and history.

Lawyer Tom Maccagno shared his knowledge and love for the Lac La Biche Mission and talked about the rich history in the area, as well as Cultural Rendezvous '88 scheduled for July 1 in Lac La Biche.

The day was pretty exciting, yet things grew even "hotter" when fire chief Keith McDonald got an emergency call during his show. He rushed off to a house fire, but returned later with his compact disc player from home, hooked it up and turned the listeners on to crystal clear sounds of compact discs.

It was a successful day. About 100 people came through the doors, three station volunteers were recruited and \$298.98 was raised for the building fund.

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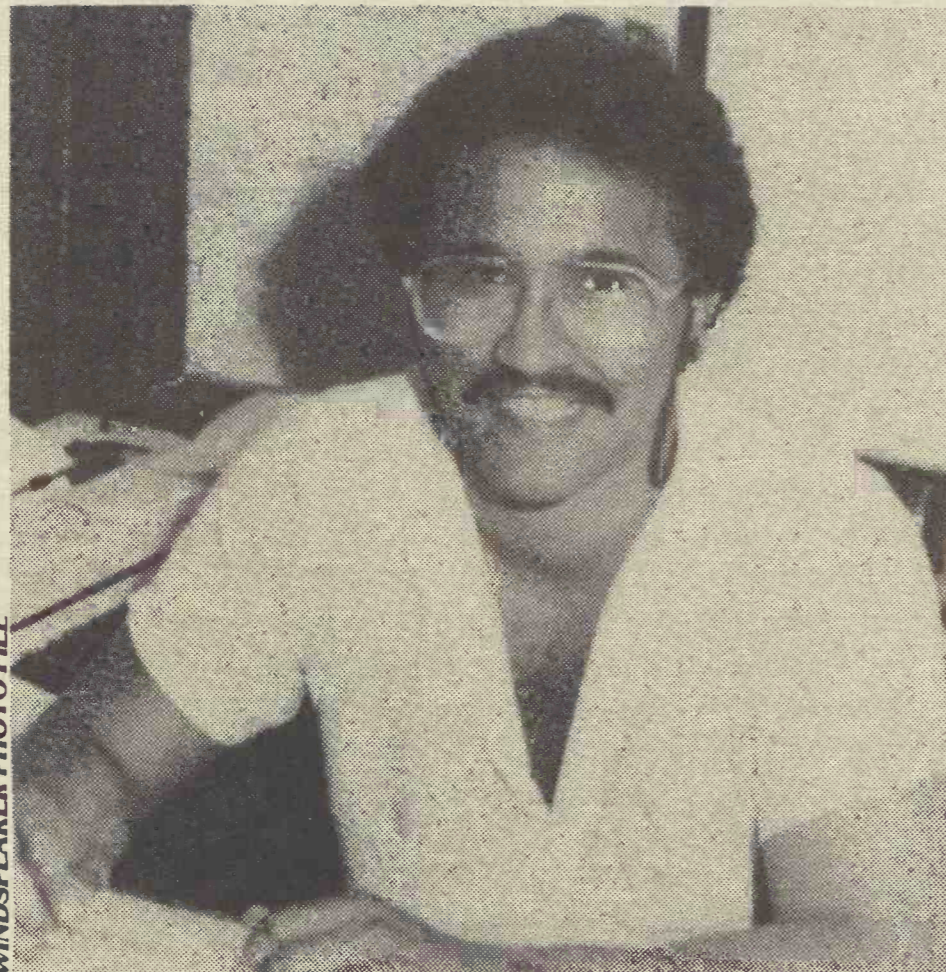
Metis to round dance

Paddle plans a cultural evening

By Everett Lambert
Community
Correspondent
Paddle Prairie

Hello dare. That's my way of saying hello there. Thank you Mark and Windspeaker. These old friends of mine asked me to be a community correspondent for Paddle Prairie. Now I'm one of those people who lets you know what's happenin' in our neck of the poplars. It feels not bad to be writing for you folks again. I hope to do it about once a month.

Some of you may recall that our community is trying to have a "Cultural Evening." By that we mean a friendship round dance, a giveaway, a feast and so on. It's kinda like a powwow except without competition or the large number of decked-out fancy dancers you see in the southern powwows. A lot of the Metis around here haven't had a chance to see these magnificent events. I'm sure it'll make us all feel



EVERETT LAMBERT
...all the news from Paddle

good to be Native people.

What else is happening? Well **Kim Kapola-Ghostkeeper** is going to have a baby 'round about this fall. Good luck and may the force be with you Kim and hubby Elmer. By the way, Ghostkeeper's Store is a thriving business nowadays - situated smack-dab in the middle of

Paddle, it's the place where something is always happenin'.

Birthdays. Our accountant, **Rita Noskey** didn't tell me how young she's going to be on Feb. 23. The **chairman's** live-in mate, **Val**, will have two celebrations on Valentine's Day, right after Irene Trotter's birthday on the 11th. **Aubrey Auger** was born on Feb. 2, probably about a half century ago...I think.

That was Groundhog Day, by the way, and Aubrey said he didn't see his shadow that day. So you could expect spring to spring in about six weeks. Congratulations to **Dwayne** and **Sandra**, on the birth of **Chance Cameron Calliou** on Jan. 14, 1988 - a brother to Courtenay Angel and Dwayne Jr.

In closing, the chairman and council are cruisin' along through our crisp winter dealing with all the dealings on our settlement. Thanks to a super-efficient staff (cha!). We had a storm of a cafulle last fall that kind of soured things, but everything is settled down now.

Well goodbye and I hope you read "Paddle Happenings" next time. By the way, we call our home Paddle for short. They say long ago some white feller happened along and found some sort of paddle hanging in one of our trees out on the prairie hereabouts. So they called it Paddle Prairie. Pretty nifty, eh.

If anyone knows of any birthdays, weddings, births and other happenings in Paddle just let me know at **981-2227** or **981-2407**.



DROPPIN IN

By Mark
McCallum

Acting is as natural as falling off a log, but first you have to learn how to fall in front of an audience. And, if you want a reaction you have to learn to fall with passion, joy or whatever the scene calls for. In other words, it takes practice to be a good actor.

The Enoch reserve is offering people a chance to break into the acting profession and get some experience through a Native Awareness Workshop on theatre, film and television March 26 and 27 at the Enoch rec centre.

Enoch community relations co-ordinator Ken Ward says the workshop, which will feature Metis film producer Gil Cardinal, will set the stage for a theatre group that will be started up following the two-day acting mill.

The theatre group will be a "self-help project" explains Ward, adding the group will do performances on topics that take a serious and in-depth look at contemporary as well as past Native issues.

Ward has big expectations for the theatre group. "We're hoping both the performers and the audience can get a better understanding of Native issues in an entertaining way," he concludes.

HIGH PRAIRIE: The friendship centre has a load of activities coming up in the next month. To begin with, centre assistant director Loraine Duguay notes they will be holding a volunteer appreciation night on March 5 at the Legion Hall. "The evening will be dedicated to all of those who have volunteered many endless hours to the centre," she explains.

The centre will also be co-ordinating a workshop on family violence, March 15 and 16. Duguay says the workshop will focus on preventing violence in the home and will offer alternatives for battered women. The workshop will be held at the Catholic Church Hall.

Then, the centre's annual talent show will be held at the Elk's Hall, March 25. Duguay says it will have contests for people of all ages.

And one last thing. Duguay wanted to let everyone know that the centre is selling a "very unique" wild game and fish cookbook that the centre put together. It has recipes for everything from rabbit stew to pan fried jackfish.

PEACE RIVER: The Sagitawa Friendship Society is assisting an exchange program that is taking place between the Cadotte Lake school and a school in Peace River called Glen Mary. Sagitawa executive director Judy Norstrom explains the 100 km that separates the communities is bridged regularly by students from each of the schools as they take turns visiting one another.

Norstrom says the students act as a "peer support group" for each other. She explains the program, which is completing its second straight successful year, was set up to help Cadotte Lake students adjust to the Peace River community where most of the students will be completing their education at the high school level. "A lot of students from Cadotte come to Peace River after Grade 9 because we have one of the closest high schools in the area," she says.

Norstrom adds the Cadotte students get support from their peers at the Glen Mary high school so "it's easier for them to interact" when they enroll in the high school.

Local businesses in Peace River are also taking part in the program by giving Cadotte students part-time jobs. The peer support group is being sponsored by AADAC, the Northlands School Division, both schools and the Sagitawa society.

The students will be meeting at the Sagitawa centre on March 3 for a stew and bannock lunch and again on March 17 for a crafts workshop.

Norstrom also wanted to let everyone know that the society is co-sponsoring a solvents abuse workshop with AADAC that will be held at the centre on March 22.

And, Norstrom says the society will be holding a Jackpot Bingo on March 5 at the Peace River District Bingo Hall, to raise money to Sagitawa activities.

EDMONTON: Metis locals are now hosting weekly dances, so don't forget to contact your local and find out what's in store for the next one. The dances, which are being held in a joint effort by all Edmonton area Metis locals to raise money for community level activities, are currently being held every Friday at the Elks Hall in northeast Edmonton. The locals are each providing different entertainment for the event each week.

The Windspeaker Calendar of Events



- Cree Language Instruction**, beginning Feb. 16 every Tues. & Wed. for 10 weeks (free), CNFC Edmonton. For further information call Charlene at 471-2661.
- National Native Conference on Addictions**, Feb. 22 - 25, Vancouver, B.C. Contact National Native Association of Treatment Directors at (306) 934-1646 (Saskatoon).
- 6th Annual Talent Show**, Feb. 26, Sagitawa Friendship Society, Peace River. For registrations call the society at 624-2443.
- Oteenow Indian & Metis Social & Rec dance**, Feb. 26, 9 p.m. - 2 a.m., Eastwood Community Hall (8610 - 118 Ave., Edmonton). Music by Homer Poitras & Free Spirit Band. Admission \$6 per person.
- Oteenow Youth Club dance**, Feb. 27, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m., Cromdale Banquet Room (8119 - 118 Ave., Edmonton). For more information contact Metro Cardinal or Joe Blyan at 477-3576.
- Hockey Tournament** (Saddle Lake Old-Timers), Feb. 27 & 28, Saddle Lake arena.
- All-Indian Basketball Tournament**, March 4, 5 & 6, Blackfoot band. For more info call the Blackfoot Recreation at 734-7030 or 734-3833.
- Treaty 7 Mixed Curling Bonspiel**, March 11, 12 & 13, Blackfoot band. Call Blackfoot Recreation at the above number.
- Volleyball Tournament**, March 12 & 13, Frog Lake. Contact Wilson at 943-3737. Sponsored by Bounty Hunters.
- Partners in Education Conference**, March 17, 18 & 19, Convention Inn, Edmonton. Special guest speaker: Dr. David Suzuki. Call Yellowhead Tribal Council at 962-0303 for more info.
- Hockey Tournament** (Siksika All-Indian Senior), March 18, 19 & 20, Blackfoot band. Call Blackfoot Recreation for more information.
- Youth Conference**, March 18 & 19, Onçhaminahos High School, Saddle Lake. For more information contact 726-3730.
- All-Native Hockey Tournament**, April 1 - 3, North Battleford. Call Friendship Centre at (306) 445-8216 for more info.
- Basketball Championship** (Western Canada Men's & Ladies'), April 8, 9 & 10, Blackfoot band. Call 734-7030 or 734-3833 for more info.

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NATIVE PEOPLE IN CALGARY

Calgary's City Hall unveils sculpture of Sarcee chief

By Dan Dibbelt

For the Crowchild family of the Sarcee reserve near Calgary, Jan. 27 was a day for them to see their memories of ancestor Chief David Crowchild immortalized in sculpture.

And for Nelson Gutnik, it was a day to have his work with and for Native people honored with the presentation of the Chief David Crowchild memorial award.

The dual ceremony took place at Calgary's City Hall with more than 150 spectators on hand to witness the unveiling of the sculpture and the presentation of the award.

"My father was a friend of all people and all ages," said Victoria Crowchild-Aberdeen, the only daughter of Chief Crowchild. "He based his life on four absolute values; honesty, purity, unselfishness and love."

The sculpture, by Robert Stowell, wraps its way up a

three story pillar in the city hall's foyer. Around the base of the pillar are four tipi reliefs, "two are plain, there are no paintings on them," explained, Crowchild-Aberdeen, who worked with Stowell in designing the sculpture.

"These represent honesty and purity. On the other two sides of the pillar are two tipis with designs of my father's tipi, the bee. These stand for the unselfishness and the love," she said.

"All the doors are open signifying my father's love for everyone no matter what color their skin was."

Above the tipis is a relief design of the buckskin worn by Crowchild, also a beaded bridle representing Crowchild's involvement in the Calgary Stampede, a knife symbolizing the cutting of the ribbon opening Crowchild Trail Freeway, a glove representing a handshake and a pipe symbolizing his culture.

"At the very top of the pillar is an eagle," said Crowchild-Aberdeen. "On the day he died, high in the sky circled four eagles."

"This sculpture reminds us that the Indian culture is alive and vibrant," said award recipient, Nelson Gutnik. Of the award, Gutnik said he was "truly honored" to receive it.

Gutnik was active in the Native community in

Saskatchewan where he worked in social welfare in 1951 to 1961. Gutnik is a member of the Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee and is also a member of the social studies faculty at the University of Calgary.

Mayor Ralph Klein offered greetings from the city and helped the Crowchild family in the unveiling of the relief sculpture.

"(Chief Crowchild) was a man who lived by a standard of principles," said Klein, "unselfishness and love."

This is the third year the award was presented. The award is presented to a member of the community who plays an active role in contributing to the community.

The award is named after Chief David Crowchild who was a great contributor to the Native and non-Native community alike.

Klein gave a chronology on Crowchild's contributions, including his early work with the Indian Association of Alberta, his activities with the Calgary Stampede and his involvement with the Moral Rearmament.

"In the years to come, this (the sculpture) will remain a part of the City of Calgary," said Crowchild-Aberdeen. "And that link between two cultures that bridge this gap will always remain."



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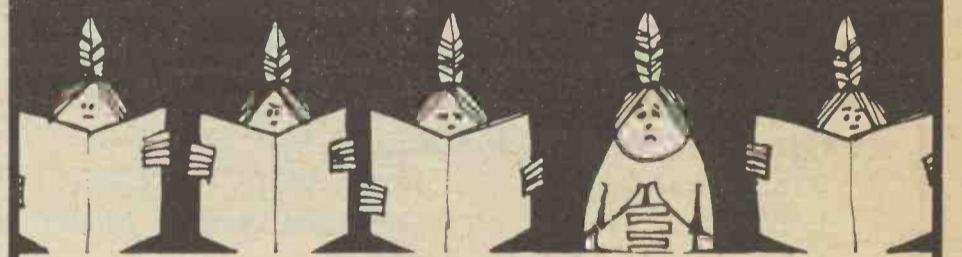
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RUBY METCHEWAI (right) and VANESSA MARIE BIG PLUME (left) are new princesses —(above) a grass dancer performs and (below) a mini grass dancer waits his turn.



Calgary Native awareness days gets 'a tremendous response'

By Dan Dibbelt

It was 10 days of talent, beauty, food and activities as the Calgary Indian Friendship Centre presented its 6th annual Native awareness days Feb. 10-19.

"We had a tremendous response," said Happy Techentin, the centre's cultural coordinator. "Each event was very successful and very special because of the people."

But it was not only the participant's and spectator's enthusiasm that made the event a success, it was the efforts of the volunteers, too. The centre's youth group, aged 5 to 21, decorated the centre, set up and served the Elders

during the feast on Sunday, Feb. 14.

The most spectacular of the 10-day event was the traditional powwow featuring every color of the rainbow in the dancers costumes. They performed to the beat of seven drum groups.

The powwow and crowning of the centre's 1988 princess and junior princess took place Sunday, Feb. 14 before a packed audience.

Former Blackfoot chief Leo Young Man announced the new princesses as Ruby Metchewais and Vanessa Marie Big Plume, junior princess.

On Saturday Feb. 13 a fashion show organized by Techentin featured the

designs of Gerri Many Fingers drew a packed house.

Other events included a series of four workshops and panel discussions. Topics included: children services, alcohol services, Native Outreach and University of Calgary student services.

Entertainment was abundant during the awareness days with seven contestants featured in the talent contest. All contest-

ants sang to the accompaniment of a guitar. Pat Cardinal took first place followed by Patricia Robbins and Geraldine Turning Robe.


Opening ceremonies took place Wednesday, Feb. 10 with a speech by Calgary Mayor Ralph Klein and Treaty 7 chiefs. First day entertainment was by Winston Wuttunee.

February 15-19 saw the days close with an arts and crafts sale.

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NATIVE PEOPLE IN CALGARY

Urban youth group helps all ages

By Dan Dibbelt

An urban Indian youth group is stretching the group's definition so they can help serve as many as the estimated 8,000 Indians living in Calgary.

"We are so much more than just a youth group," says Pat Waite, director of the Calgary Urban Indian Youth group. "We are a cultural, social and educational group too."

And adding to that brief description of the group's mandate, Waite says the group helps urban Indians with para-legal and financial advice. They're also helping the Calgary Food Bank.

"We gave out more than 100 food hampers last Christmas, with more than 30 going out to the Blackfoot reserve," says Waite.

But on the whole, the group helps between 250 and 300 people on a regular basis. And that help has varied. They've done income tax returns, referred problem drinkers and worked on Natives at the Spy Hill Correctional Institute.

"We really function as an information bureau," says Waite. "We also work very closely with numerous other Native groups, often giving or receiving referrals."

But most of the people find the group through friends or family. "We don't have to advertise. Word of mouth is the only advertising we need."

Waite was born in Regina, Sask. but moved to Calgary at an early age. Her involvement with Natives began more than 35 years ago. She is a past chairman

on the Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee, worked with Calgary's Friendship Centre for 10 years, is active on the Victoria school board and the board for Native foster homes. Waite is also a dancer for the Eagle Society Dancers.

When asked if she is an Indian, she replies: "No, but I wear a headdress."

The headdress she wears was given to Waite by an Elder of the Blood tribe, but Waite says the Elder is too shy to have her name mentioned.

"It is a headdress of merit," explains Waite.

And Waite hopes that the possession of the headdress will give her extra recognition so that she can accomplish more through the city group.

"A certain amount of respect comes with a headdress and I hope that will help me in achieving more," said Waite.

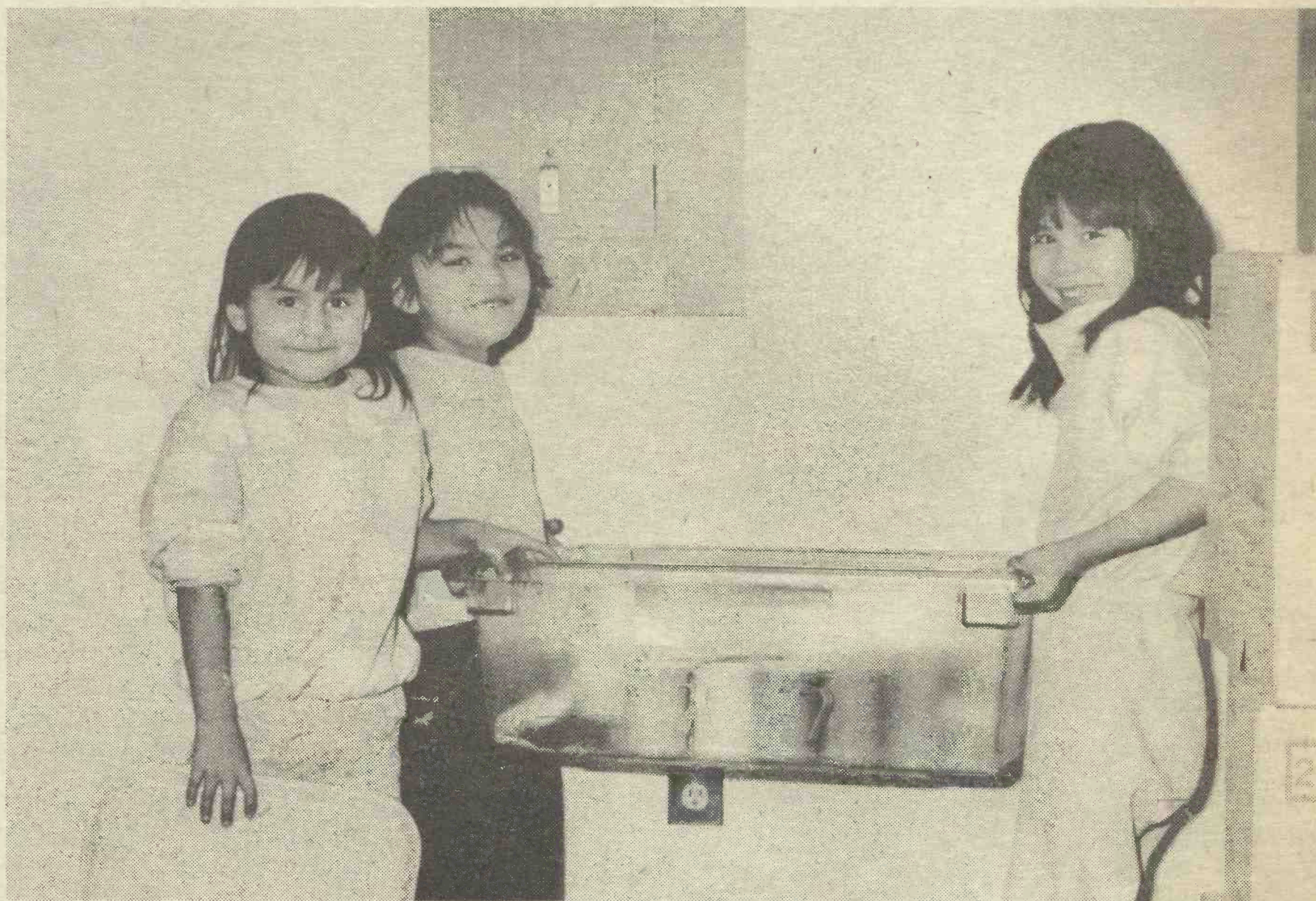
Waite, who is an economist, has already seen the group achieve numerous projects through government funding.

The group does not have an annual budget, instead they rely on government grants for specific projects.

The project Waite would most like to see become a reality is the formation of band council among Natives in Calgary.

"Urban Natives are not consulted in Indian matters," claims Waite. Most consultation occurs on reserves she explains. "I would like to see something set up so urban Natives have a voice as well."

The group operates out of Waite's home at 1139 Riverdale Avenue S.W., Calgary.



HELPING HANDS AT ROCKY LANE

These busy little workers were lending a hand to the kitchen staff at the Rocky Lane school near the Boyer River reserve. It seems they could help but get in on the excitement as the school began serving

hot meals to its students in a new hot lunch program in January. (L to R) Mellony Bulldog, Pamela Kipling and Melody Kipling.

— Photo by Bert Crowfoot

Northern artisans exhibit at Esso Plaza

By Lesley Crossingham

CALGARY — An unusual exhibition of traditional arts and crafts opened here on Jan. 28 without the fanfare of the Calgary Winter Olympic Games.

The Edmonton-based Alberta Indian Arts and Crafts Society, which pulled out of the Olympic organizing committee's Native section in 1986, will be staging an exhibition of a variety of Alberta crafts and artwork. However, although the items may be ordered, nothing on display will be sold during the exhibition.

The society had been involved in the initial

planning of the Native component, however, shortly after Olympic liaison officer, Sykes Powderface was hired in September 1986, the society decided to withdraw its proposal to organize several arts and crafts booths located in the city during the Olympics.

The Olympic committee instead funded the newly opened Rainbow Lodge, operated by the Treaty 7 Development Corporation and headed by Peigan band member Norman Greer.

"We are not political and this (exhibition) is not a political gesture either for or against the Olympics,"

said society official Colleen Bence.

The society will not be allowed to directly sell any of the artwork or crafts during the showing which was organized because the society realized that a lot of people would be in Calgary to participate in the Olympics.

The exhibition will have more than 20 pieces of artwork from Alberta and more than 100 items of craft work from all parts of the country on display. Potential customers, including visitors from overseas, will be able to order items that catch their fancy.

Bence emphasizes that

the exhibition is being organized by the society and is not being funded by any oil companies or the Olympic organizing committee.

"The society is a non-profit, non-political body of more than 2,000 Alberta Native crafts producers and artists, and is not in any way affiliated with Olympic activities," she said. "We just want to display Alberta's best to all the Olympic visitors."

The exhibition is located in the Esso Plaza at 425 - 1st St., S.W. and will be open from Jan. 28 to Feb. 28 from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily.

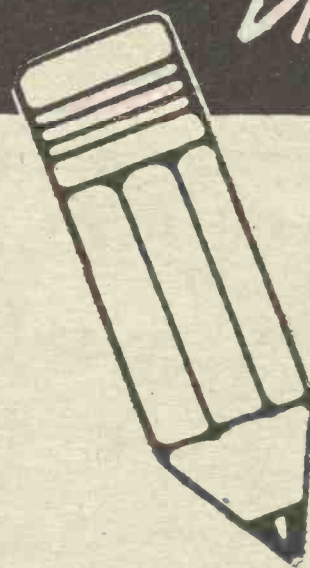
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Treaty 7 craftspeople retail through Calgary outlet

By Dorothy Schreiber

People buying Native art and crafts at a new store in Calgary, will also have the opportunity to learn about the culture and the history of the Native artisans who create them.

The Rainbow Lodge Arts and Craft store located in the Performing Arts Centre will sell and exhibit authentic Native products from the Treaty 7 area as well as from other parts of the province.

The store is operated under Treaty 7 Development Corporation which comprises representatives from the Blood, Peigan, Sarcee, Blackfoot, and Stoney bands.

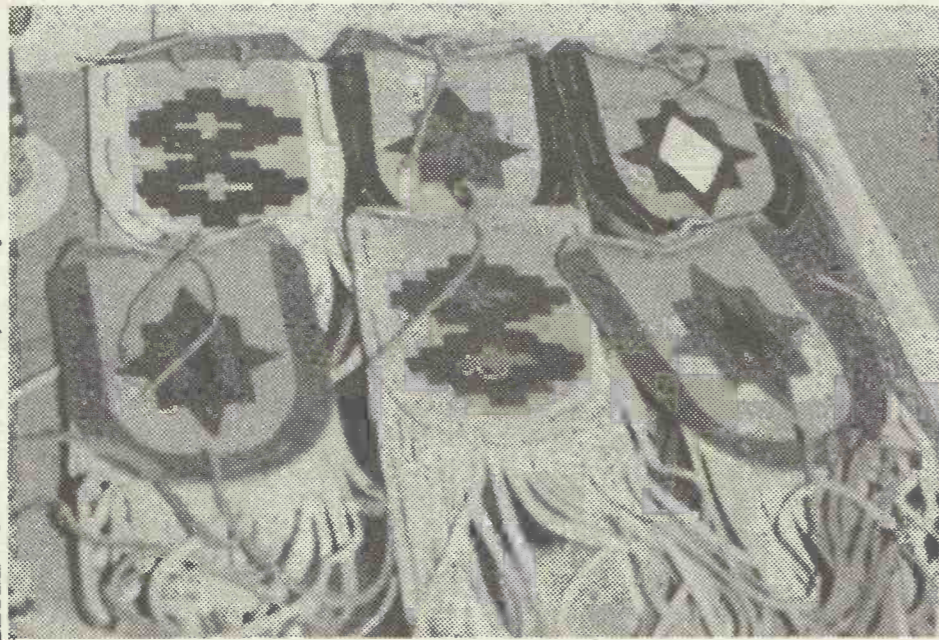
Coordinator for Native programming for the Calgary Winter Olympics Sykes Powderface said \$150,000 was given by OCO.

Everett Miller of the Miller Group, a marketing resource team hired by the development corporation to design the retail outlet, says it has created a display system which will not only market the arts and crafts but "enhance the value and awareness of the product."

Miller says people purchasing Native crafts often want to know what role they play in the Native culture, as well as information about the tribe and artisan.

"Every product has its own story, its own history. It's our feeling that it needs to be communicated. The display system which has a 'gallery feel to it' will help people to see beyond the colorful beadwork on items such as moccasins.

"There's a whole history and story not only in the



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product, but in the artisan that created it," said Miller.

Labels on the products and art panels with graphic illustrations will carry pertinent information about items such as moccasins, shields, pouches, bustles and headdresses.

Miller said Rainbow lodge also has an "active display area" where Native artists and artisans will not only show their products but can also work on them in the lodge.

Band representatives were consulted to ensure that the design and concept of the display units was in keeping with the tradition and history of native people. And the group's design has the "blessing of the Elders" because the name Rainbow Lodge was chosen by elders.

Because Native Canadians were "essentially nomadic" Miller adds "we've designed a system that is entirely portable." The free standing display and exhibit system can be dismantled into three separate displays and set up in three different shopping centres but the retail outlet may be so successful that it will carry on in its present location.

"One of the criteria is that it will be a legacy to the Olympics," he said.

Powderface says the store will be re-evaluated and reassessed at the end of August by the corporation to determine whether or not it is feasible.

The store, which is located just a block away from the Glenbow Museum and its *Spirit Sings* exhibit, has the full support of the museum.

Glenbow director Duncan Cameron said "the more good craft outlets the better ... we're delighted to have them next door."

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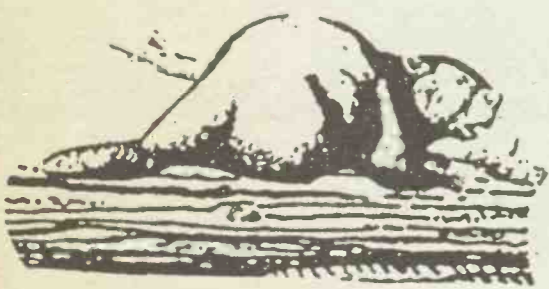
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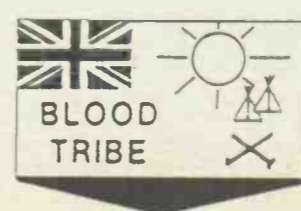
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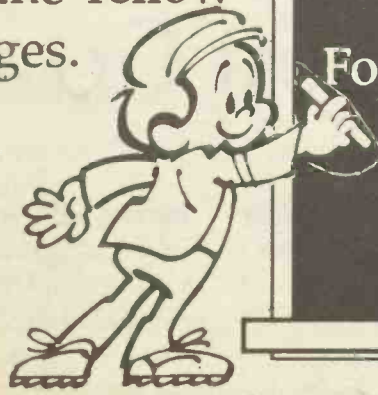
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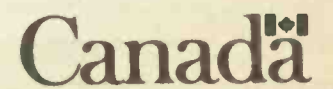
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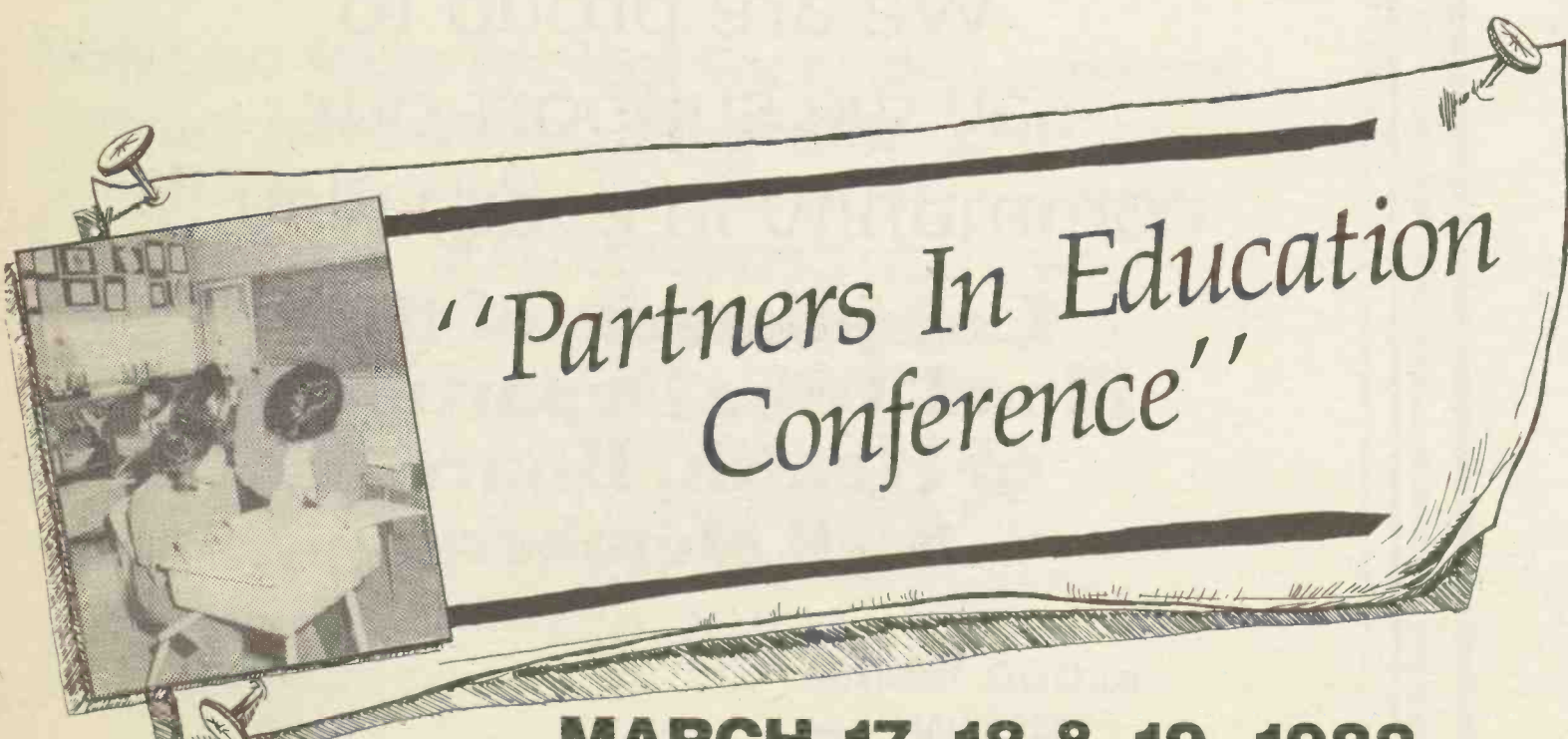


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