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...From the Board & Staff of Windspeaker

# Provincial

## Trappers promote fur business overseas

By Dianne Meili

Canadian Natives, in London recently to promote the fur trapping industry in a city that leads the European anti-fur lobby, received little play from the British media.

"We were in London to heighten awareness about the fur industry here...London is a big place and there's so much going on. It's very hard to capture people's attention," said Lou Demerais, one of a group of ten Albertans who spent a week in London, along with about 60 other representatives of the fur trapping industry from across Canada and the Arctic. The group was sponsored by the Canadian government and British Museum in support of the opening of The Living Arctic display at London's Museum of Mankind.

"We got some coverage from The Times of London, but not from some of the more serious papers," adds Demerais, public relations officer for the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA). "Things could have been set up and organized a little better...the public relations were inadequate. Someone should have gone over about two weeks earlier to set up the groundwork. TV and radio coverage were good good though," said Demerais.

Russel Willier, a trapper from Sucker Creek, saw the London visit as a good way to network with other Native trappers. After talking to representatives of the Ontario Trapper's Association, he and other Alberta trappers are now considering establishing their own warehouse to cut out the

"middleman" fur buyer and get more money for raw pelts.

"That's what they're doing in Ontario. Maybe we'll start sending our furs to the Ontario warehouse... and they'll be sold directly to the overseas market. In the future, we might have our own warehouse in the west," explains Willier. "As soon as the fur changes hands from us it's sold at a 50 to 100 per cent markup. It would be better if we could sell directly to fur manufacturers."

Willier pointed out that he usually sells a coyote pelt for about \$50. He roughly estimates that it takes four pelts to make a coat which will sell for several thousand dollars. Trappers "are getting pennies" for their work, he says.

Archie Cyprien, a Fort Chipewyan trapper, agrees with Demerais that more could have been done to raise the awareness of Europeans that hunting and trapping support an ancient way of life. "I talked directly to a few people (Londoners), but not that many came to the opening. There were only a lot of government people there. We got some exposure, but not what it should have been." He didn't really talk to any Europeans about trapping, explaining he was "just there as part of the group."

Cyprien was satisfied with The Living Arctic display, though. Although, the recreated tipi "didn't have much in it" the trapper's cabin was "presented to a tee. There was a 45-gallon drum in the middle of it, just like every cabin really has, and all the basic stuff

was there. There was even a figure skinning a beaver."

Lawrence Courtoreille, IAA Treaty 8 vice-president, felt the trip was well worth it. "London is a place where people are bombing fur stores. A lot of money has been spent on good anti-fur campaigns. But, we showed the other side of the story. People over there don't know anything about the way we live and wildlife. They don't know about fur harvesting."

Courtoreille cited the drumming and singing cultural shows put on by the Natives as doing much to dispell the image of the Hollywood image. "They understand we don't run around with paint on our faces. And we showed that we're able to live like they do" he added, explaining that John Kim Bell, an eastern Canada Native, conducted the Royal Philharmonic Symphony of London during the visit.



LESLEY CROSSINGHAM, Windspeaker

**LAWRENCE COURTOREILLE**  
...culture dispells stereotypes

It was a good way to show trappers the other side of the coin, too, explained Courtoreille. "They saw how Europeans live...and some of the atti-

tudes they have." It may be easier to explain to a grass-roots person now about boycotts and why the price for pelts are down some years, he said.

"There should be a lot more exhibits like The Living Arctic. It's no use confronting the Green Peace people at the street level," Courtoreille concluded.

## British kids learn Native ways

In the battle against the anti-fur lobby Native people are turning to modern technology to teach British children about Native survival and hunting traditions.

Georges Erasmus, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, says an "interactive video game" will be part of an education package for British children.

The game will be based on the type developed for European children by Saudi Arabian officials who wanted to teach westerners about Saudi culture.

Information official for Indigenous Survival International Cindy Gilday says the Native lobbying group will ensure the game will be "state of art" and will include a touch-screen method.

The game will be based on hunting in the bush and surviving under adverse conditions. To succeed the player must first learn from an Indian Elder.

"If they don't learn the tricks of tracking animals or the conditions of the land or how to take heed of experienced people...then they'll

lose the game," said Gilday.

The game will be used to teach school groups touring the exhibition called The Living Arctic which will be open in London for the next 18 months.

The show was officially opened by Canada's High Commissioner Roy McMurtry. As part of the opening ceremony, John Kim Bell, a Canadian Indian, became the first North American Native to conduct the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in a concert that included Inuit throat singers and Dene

drummers.

The message of the exhibition is that hunting and trapping sustain a Native way of life that dates back thousands of years and to destroy the fur trade would also destroy Native culture.

Erasmus says the exhibition has cost \$500,000 so far, plus \$100,000 for related projects. It has been financed with grants from the governments of the Northwest Territories, Ontario, Manitoba, British Columbia and the federal government.

## Study preparation program at Blue Quills

Athabasca University is delivering its new on-site Academic Preparation Program for the first time to students at Blue Quills First Nations College in St. Paul.

The program's goal is to boost students' self-confidence and improve their study skills. Developed by the university's Student Services department, it teaches students time management, organization, reading and memory skills, note taking, and exam preparation.

"The program can be adapted to the particular

needs of any group," says Virginia Nilsson, university learning assistance psychologist and the program's co-ordinator. "For the first time in Alberta, a multi-media program to prepare students for the challenge of post-secondary study can be delivered on-site, virtually anywhere there is a demand. It is particularly suited for those people who have been out of school for a number of years."

Students can apply what they learn because the program is taught during the

academic year. Athabasca University improves students' study habits and they use the course content to practice. The program uses books, films, lectures, small group discussions, as well as exercises and quizzes to allow students to learn in ways best suited to individual styles.

But instilling self-confidence in students is often the biggest challenge says Leo Jacobs, who teaches the program at First Nations College. Students at the college are predominantly Native.

"I can understand the obstacles the students have to overcome to be successful in post-secondary studies because I have experienced them myself," he explains.

His desire to help fellow Native people succeed in post-secondary studies prompted him to accept the offer to teach Athabasca University's program this fall.

Jacobs' own success story inspires the students he teaches because as a

ward of the government as a teenager, he had struggled through high school, later pursuing management training, at night, while working as a mechanic in Edmonton. Following a successful move to a management position in a large trucking company, he completed a B.Ed in industrial and vocational training at the University of Alberta, and returned to teach at the high school where he once battled to complete Grade 12. He is currently working on an M.Ed. at the U of A. Athabasca University is

an open, distance education institution serving more than 10,000 students across Canada. The university offers degrees in administration, arts, and general studies, and university certificated in administration and public administration. Students can choose from more than 150 courses.

For more information about the Academic Preparation Program, contact Student Services, Athabasca University, at 675-6148.

# Bloods taking control of education

By Leon Anthony

**BLOOD RESERVE** — Band control of reserve schools here on the Blood reserve, will take effect in the next school year, says Dr. Pier DePaola, director of the Blood Tribe Education.

DePaola said the Blood Tribe Education Committee hopes to have total control of their education by Sept. 1988 or 1989. He said the idea should take effect next September.

"The committee wants a written constitution for the school board, to co-operate as a non-profit organization," said DePaola. "The final draft will be ready for approval by February."

The Blood reserve has three Federal schools, St. Mary's High School, Standoff Elementary, and Lavern Elementary. St. Mary's has a total of 270 students from grades seven to 12. Standoff has 286 students to grade six, and Lavern has 81 students from nursery to grade six.

The reserve has close to 1,400 students attending schools on the reserve and at the three at Lethbridge, Fort MacLeod, and Cardston school division has the majority of the reserve students with 725 students attending its schools.

DePaola said the committee wants a letter, outlining different tasks and supporting its goals. He said from this evaluation letter, the committee will know what to expect.

The committee also wants a clear message from the government that the treaty rights for education, will not be endangered by local control. And a directive to Alberta Education to do an evaluation of Federal schools and facilities to see it adds up to provincial standards.

The other items the committee wants is a new school for Lavern and a special education program for students with learning disabilities.

DePaola said the Provincial government supports

the reserves decision to take control of their schools and funds. However, the Federal government is making slow progress.

"We've been waiting since August 12 for any information regarding this transfer," from the federal government said DePaola.

The Federal government allocates \$4.3 million a year

for all the Blood reserve students said DePaola. And they have 100 percent chance of getting control of this money to operate their own tuitions, as well as the students who attend off reserve schools.

The committee had a meeting with the Cardston School Division, to negotiate a direct tuition agreement. And a direct election,

to have members of the Blood reserve sit on the Cardston school board.

Cardston School Division Superintendent, Brent Neilson, said the Cardston school board is willing to help the Blood Tribe gets its own education.

However, Neilson didn't comment on the direct tuition agreement. He said the

Blood Tribe Committee would have to get control of its education first. At present, the Cardston school board has direct agreement with Indian Affairs.

Neilson also said the agreement to have reserve members sit on the Cardston school board is impossible because of the present school board act. He didn't explain what the act said.

## Chief Youngman retires, Crowfoot takes over Youngest Blackfoot chief elected

The Blackfoot band has a new chief — the youngest to be elected to the band located about 100 km east of Calgary.

Strater Crowfoot, 32, received 181 votes — 61 more than his closest contender, Andrew Bear Robe, in the election held Dec. 16.

In a telephone interview the new chief said he was delighted and surprised by

the result.

"When my name was nominated I thought that the people should decide ...and they did," he said.

Crowfoot has been working in the Blackfoot administration offices in economic development and says he will continue to encourage economic development and says he will continue to encourage economic development and financial independence

during his two-year term of office.

The new chief has an extensive education: three bachelor of arts degrees in economic planning, accounting and finance, along with a master's degree in business administration received from the Brigham Young University in Utah.

Crowfoot returned to the reserve three years ago after completing his education and had hoped to add

another degree to his name, but "that will have to wait for now."

Joining Crowfoot on council are: Fred Breaker, Leonard Good Eagle, Lyla Healy, Clifford Many Guns, Kathleen McHugh, Ann McMaster, Allan Running Rabbit, Frank Turning Robe, Margaret Waterchief, Mario Waterchief, Clarence Wolf Leg and Percy Yellow Fly.

# National

## Mohawk nations supports Lubicon band

By Lesley Crossingham

The Mohawk nation of Quebec has declared solidarity with the Lubicon Lake Indian band and is sending one of their own doctors to the reserve to help with the tuberculosis crisis.

About one-third of the small Cree band have been affected by the disease.

"We want to do everything we can to help the band because we know what they are going through," says Chief John Bud Morris.

As a demonstration of

their solidarity more than 700 Mohawks lines the route of the Olympic torch run as it crossed through the Kahnawake reserve near Montreal, Friday Dec. 11.

Leading the flame was a Mohawk runner who carried a wooden Olympic torch

effigy (model of the flame), while cheering crowds carrying placards saying "Share the Blame" and "Justice for the Lubicon" looked on.

"The reason we chose an effigy was as a symbol of what the government is doing to the Lubicons,"

said Chief John Bud Morris in a telephone interview this week. "We want to warn people what can happen to the spirit; it could be extinguished leaving only a remnant."

Shortly before the scheduled run through the reserve, Petro-Canada officials had considered re-routing the flame procession around the reserve. However, the Mohawks pledged they would not use violence, only "a peaceful show of unity with our brothers to the west."

"We want to help the Lubicons and we want the Alberta and federal governments to come to a settlement with the band. We have had a lot of experience with the government — more than 300 years. We also signed a treaty, the Truro Wampum in 1600 so we have dealt with the government for a long time."

During the run, Olympic gold medal winner, Mohawk Alwyn Morris told the assembled crowd that he supported the Lubicon people and called on the government to give the band a "fair, just and expedient settlement."

Morris, who won a gold medal in the 1984 summer Games for canoeing, held an eagle feather when he received his medal at the

Los Angeles Games.

After the ceremony, 400 yellow balloons with messages of support for the Alberta band were released. "We want everyone to know we support the band and we wanted to make sure the color would stand out."

Morris says yellow was chosen because of the striking contrast between it and the red and white colors used by the Olympics and by Petro-Canada.

However, although the flame passed on to its next destination, Morris says the Mohawks will continue their support by sending a small delegation to Calgary during the Olympics.

"Any help we can give, we will, because we really want to assist them to get this whole thing settled. We are also offering one of our council members for political negotiations because we have had longer experience with the government than they have."

And Morris feels the protest had been constructive because a quick survey undertaken by the band revealed more non-Native people are now aware of the Lubicon situation.

"I would say we have raised the awareness in most people here on Montreal Island and I am sure this will continue."

## Ominayak plans to continue land claim fight after Olympics

The Lubicon Lake band says the fight for their land will continue after the Olympic Games are over.

During an interview Dec. 17, Chief Bernard Ominayak said because many of the band's problems have been "inflicted upon us by the deliberate destruction of our traditional economy and way of life" the band will "simply assert our jurisdiction on the ground (land) and defend ourselves as best we can."

"They (the government) think that if they can get over this next little while, and when the Games have come and gone, then we'll just go away," said Ominayak. "But they are wrong."

Although Ominayak will not divulge the details of his declared jurisdiction, he did say that many oil companies are active in the Lubicon

Lake area and he and his band members must protect their territory.

"We have to start asserting our own jurisdiction."

Last year several confrontations occurred between Native people and oil rig crew members round the Lubicon Lake area. However, Ominayak will not confirm or deny that such tactics are planned.

The band has called for a boycott of the Calgary Olympics to draw attention to their land claim. The band claims the Games are being supported by the large oil companies that are destroying their land.

Companies such as Petro-Canada, which fund the Olympic torch relay and Shell Oil which funds the Glenbow museum's The Spirit Sings exhibition, have been singled out by the band.



OIL COMPANY SIGNS  
...at Lubicon Lake roadside

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# People



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**HELEN and JOE KILGOUR**  
...stuff envelopes for a good cause

## Aids for visually impaired

# White cane speaks for the blind

By Mark McCallum

Helen Kilgore did not realize she was losing her eyesight until her family urged her to visit a doctor, who confirmed she needed an eye transplant.

Despite being visually impaired, Kilgore still manages a hectic workload including volunteer work and mothering two children.

But, for Kilgore to admit she was legally blind was the first step toward living a

happy life. "I never knew how bad my sight was," she explains. "I ran into things like the coffee table all the time and had bruises all over my arms."

Although the 46-year-old still retains some of her vision, seeing only a blurred and distorted image of objects around her, she is registered as legally blind at the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB).

Kilgore's condition is called interstitial keratitis. Dr. Donald Hassard explains that the condition affects the cornea — a transparent coat that covers the dark center of the eye. "It's like a crystal ball; when it becomes cloudy, the person can't see through it," says Hassard and explains how the eye is corrected. "We remove a portion of the cornea and replace it with a clear cornea from the eye bank."

However, Hassard adds that his patient's condition has been complicated because "blood vessels are intact in the section of the eye that has to be removed." Her chances of improving are slim if she decides to go through with the major operation, he says, but adds that no more damage would occur if she got a corneal graft.

Although doctors are not certain what causes interstitial keratitis, Hassard suggests that in Kilgore's case "it is probably associated with tuberculosis (she was afflicted with in 1971)."

There are hundreds of eye disorders, says Hassard, adding medical science is taking giant steps towards prevention but "you have to see your eye doctor. Neglecting an eye problem can only lead to further problems," he warns.

In Alberta and the Northwest Territories about 4,300 people are registered legally blind with the CNIB. And, statistics say that more than 45 per cent of new cases in the last year were over 65 and had a condition called macular degeneration, often associated with aging.

Kilgore is not certain she will get the operation, but is optimistic after taking a six week program that has given her more independence and freedom.

The course teaches students how to deal with emotional difficulties a blind person may encounter. Kilgore says often the general public can be

insulting to a blind person: catching a bus is sometimes a degrading experience because she has to ask bystanders to read the bus number to her. And, sometimes they make rude remarks to her like "What's the matter, can't you read?"

Such incidents don't occur as often since she started using a white cane, recognized internationally as a symbol for the blind, about a year ago. Kilgore had held the misconception that "you had to be totally blind to use a white cane. But, I can still see blurred images."

The program's mobility instructor, Lydia Bardak, says Kilgore's reaction to the white cane is not unusual, adding that fears are often associated with using the aid. Bardak explains visual impaired people are sometimes nervous about using a cane at first because they're "afraid that it is a sign of vulnerability and that people may want to take advantage of this."

"Some people grow up thinking blindness means total darkness when, in fact, the majority of people associated with the institute have some amount of vision. It may only be the detection of light or being able to see shapes and shadows. But, they just don't want to admit that their vision dictates that they use a white cane because they still manage to get around reasonably well in familiar environments and feel their vision is not bad enough to need it."

However, Bardak points out that the white cane "speaks for itself. It's a good indicator to people that the person using it may need some help crossing the street or catching a bus."

Bardak says other aids offered to visual impaired people include guide dogs and small hand held telescopes that can be used for reading addresses and bus numbers, for example. And, she adds "there are electronic devices that tell the user what is ahead of them by sending out signals that vibrate or make noise, to the person's other senses." But, the devices are costly and difficult to use, she says.

Kilgore's concern for other people is evident, she wisely suggests that "anyone with even a slight problem with their eyesight, should visit the doctor, to be on the safe side."



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# Track star's home overflowing with medals

By Mark McCallum

Deanna Monson may have to add another trophy case to her Winterburn home because the two she already has in place are overflowing with athletic awards.

At 16, the Native track and field star is proving to be one of Canada's finest young athletes — racking up an amazing 181 trophies and medals, including 109 first place honors.

"I enjoy winning, but it's

just really exciting to get out there and compete," says Monson.

Monson is earning national respect for her athletic prowess in an event called the heptathlon — a combination of seven different track and field events: the high jump; long jump; shot put; javelin; hurdles; 200 and 800 metre runs. She was one of the youngest athletes to represent Alberta in this event last year when

she competed at the national level three times and achieved a Canadian ranking of fourth in the 800 and 1500 metre runs and fifth in the high jump midget category.

Monson improved her ranking in 1987 at the Canada vs United States and Canadian Interregional Junior (18 to 19 years old) Heptathlon Meet in Saskatoon where she placed second for Canada and eighth overall. She also

placed fourth at the Western Canadian Juvenile Heptathlon Championships in Kelowna.

At the 1987 Friends in Sport summer games, Monson won nine gold medals and took home four more medals at the Alberta Summer Games, including two gold.

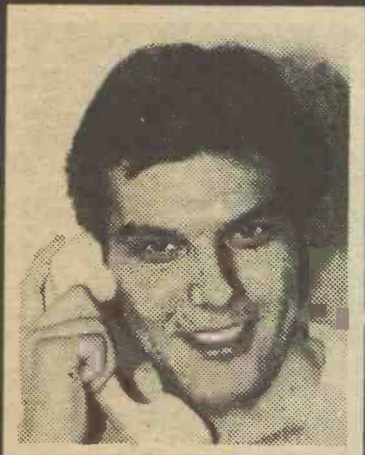
To accomplish her athletic goals, Monson has a demanding training schedule that takes about 15 hours a week. She explains that her training involves

sprints, middle distance running, and working on jumping and throwing techniques. But, the most demanding training takes place on a hill near Leduc where she runs up and down the 1 km incline each week. This takes her two hours to complete as she climbs the hill about 10 times before calling it quits.

"It's really hard and takes a lot out of you, but it helps build up a base of strength and endurance," she

explains. When Monson takes the odd day off, she enjoys riding one of her quarter-horses her family owns. In fact, she competed in show horse events until she was 13 but only rides for recreation now.

Monson plans to go to college or university and prepare for a career in business. But, for now, her sights are set on qualifying for the heptathlon event in time for the 1992 Olympic games.



## DROPPIN IN

By Mark McCallum

Welcome 1988! And, welcome new year's resolutions. For many of us, it's that time of year again when we try to quit those bad habits. A lot of us will promise to fast or stop smoking, but the end result usually depends on will power and asking yourself if you really want to quit something that you know is not good for you.

About half of the 102 members of the Heart Lake band have answered this question and have to quit drinking in an effort to make their lives alcohol-free, says band social worker Dianne Gamblin.

Heart Lake Chief Eugene Monias and the band council began a program about three months ago that is "an alternative lifestyle, to get out of a rut," explains Gamblin, noting that participation has grown from a handful of people to about half of the band membership.

Alcohol abuse was a big problem on the reserve because there are no facilities for people to gather at and enjoy themselves. "People get bored and drink. We don't have a community or recreation centre and our band office is in an old house," she explains, adding people have to travel 48 miles south to the nearest town (Lac La Biche) to find something else to do.

Although the program is still in the beginning stages, Gamblin notes they have started offering residents alternative social activities such as dances and weekly gospel meetings at the school. They also bring in guest speakers, show films on alcohol abuse and perform sweats in an effort to show people a different lifestyle that doesn't leave harmful effects and emotional scars.

And, by taking youths into the bush on survival trips, they are using resources available to them in their fight against alcoholism.

The program is "really coming along well," says Gamblin, adding they are recording the band's progress with a video camera and hope others can benefit from their experiences on film.

**METIS LOCAL 1885 (Edmonton):** Moving from its old downtown location, Metis Local 1885 has found some new office space (at 12120 - 106 Ave. Suite #100), to make more room for the programs it offers to the community. Executive assistant Bruce Gladue says the local's office space is now more than doubled, expanding to 3,000 square feet, and will have space set aside for a youth group, education and recreation departments and the Louis Riel Historical Society. Gladue notes the organization has started a new program called the Community Economic Development Corporation "to

## Heart Lake battles booze



MAA CHRISTMAS PARTY

provide business, training and employment opportunities for the community."

**GIFT LAKE:** Resident William Flett phoned up recently to warn everybody in the Gift Lake, White Fish Lake, Peerless Lake and Loon Lake areas to be on the lookout for a "speed trap."

Flett says he's "fed up" with the speed trap that's always in the same place on Highway 750, 18 km from Grouard. Although the speed limit is 80 km an hour, he explains that the speed restriction was put in place before the road was upgraded. "It used to be a gravel road, but now it's paved highway," notes Flett. "That's where the speed trap is always set up."

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE:** "Culture Night" at the Friendship Centre is being postponed until early January. The instructors will be taking a break for the holiday season, but program coordinator Irene Smith says the same activities will be offered when it resumes. Smith explains there will be drumming and singing lessons at the social event.

Traditional Native craft courses will begin at the centre, Jan. 19. The course will teach people basic beadwork, moccasin making and fish scale art. Smith adds people of all ages are invited to attend these activities and she welcomes Elders to stop in and tell a few stories to the young folk.

**EDMONTON:** The Metis Association of Alberta served home-made bannock with Christmas dinner at a banquet and dance recently, to bring in the holiday season. About 200 MAA delegates and guests enjoyed the entertaining music of August Collins and "Half Breed" at the Bonaventure banquet room in Edmonton. And, members of the audience got into the act by taking turns joining the band on stage and, of course, showing everybody their great jigging steps.

Zone 4 vice-president Dan Martel, who coordinated the Christmas party, summed up the evening best. "It's a good opportunity for everybody to get together and let off some steam while preparing for the new year."

**U of A:** The University of Alberta Native Student Services and Windspeaker would like to take this opportunity to congratulate last year's university graduates and award winners who will undoubtedly be successful in 1988. The graduates are: Cheryl Arcand-Kootenay (B.A.), Lena Auger (B.A.), Eric Chalifoux (B.Ed Secondary Ed), Celina Loyer (B.A.), Jackie Sander (B.Ed Secondary Ed), and Sandra Thickson (B. Ed Secondary Ed). The winners are: Ruby Bird (Billy Mills Achievement award), Yvonne Letourneau (First People's award), Jackie Sander (Stan Daniels award), Robert Lindsay (Adrian Hope award), Lori Tootoosis (Adrian Hope award), Cheryl Arcand-Kootenay (Adrian Hope award) and Mary Rizzoli received honorary for the Adrian Hope award.

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# Opinion

## Indian Association prez delivers New Year's message and looks back at past year

As the new year approaches, it is customary to look back on the past year contemplating not only our activities but also the events which shaped those activities. It is impossible, of course, to list in minute detail the many things which make up a busy year, but I shall try to touch on the highlights.

As 1987 began, our main focus was the final first ministers' conference on Aboriginal and treaty rights in the Canadian Constitution. This meeting, which failed to produce consensus amongst provincial premiers to entrench self-government in the Constitution, was held in Ottawa in late March.

Although the Indian Association and its fellow prairie treaty organizations were not given a chance to participate in the last of four conferences, it is important to keep in mind that in the end the position taken by the Aboriginal organizations attending the conference was the position we had stood behind all along. That we already have

agreements with the government through our treaties and we have never extinguished our rights to self-government.

Looking back on the entire constitutional process, it is now clear that it was designed for failure, at least in terms of having our Aboriginal and Treaty rights solidly protected in Canada's most fundamental of laws. However, there may be some solace for us in knowing that we cannot be given something which we already have. Nor can we accept something less than we already have.

It is important, I think, to remember that without recognition of our rights this country called Canada remains incomplete and cannot claim any bragging rights internationally.

If there is a final word to describe the constitutional/Aboriginal rights legacy surely it must be hypocrisy. A few short weeks after we returned from Ottawa, the federal and provincial governments quickly agreed to the Meech Lake Accord to accommodate Quebec

in the Constitution, followed by an agreement to a free-trade deal with the United States. In both cases, agreements were reached first and actual wording left to be worked out later. When at the table with the Aboriginal groups those premiers opposed to constitutional entrenchment were adamant that specifics be spelled out before any agreement.

The end of the 1987 first ministers' conference was not, of course, the end of our involvement with the Constitution. As the year drew to a close, the Indian Association coordinated a rally at the provincial legislature to protest the Meech Lake Accord. Even though the turnout for the march and demonstration was disappointing, the event generated a fair amount of news media coverage and, I'm happy to report, it became apparent that quite a number of non-Indian special interest groups and organizations are opposed to the Meech Lake Accord becoming part of the Constitution.

In between, the Indian Association continued to grapple with a growing list of issues and concerns directly affecting all treaty first nations in Alberta.

At the annual assembly, held in Eden Valley within the Treaty 7 area, a number of new board members were elected to serve two-year terms, while a number of important resolutions were passed. These resolutions covered a wide range of subjects and have added to the mandate of the organization.

Besides the annual assembly, the association sponsored three all-chiefs meetings and special meetings to deal with issues such as child welfare, education, taxation, policing and mental health.

While these meetings were being planned or followed up on, we were also kept busy with other important issues. Perhaps the most important of these has been the difficult problem left to us as a result of Bill C-31 which changed the membership sections of the Indian Act. Many of us



**GREGG SMITH**  
...IAA president

anticipated the problems flowing from Bill C-31, and now, unfortunately, these problems have been added to those our first nations were already dealing with.

However, as we look forward to the year 1988, we must do so with a renewed spirit of optimism and determination. For, while we have many, many problems facing us, we must always remember that the little we have and the things we believe in are well worth protecting and fighting for.

Best wishes for a happy

and prosperous new year.

On behalf of the executive, the board of directors and the staff of the Indian Association of Alberta, I would like to extend one and all a New Year's greeting. May your festive holiday activities be celebrated in a spirit of generosity, and the Yuletide season observed safely and in moderation.

**Gregg C. Smith**  
President  
Indian Association  
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## Reader says thanks

**Dear Editor:**

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All the best for the coming year.

**Peggie Graham**  
Edmonton

police could only do so much, without the public's involvement we could not achieve what we do.

The reality of the drug world, is such that it never was considered a part of Indian culture. Our youth really benefit from coverage such as your paper did. Truly a bouquet to you and your staff for the excellent work, and coverage.

Again, a great job people, take a bow. You all deserve it.

**Sincerely,**  
**Jim White**  
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## Coverage appreciated

**Dear Editor:**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your promotional assistance for our National Show and Sale of Canadian Native Arts and Crafts.

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Thank you again for helping the society to inform the public of this special event.

**Yours truly**  
**Sharon Breum**  
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## Metis settlements to celebrate 50th anniversary in new year

Tansi? 1988 is a historic year for us because it is the 50th anniversary of the Metis settlements. Also this year, we hope to achieve constitutional recognition and protection for our lands. This has been the major goal of the settlements since the province dis-established the Touchwood, Marlboro, Cold Lake and Wolf Lake settlements.

There has been much talk in the media lately about Resolution 18. Resolution 18 was passed in the provincial legislature in June 1985 and it was a promise to recognize and protect the Metis settlements lands in the Canadian Constitution. The condition for doing this was that the settlement people define: fair and democratic criteria for membership and land allocation, and define governing bodies that would govern the land.

Settlement people have done much work to meet these conditions. We have been negotiating with the government on this and we hope that this is the year we achieve our goals.

Specifically, the settle-



**RANDY HARDY**  
...Federation president

ments hope to achieve this year: the transfer of the title of the settlement land from the province to the Metis, the protection of the land in the Canadian Constitution (by means of an amendment to the Alberta Act), the provision of a new framework for governing the land (by means of new Metis Settlements Act).

In doing these things, we make it impossible for the province to take any of the settlement land away unless the country's constitution is changed. We achieve a protected land base and we set the foundation for the next 50 years.

At the same time, we continue to work to improve economic conditions for

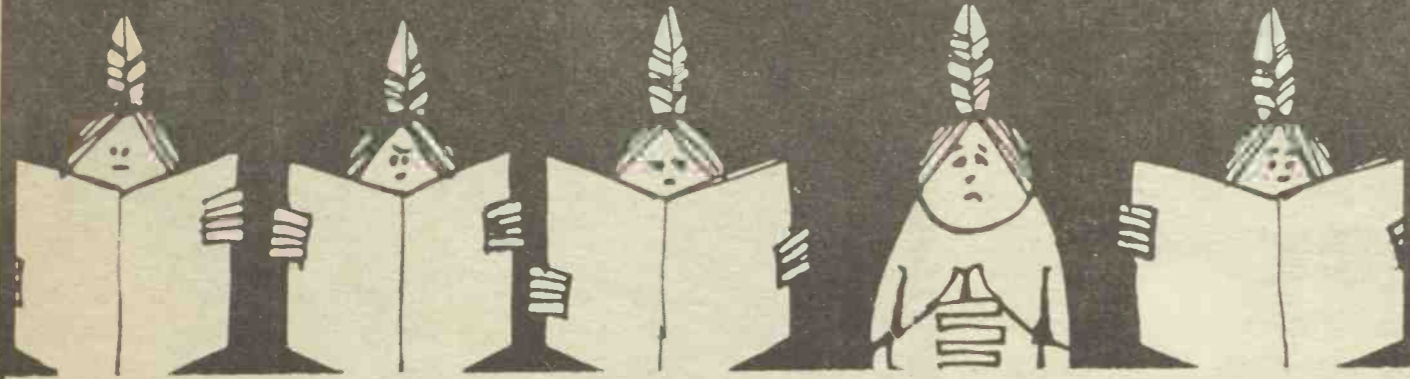
the settlement people. We are working on economic development projects and lobbying government to assist our people with more adequate housing, power-line extensions, more and better roads, and water and sewer systems. There is much work to do in these areas. We are also trying to get various departments such as Agriculture, Forestry, Lands and Wildlife, and others to deliver services to the settlements.

These are things we work on every year. In 1988, however, we hope to achieve much more. We hope to go a long way toward securing a future for the settlement people — a secure land base and a unique system of government. If we are successful, our 50th year will indeed be a historic one.

With that, the Federation executive, the board of director and I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year.

**Randy Hardy**  
President  
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# '87

## JANUARY

### Dempsey gets first Crowchild award

Pauline Dempsey is announced as the first recipient of the Chief David Crowchild award by Cal-

gary's Native Urban Affairs Committee.

Dempsey is the daughter of the first Indian senator, James Gladstone and is the wife of Glenbow Museum associate director, Hugh Dempsey, author of many historical works on Plains and Blackfoot Indians.

### Glenbow artifacts considered sacred

Artifacts to be loaned to Calgary's Glenbow Museum

from museums from all over the world are said to be sacred by local Elders.

Despite denials from museum officials, a list of the articles was inspected by local Elders and several articles declared sacred.

The articles will be part of the Olympic Winter Games arts festival opening Jan. 14, 1988.

### Janvier band returns chief

Walter Janvier is again returned as chief during the Janvier band elections.

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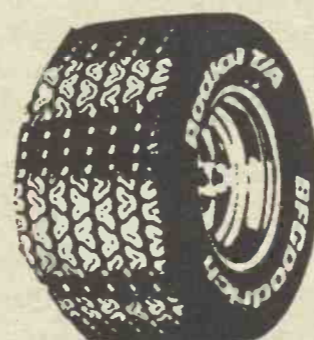
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Janvier was first elected in 1985.

An unprecedented number of voters turned out electing Janvier chief by more than 20 votes over his closest opponent.

**Leaders protest prime minister's remarks to pope**

Prairie Indian leaders attack the Prime Minister's comments to the Pope that all is going well for the entrenchment of Aboriginal rights in the constitution.

The Prairie Treaty Nations Alliance (PTNA) sent a telegram to the pontiff saying the "discussions are not being conducted in a fair and equitable manner."

**Inmate keeps bundle**

Philip Bearshirt gets to keep a prayer bundle after launching a lawsuit after his bundle was removed when he was transferred to the Edmonton Remand Centre.

Following a two and a half hour court appearance Jan. 20 Judge J.B. Dea made the ruling in the first case of this kind in Alberta.

**FEBRUARY**

**Court allows pipe swearing ceremony**

An Edmonton courtroom makes history when two Native witnesses are allowed to take the oath traditionally, with the sacred pipe.

James Dean Agecutay and Wayne Bruce received

their swearing in from an Elder prior to testifying at a preliminary hearing against Phillip Bearshirt and Robert Peltier.

Bearshirt was also allowed to have his prayer bundle in the court with him.

**Daniel Willier dies**

Driftpile patriarch Daniel Willier passes away in High Prairie Jan. 25.

More than 200 people pack into the church during his funeral to listen to the sermon delivered in both English and Cree. Willier was interred in the Driftpile cemetery.

**Cree band distributes \$3.5 million**

The Fort Chip Cree Indian band makes its first historical distribution of part of the settlement it received from the federal and provincial governments.

The band received \$26.6 million in compensation in December and distributed \$3,529,000 Feb. 15.

**MAA sit-in**

The location of the Metis Association of Alberta annual assembly, originally scheduled for Slave Lake, is switched to Edmonton after a sit-in of about 15 people from southern Alberta in the MAA offices Feb. 11.

A group of disgruntled Metis from Calgary, along with some Edmonton supporters sit outside a MAA board meeting. After the meeting president Sam Sinclair announces the assembly will move to Edmonton.

**MARCH**



**Horsman remarks attacked**

Statements by Alberta intergovernmental affairs minister Jim Horsman that the entrenchment of Native self-government in the constitution "would have an extremely destructive effect on Canada" drew sharp criticism from Alberta leaders.

Metis Association of Alberta president Sam Sinclair said the province is "trying to weaken our position when we are only a month away from dealing with the biggest issue of the country," and Assembly of First Nations spokesman Arnold Goodleaf said the statement was "evidence of the attitudes we're running into at the tables."



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### Peigan chief denies allegations

Peigan Chief Peter Yellow Horn denies any wrongdoing in response to allegations of mismanagement of \$750,000 allocated by the province for a study of the potential impact of the Oldman River Dam on the Peigan nation.

Yellow Horn was protesting a decision Feb. 27 by his council to temporarily suspend him.

The council decided that Yellow Horn be suspended as chief "until a full inquiry into the resource development impact" is completed. Yellow Horn was absent from that meeting.

### MAA and IAA unite on key issues

The Metis and Indian Associations announce a united effort to ensure Alberta's wildlife management and environmental protection rights are recognized by the Alberta government.

The groups state that the management and environmental protection capabilities of Aboriginal people have been ignored in favor of the provincial government's single minded pursuit of economic development.

Sam Sinclair, president

of the Metis Association, also set a precedent at this time when he addressed an all-chiefs conference — the first time a Metis leader is invited to an Indian Elders conference.



### Hobbema sues government

Hobbema's four bands declare they are suing the government, saying the Rupert's Land and North-western Territory Order in 1870 are still binding today.

The bands file a statement of claim in the federal court in Edmonton on March 18.

The four bands retain lawyer Thomas Berger, and if successful, the suit could be a precedent setting decision for all bands in Canada. The bands say that, according to the order, the government must make adequate "provision for the protection of the Indian tribes whose interests and well being are involved in the land transfer."

### South African ambassador visits reserve

South African Ambassador Glen Babb receives a formal request for \$99 million in foreign aid from Chief Louis Stevenson during Babb's visit to the Pequis Indian reserve in Manitoba.

Stevenson revealed that he wanted his appeal for foreign aid on the record to embarrass Canada's federal government for its treatment of its own Aboriginal people.



### Calgary mayor meets with Lubicon chief

Calgary Mayor Ralph Klein enters the fray between the Lubicon Lake band and the federal government by announcing he is writing a letter to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark demanding the government re-enter negotiations with the band.

The mayor was speaking after an hour and a half meeting with Lubicon Chief Ominayak and members of the Lubicon council in Calgary's city hall.



### Federation meets with Getty

The Federation of Metis Settlements meets with Premier Don Getty over the ownership of the settlement's 1.3 million acres of land.

Federation president Randy Hardy meets with the premier March 20 and receives assurance that the amendment to the Alberta Act, Resolution 18, will receive the support of the government.



### First minister's conference

Aboriginal leaders' hopes for an entrenchment of Native self-government vanish as the first minister's conference on constitutional matters collapses on the second day, March 27.

The aspirations of Native groups to have their "inherent" right rather than the "contingent" right to self-rule failed to gain support from the western premiers.

The talks end in a stalemate and the hopes of hundreds of Aboriginal people are dashed.

The first minister's process ends a five-year constitutional process promised to Aboriginal people when the 1981 Canadian constitution was signed between former prime minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau and the Queen.

### Kainai gets money

Kainai Industries, a Blood reserve-based construction company signs a \$1.7 million contract with the Olympic Committee Olympique '88 (OCO) for housing for the Winter Games.

The contract comes after the company complains it had its back against the wall after OCO awarded media housing to Atco, a Calgary-based construction company which manufactures similar houses.

## APRIL

### NDP calls for the return of Peltier

Jim Fulton, NDP member of Parliament, announces he will introduce a private member's motion calling for the return of Leonard Peltier on Canadian soil.

The American Indian was extradited from Canada to the United States in 1976 and has been imprisoned there ever since.

Fulton says evidence was suppressed or withheld by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).



### Woman gets rights recognized

A controversy that exploded at the Metis Association of Alberta annual assembly over the membership of a Calgary woman is settled at the Zone 3 annual general meeting March 20.

Freda Martel, whose membership in the association had been questioned by a Red Deer Local, was reinstated as a member after a sworn oath was submitted in her defence.

The oath stated that Martel's grandmothers were Metis and therefore Martel is entitled to membership. Martel was later elected Zone 3 director in the Sept. 1 election.

### Dr. Anne in jeopardy

The Dr. Anne Anderson Native Heritage and Cultural Centre is nearly forced to close due to recent grant cutbacks.

The centre was subsisting on the revenue from Cree Productions, privately owned by Anderson.

Windspeaker calls upon readers to donate or to offer suggestions to Dr. Anderson.

### Metis housing corporation

An attempt to replace the Metis Urban Housing board, suspend housing manager Larry Desmeules, and fire regional coordinator Peter Pelletier is made by the Metis Association of Alberta board of directors, which holds housing shares in trust.

However, Desmeules says the shareholders meeting is "illegal" because the motion was not brought before the annual assembly.

## MAY

### Herald cartoon center of controversy

A Calgary committee chairman accuses the Calgary Herald of inciting violence against the Lubicon Lake band and any Indian person who attempts to blockade the Olympic torch relay.

Andrew Bear Robe charges the Herald's depiction of Indian people is "morally reprehensible, slanted and stereotypical."

However, cartoonist Vance Rodewalt says he was merely reflecting the perceived reaction of the majority of Calgarians saying "people are getting fed up with these groups trying to trip everyone up."

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## Books don't balance at Buffalo Lake

The past council of the Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement could not account for \$268,590, it was revealed after a financial review was conducted by the St. Paul District Settlement Branch.

The review said the settlement owes outside industries \$154,590 and settlement-owned Buffalo Lake Cat Const. Ltd. owes \$114,000 to other settlement organizations.

Shortly after the deficit announcement, Ernest Howse Sr. and Mervin Desjarlais announce their resignations, claiming they quit due to health reasons.

## Peigans get settlement

Every member of the Peigan band receives \$1,025 as compensation by the federal government over a land claim dating back to 1909.

Councillor Stanley Knowlton says the nation approved the distribution in favor of the \$5.2 million out of court settlement.

## Windspeaker's first powwow edition

Windspeaker produces the first annual powwow special edition which receives tremendous response from readers.

The special was published in two sections June 12 and 19, and contained stories, legends and profiles on well-known powwow dancers and drummers.

## IAA annual assembly

The Indian Association of Alberta is given a strong mandate on key issues for the upcoming year and president Gregg Smith sees the largest battle being waged against government policies formed to undermine true Indian self-rule.

The 44th annual assembly took place at the Eden Valley reserve, one of the two Stoney Tribe reserves located southwest of Calgary.



## Welfare control may be shifted

Control of Native child welfare should be shifted to Native reserves and settlements, recommends a provincial government report released in June.

The report comes three years after Richard Cardinal, a 16-year-old Metis youth, hanged himself.

Social Services Minister Connie Osterman announces her department will transfer the responsibility to the reserves and communities and do "whatever is necessary for the delivery of these services."

## JULY

## Western chiefs oppose rights infringement

About 50 Alberta and Saskatchewan chiefs sponsor a delegation which travels to London to remind the British government of their moral responsibilities to ensure that Aboriginal and Treaty rights are not suspended by the Canadian government. The groups wants to deal with British officials because treaties were originally made with Great Britain and not the Dominion of Canada.

The chiefs protest Bill C-31 and refuse to submit

membership codes to the federal government saying the legislation is being shoved down their throats.

## Bicentennial celebrations

Fort Vermilion and Fort Chipewyan plan celebrations in 1988 to honor their 200th birthdays. Fort Chip is recognized as the oldest settlement in the province and Fort Vermilion was the site where fur trading and commerce activity began in the province.

Planning committees are formed and numerous activities, displays and events discussed.

## O'Chiese alcohol treatment program

Inspired by the Alkali Lake band's success, Chief Strawberry, of the O'Chiese reserve continues her fight toward establishing an alcohol and drug-free reserve. A mobile treatment program is set up on the reserve by Poundmaker Lodge (St. Albert). About 30 band members take part in the month-long program.



## Friends in Sports Games

The National Friends in Sports Games is officially kicked off July 7 in Edmonton. About 150 competitors attend from Lethbridge, Calgary, High Prairie, Saskatchewan and Vancouver. This is the first year the Edmonton Canadian Friendship Centre has made the games a national event.



## B.C. Arrows take Canadian baseball championship

The B.C. Arrows capture their fourth Canadian baseball championship in six years at the Men's National Fastball championship in Invermere, B.C. In a repeat of last year's event, the Arrows went to the B side of the "true double knockout" draw and put the green and gold machine in motion to win.

## JUNE

## Blue Quills funds cut

Representatives of the Blue Quills Centre, chiefs and Elders of seven local reserves meet with Deputy Prime Minister Don Mazankowski to protest funding cuts.

Indian Affairs officials say the high school program is too costly to operate and students can attend future high schools to be built on their reserves.

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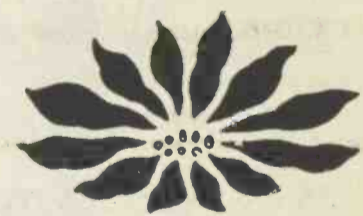
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## Art symposium

Delegates at the National Native Indian Artists' Symposium at the University of Lethbridge are given a chance to meet others in this creative business. They are told by one speaker that they must not sacrifice their creativity in order to please curators, gallery owners and other elite buyers. Ironically, an American art professor counters this, saying that the strongest buyers of Native art are white people because they have money and so they must be catered to.

## Royalty payments to Saddle Lake band cut off

Windspeaker reports royalty payments to Saddle Lake and Goodfish Lake bands are discontinued due to a dispute with Indian Affairs over the question of reinstated status Indians.

Chief Houle, in refusing to accept reinstated band members, feels the newcomers are not eligible for programs, services or per capita royalty shares.

A government official denies the payments are cut off; rather they are deposited into the band's capital account, until the band resolves the per capita payment issue.

## Housing registry transfer causes feud

Zone 4 vice-president Ben Courtrille opposes the transfer of a housing registry to the Metis Women's Council of Edmonton, saying the registry should have gone to an organization within the zone or to the regional office itself.

Metis Urban Housing manager Larry Desmeules contends that the women's group is more than capable of doing the job. An Alberta Housing Corporation official also points out the Metis Women's Council was the only group to put forward a proposal to take over the registry.



Peigan band, and were so interested in the displays that they went beyond the time allotted them to see the historical site.

## Samson Mall opened

The first Native-owned shopping facility inside a Canadian national park is opened with a special celebration. The Samson Mall in Lake Louise is owned by the Samson Indian band.

At opening time, 90 per cent of the mall space has already been leased to tenants. The development is the first retail mall in Lake Louise, providing residents and tourists the opportunity to shop in the community rather than going to Golden or Banff.

## Metis court battle begins

The Zone 4 Regional Council files a lawsuit against 11 other members of the council and the Zone 2 vice-president. The lawsuit is a result of an April Zone 4 regional meeting in which Ben Courtrille and Ron LaRocque were removed from office and replaced by Mike Woodward and Russel Plante. Courtrille and LaRocque claim almost \$60,000 in damages and expenses which they claim were incurred by the defendants and paid for by Zone 4.

## Canadian Native princess crowned

Robbie LaFrance, a 20-year-old from the Blackfoot reserve near Gleichen, is named this year's Canadian Native princess in Edmonton. LaFrance, who performed the hoop dance in the talent segment of the contest, graciously accepted the crown, saying she would do her best to honor it. "I couldn't have done this without the support of my family and friends," she explained in her acceptance speech.

## AUGUST



Indian reserve has gas heating for every home this winter. Chief Jim Badger said he and his council worked with Indian Affairs officials for over a year to bring the project to fruition.

Sucker Creek will purchase natural gas from Prairie River Gas Co. and the Town of High Prairie will be contracted to supply services for the operation of the Sucker Creek gas utility for one year.

## McKnight given another portfolio

National Aboriginal leaders strongly oppose Bill McKnight, Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND) Minister, when he takes on as minister responsible for the Western Diversification Office.

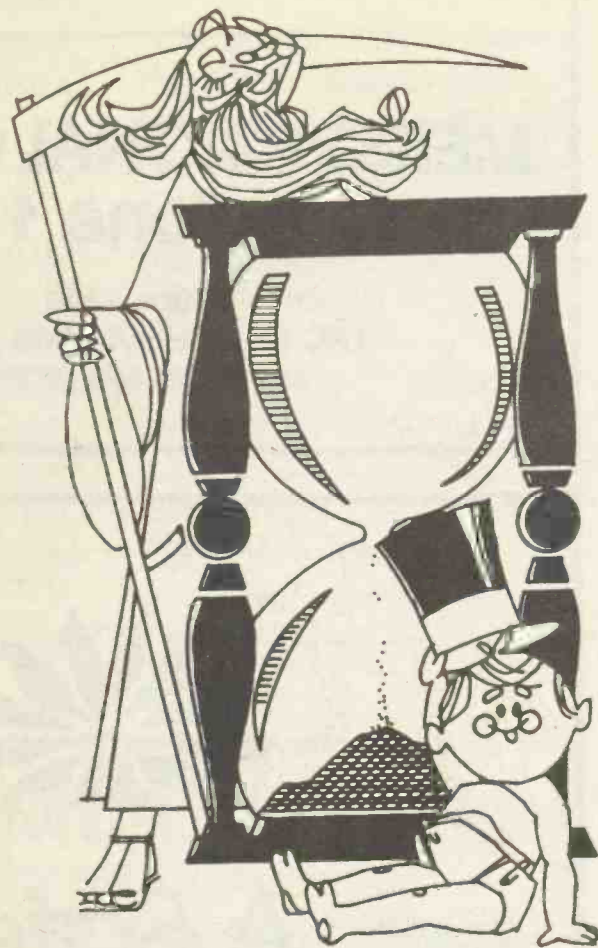
Not only do they feel he is spreading himself too thin, but an alarming potential for conflict of interest also exists. Says Chief Phil Fontaine of the Assembly of First Nations: "If, as minister of Western Diversification, McKnight is overseeing new exploration and development of oil and gas resources on First Nations lands, which the diversification clearly calls for, what happens to his trust responsibility under the Indian Act?"

## Sinclair bows out of MAA election

After eight years in office, Sam Sinclair announces his decision not to run in September's election. Though the decision to step down was a tough one, he points out the in-fighting of both staff and board members was a major reason for his action.

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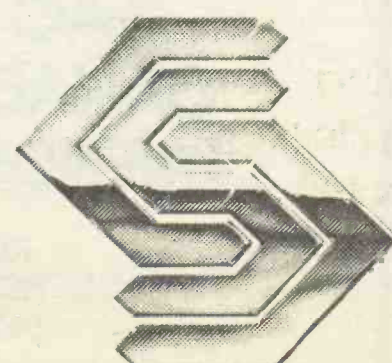


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### Wuttunee declines to sing OCO opening song

Calgary's Winston Wuttunee, popular Metis singer and songwriter, refused the opportunity to sing the opening song at the Winter Olympics ceremony. "I strongly support and believe in the Lubicon's boycott of the Olympics," says Wuttunee. "They are fighting for a cause they believe in and I feel I am showing my support for them by refusing to sing."

### Regina Raiders best in women's fastball

The Regina Raiders win the Canadian Native Women's Fastball Championship held in the team's home city this year. The team was organized three years earlier and coach Garth Geddes is ecstatic to see those years of hard work and determination pay off.

### Cree Airways in flight

After a grand opening in late July, Cree Airways Corporation is off and flying, serving remote areas like High Prairie, Slave Lake and Wabasca/Desmarais. The corporation is

comprised of five light planes, eight pilots, a chief engineer and a mechanic. A cargo and mail service are planned.

### Dissension in Peavine

On the Big Prairie Metis Settlement (Peavine) 75 residents sign a petition claiming a recent election has been unfair because several members were not allowed to vote. A government official, who was the returning officer during the July 16 election, confirms recent elections "were not fair...and not democratic." The elected council refuses to speak to Windspeaker regarding the charges.

### United Nation's Lubicon decision historic

A decision by the United Nations to hear the Lubicon Lake band's complaint over Canada's alleged violation of an international covenant, denying the band the right to maintain their lifestyle, is applauded by Native leaders nationally and called historic by the band's advisor.

The decision is allowing the Lubicon Lake band, and in effect all Aboriginal peoples, to address their concerns to an impartial third party, thereby recognizing Indian nations as distinct nations, says Fred Lennarson.

### Education symposium

The Alexander education symposium, held in mid-August, to protest Circular E-12 education cut-backs ends with a slate of 21 recommendations which many hope will halt the "crisis" in Indian education.

The recommendations include establishing a network system to link bands and work on self-produced curriculum materials. About 800 delegates and Indian leaders from all over the country lend their support to the symposium.

### Leaders demand negotiations — Meech Lake

National Aboriginal leaders demand a renewal of the constitutional process dealing with their right to self-government. National Chief Georges Erasmus claims "our agenda is unfinished," when he appears before the special joint committee on the 1987 constitutional accord. He is joined by Metis National Council president Jim Sinclair in his concern with how the creation of land bases will be affected by the Meech Lake Accord. Under the new amending formula of the constitution, there must be unanimous consent among the provinces for any constitutional changes. Also, any province can stop the creation of a new, predominantly Aboriginal province.

### MAA annual assembly

At the MAA annual assembly an emotional debate occurs when president Sam Sinclair asks for severance pay because, as he puts it, "In eight years I have had no legal time off... and I have no job to go to."

A final vote resolves that Sinclair should be paid \$15,000 as an honorarium.

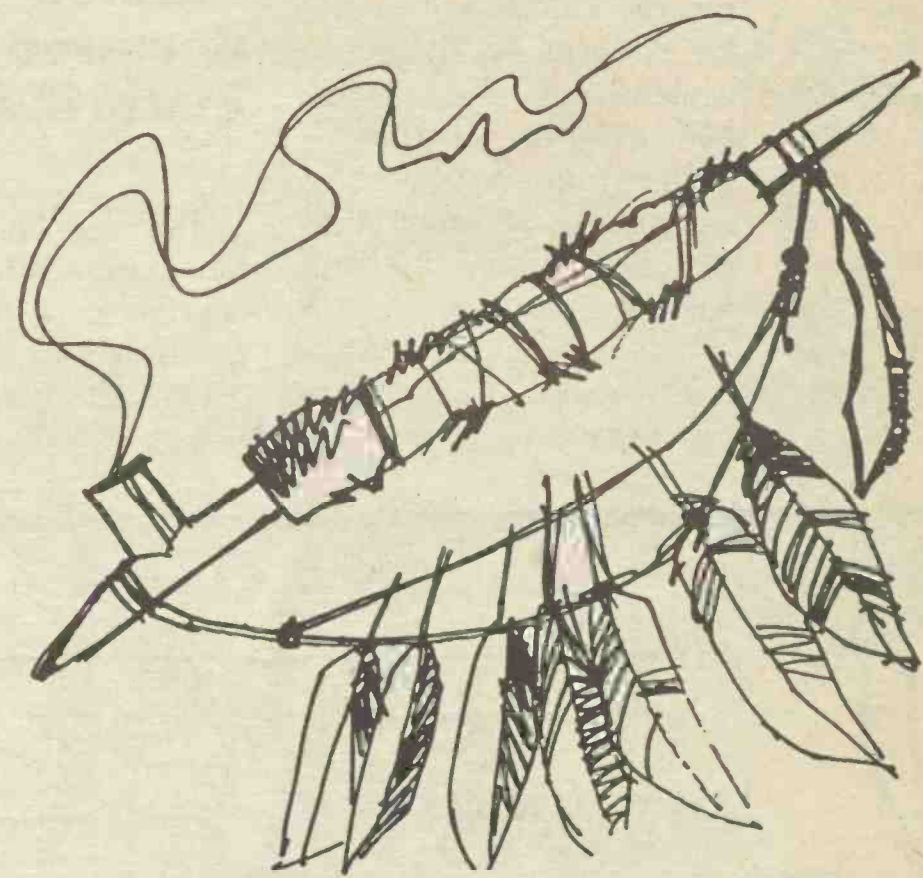
Also at the assembly held at Lac Cardinal, a presidential candidate steps down to bolster the possibility of Larry Desmeules' chances of becoming the elected president.

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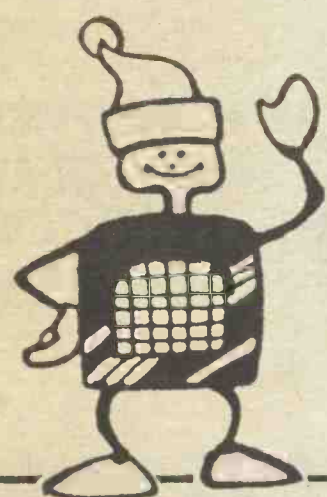
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### Centre ordered to repay loans

The Nistawoyou Friendship Centre in Fort McMurray is ordered to recover thousands of dollars loaned to directors and members of the organization. Management is ordered to repay \$18,631 to the Alberta Gaming Commission because proceeds gained from bingo and pull tickets were given out as "loans" to directors and members. An RCMP investigation into misappropriation of funds continues.

### SEPTEMBER



### MAA election results

When all the ballots are counted, Larry Desmeules is named the new president of the MAA. He will serve a three year term. Vice-presidents are: Zone 1 - Gerald Thom, Zone 2 - August Collins, Zone 3 - Peter Pelletier, Zone 4 - Dan Martel, Zone 5 - Peter Campiou, and Zone 6 - George Amato. Board of directors are Elvina Strasberg, Roy Dumais, Freda Martel, Leonard Gauthier, Harry Laboucan and Dwight Carifelle.

### Indigenous school to open

The administrative director of the Dr. Anne Anderson Native Heritage and Cree Culture Centre announces that an international school will open to provide a meeting place for Aboriginal peoples from around the world to exchange cultural information.

The cultural centre, to be called MISPA (Multi-Indigenous Studies Program of the Americas) is to be situated in the old residential building beside Poundmaker's Lodge, located in St. Albert. The school is expected to accommodate up to 300 students — 200 native Americans and 100 foreign exchange students.

Renovations are to begin this winter and a 1988 autumn opening is expected.

### Indian Act amended so bands can levy taxes

At a Vancouver tax and economic conference Indian Affairs Minister Bill McKnight promises a new bill will amend the Indian Act so that band can levy their own taxes on non-Indian residents on conditionally surrendered lands.

In Kamloops, a band which had established an industrial park on part of its reserve found itself paying for services to the park, while unable to levy taxes. Meanwhile, the B.C. government collected an estimated \$6 million in property taxes without supplying services.

The announced amendment ensures such a situation will not re-occur.

### Blackfoot reserve school opens

The Chief Old Sun school opens its doors to students. A teaching staff of nine will instruct kindergarten classes to Grade 6, as well as Early Childhood studies. The nine classroom school came in under a \$3.6 million budget and is an example of modern architecture and technology. Surrounding it are playgrounds, baseball and football areas.



### Tribe takes control of education

A special signing ceremony in Fort Chipewyan signifies an agreement between the bands, Northland School Division and Indian Affairs to give more Native control over the education system. Cree Chief Rita Marten and Chipewyan Chief Archie Cyprien are extremely appreciative of being able to develop "Native curriculums" as part of the agreement.

### Lac La Biche Mission declared a historic site

The Lac La Biche Mission, located ten miles southwest of the townsite on the south shore of the lake, is designated a provincial historic resource by

Culture Minister Dennis Anderson.

The designation follows five years of lobbying by the Lac La Biche Historical Preservation Society to preserve this bit of local color. The mission was one of several locations where the Roman Catholic Church began formal missionary work with the Natives in 1731.

### Bill C-31 eviction

The headlines of mainstream and Native newspapers carry the story of Cindy Sawka, who was evicted from the Sucker Creek band after she tried to return with her non-Native husband. Sawka said her husband received a letter asking him to leave; it also implied that she should go too, as it is "customary for a woman to follow her husband." Indian Rights for Indian Women leader Jennie Margetts claims Sawka is only one of many women faced with similar problems because of Bill C-31.

### National president removed from office

Newly-elected Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) president Donna Weaselchild, former president of the Alberta chapter, is removed from office. Jean Gleason, acting NWAC president, indicates the national group is acting according to association bylaws which state anyone who is elected nationally must have the full support of her own provincial group. According to two Alberta Native Women's Association (ANWA) members, Weaselchild did not have that support.



### Ralph Steinhauer passes away

Cree leader Ralph Steinhauer, best known as Alberta's 10th lieutenant-governor, passes away Sept. 19. About 1,000 politicians, chiefs, ex-chiefs, relatives and friends attend his funeral in Saddle Lake. He is remembered for his political activities and also for helping to develop agriculture on Indian reserves and Metis settlements.



### Pope visits Fort Simpson

Nearly 5,000 Native people gather beside the McKenzie River to greet the Pope as he arrives in Fort Simpson. The Pope conducts mass and Catholic rites are intermingled with Indian chants and songs.

In a moving speech before mass, Pope John Paul II endorses Aboriginal rights saying: "I pray with you that a new round of conferences will benefit and that with God's guidance and help, a path to a just agreement will be found to crown all efforts being made."

### MAA election disputed

The Metis Association election results are disputed by candidates; unsuccessful Zone 4 director candidate Ron LaRocque filed his protest and losing presidential candidate JoAnn Daniels is set to file her protest. Both cited "irregularities" at the polls as the reason for their complaints.

### OCTOBER



### MAA in financial crisis, charges member

In a letter to the Minister Responsible for Native Affairs, Ken Rostad, ousted MAA member Ron LaRocque says the association is deep in debt and he also disputes recent election practices.

### Lubicon gets new government negotiator

The Lubicon Lake's land claim is brought closer to home with the appointment of a Calgary lawyer Brian Malone as federal negotiator. In making the announcement, Indian Affairs Minister Bill McKnight says the move is not in reaction to the band's boycott of the Glenbow Museum's The

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Spirit Sings exhibition at the Calgary Olympics, which are fast approaching. He stresses the federal government has always been willing to negotiate with the band.

### Hobbema health centre opens

Though only open for a few weeks, members of the Four Bands beat a path to the door of the new health centre. Two doctors hold clinics each week and five nurses are on call each day. Residents can also check in for dental check-ups. The band members are pleased they no longer have to drive into Edmonton for health services.

### Metis concerned about new act

About 40 disgruntled settlement members from Buffalo Lake meet at Edmonton's friendship centre to discuss the proposed Metis Settlements Act. They claim a lack of democratic procedures, financial mismanagement and poor leadership have forced a number of the members to consider an ad hoc committee to deal with these issues. They say they feel threatened by the present system in the settlement and do not understand Resolution 18 of the new Metis Settlements Act to be introduced in the spring '88 sitting of the legislature.

### IAA All-Chiefs conference

At an All-Chiefs conference at Enoch, Chief Bernard Ominayak appeals to the leaders of all bands to join him in his boycott of the 1988 Winter Olympics. Several leaders stand up to offer their support, but chiefs of bands currently involved with OCO remain silent.

Gilbert Eaglebear, representing the Blood tribe, says his group has been asked to be left out of OCO negotiations with Treaty 7 chiefs.

At the second half of the All-Chiefs meeting held later in October, the chiefs table a resolution made earlier that the organization will not rejoin the Assembly of First Nations. Many chiefs feel the issue needs to be looked into further before a decision is made.

### Child welfare conference held

The International Child Conference attracts more than a thousand delegates from all over the world to discuss strategies for the

care of Aboriginal children. During the three-day conference a series of workshops on subjects ranging from Indian child welfare agreements to family violence and abuse are conducted.

Just prior to the international conference, the national Metis child welfare conference is held to address issues facing Metis children.

### Film festival well attended

The first ever Indian Summer World Festival of Aboriginal Motion Pictures, held in Pincher Creek, is a forum for 1,000 people to exchange information about their cultures, as well as film-making. Delegates from across Canada, the United States, Australia, New Zealand and Lapland attend the event. Festival organizers are amazed at the success of the event and begin planning the 1988 edition.



### Foster Child premieres

The film 'Foster Child' premieres in Edmonton, before beginning a nationwide tour. The film is an unrehearsed documentary about Edmonton filmmaker Gil Cardinal's search for his natural family. The film is reviewed as one which will "encourage other foster children particularly Natives ones, to find their roots and perhaps banish the myth they were abandoned because their parents didn't care," by the Yellowknife Weekender.

### MAA zone president defends hunters

Gerald Thom, Zone 1 vice-president, announces he is "sick and tired" of alleged harassment of Metis hunters and feels he and the Metis Association must step in to defend their rights. Thom says he's looking for a lawyer to take on the case for Metis hunters. Fish and Wildlife officials respond to this criticism saying they have received no official complaints that Metis hunters are being mistreated.



### Splinter group formed by Metis

Rumours of a split within the ranks of the Metis Association of Alberta are fulfilled with the official formation of a new splinter group. The Alberta Metis Nation Alliance holds its first meeting and names ousted MAA member and former Zone 4 director Ron LaRocque as leader.

### Professor wins retirement fight

After being "sent out to pasture" at age 65, Olive Dickason, a 67-year-old Metis university professor wins a provincial arbitration decision supporting her fight against mandatory retirement. She believes the ruling "will establish a precedent nationally" and pave the way for others to work past the mandatory age for retirement.



### MAA heats up over ousting

Jo-Ann Daniels, president of Edmonton Local 83, demands that the Zone 4 vice-president and director of the Metis Association resign over the ousting of two members by the association board in September. She asks that Dan Martel and Leonard Gauthier resign or reinstate Ron LaRocque and Ben Court-rille.

### Saddle Lake membership in dispute

During a band meeting, a decision is made to stop all royalty payments to Saddle Lake band members until the issue of band membership is resolved. Chief

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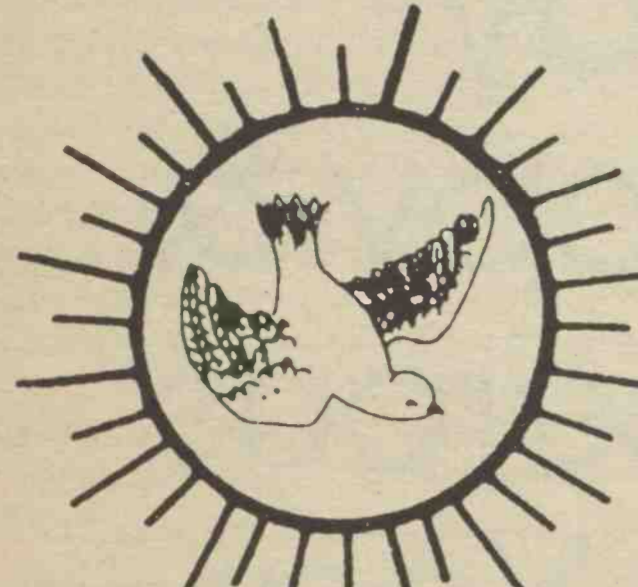
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Eugene Steinhauer insists that Bill C-31 band members should not be paid, but Ottawa thinks otherwise.

**Lubicon benefit held in Calgary**

Hundreds of people crowd into Calgary's Jubilee Auditorium for a benefit concert featuring folk-singer Buffy Sainte-Marie. Concert-goers vigorously support the band's 47-year-old land claim against the federal government.



**President asks for cooperation in reducing deficit**

At an All-Elders conference, IAA president Gregg Smith explains the deficit situation within the organization and the "extreme" actions that have been taken to reduce it. Staff have been laid off and programs cut back. "There are still people in Alberta, our own people, who think the Indian Association has a bottomless pit of money," explained Smith, asking that people have patience as the organization adjusts to the belt-tightening.

**NOVEMBER**

**Metis form watchdog committee**

A meeting called to discuss the concerns and alleged financial difficulties at the Buffalo Lake (Caslan) Metis Settlement ends in the formation of a new organization meant to "protect settlement members." The group, called the Metis Settlement Members Coalition, will look into financial irregularities within the Metis settlements and has grave concerns over the proposed Metis Betterment Act to be introduced to the Alberta legislature.

**Lubicon tuberculosis crisis**

Following a break-out of tuberculosis at Lubicon Lake, Chief Olimayak evicts provincial health nurses who "are not cooperating." He indicates they are not getting the medicine to the people and are not giving out proper information as how it should be taken. The provincial health nurses leave the community and are replaced by federal nurses.

**Olympic torch to brighten Ft. Vermilion**

Residents of Fort Vermilion, 880 km north of Edmonton, are thrilled to learn the Olympic torch will pass through their community as part of their 200th birthday celebrations. The torch will arrive at Fort Vermilion Feb. 9 enroute to its final destination in Calgary.

**Saddle Lake band declares self-government**

The Saddle Lake Indian band rejects Bill C-31 and declares they will achieve self-government within three years. Chief Eugene Steinhauer explains his band is upholding their treaty rights and Bill C-31 is

meant as an instrument to destroy special status and assimilate Indians into white society.

"We will have our own constitution and legislation to determine who should be in our community. Self-government will mean a third level of government — Indian self-government," says Steinhauer.



**Rita Houle award winners announced**

This year 15 candidates vied for the coveted Rita Houle Memorial Award for young athletes. Winners are Shane Edward Peacock and Teddi Littlechild. The Rita Houle award ceremony began in 1980 shortly after Houle, an outstanding athlete and volunteer to the friendship centre, died at the age of 20 from cancer.

**Two groups pay tribute to Riel**

The Louis Riel memorial, enacted each Nov. 16 on the steps of the Alberta legislature, takes a new turn this year as two factions of Metis gather to remember their great leader. Immediately after the president of the Metis Nation Alliance, Ron LaRocque, leads his group through a ceremony, Larry Desmeules, president of MAA, assembles his group to begin another tribute.

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## Cree airline faces bankruptcy

The president of Cree Airways, Roland Calahasen, announces his company is embroiled in a lawsuit leading to the seizure of assets and freezing of bank accounts. The company, which began offering flights to northern Alberta in August, received a lawsuit from former marketing manager Randolph Kloneid for \$185,167.80 for alleged breach of contract. The airline is shut down, but Calahasen hopes to appeal the default judgement and be "back in the air."

## Meech Lake Accord protested

About 100 demonstrators gather in front of the Alberta legislature to protest the Meech Lake Accord, which they say betrays Aboriginal people and jeopardizes treaty rights. Protestors also call upon the government to settle the Lubicon Lake band's land claim, with several bands carrying placards to show their support.

## DECEMBER

### Dr. Anne rejects Olympic booking

Dr. Anne Anderson, well known Metis Elder and

director of the Metis Heritage and Cultural Centre, rejects an offer from the Glenbow Museum to perform during The Spirit Sings exhibition, saying she sides with the Lubicon's boycott.

### IAA may form law foundation

More than 200 delegates at a two-day taxation and economic development conference are told "without taxation and revenue self-government is a dream" by conference coordinator Bob Reiter. A broader purpose of the event is to rally band support for the establishment of the Alberta Indian Law Foundation, which would serve as a legal voice for Alberta's Natives.



### Lubicon band receives award

Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak travels to New York to receive an award on behalf of his band for their stand against the government on their land claim. The Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization Inc. awards the plaque.

### petition rejected

About 40 members of Joe Blyan's Metis Settlement Members Coalition, from Buffalo Lake (Caslan), walk into the Municipal Affairs offices in Edmonton demanding that the government listen to their grievances over the alleged mismanagement of their settlement and others.

However, the deputy minister tells them the Attorney General has rejected their demands because "there is no provision in the Metis Betterment Act for the removal of (your) council by petition."

### Cree Airways closes down

Cree Airways closes down its operation due to financial problems brought on by a lawsuit and because

their operating license is suspended by Alberta Transportation.

"But, we're not down and out," says president Roland Calahasen, claiming he will beat the lawsuit eventually.

### Framework Agreement signed

Self-determination for Alberta's Metis comes a step closer to reality as MAA president Larry Desmeules and the minister responsible for Native Affairs Ken Rostad, sign a framework agreement. The agreement, which promotes joint planning and action in six crucial areas of concern to Metis, is a direct response to the MAA's submission for self-government presented to provincial government in May 1987.

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By Kim McLain

**F**or the first time ever, the North American Indian Boxing Championships will be held here in Canada. The National Indian Athletic Association (NIAA) is expecting more than 150 competitors for the March 25, 26 and 27 tournament. Hosting the tournament is the Samson Cree Nation Boxing Club and tournament director is Stanley Crane.

This is probably the biggest Indian boxing event ever held in Alberta and shouldn't be missed. I wouldn't be surprised if there was a future world champion in the crowd. Stay tuned for more information.

**EDMONTON:** Things are cookin' over at the Ootenow Recreation Club. The club is for Metis, non-Status, and Status people in the city who are looking for some sports activity.

One of the many activities a person could get involved in is in the club Ootenow Warriors hockey team. Coach and manager of the team, Metro Cardinal, says

# New Year's greeting

all you need is equipment and you're ready to play.

Except, "we're getting more and more responses everyday and soon we'll have no more openings," says Metro, "so we're thinking about forming another team."

The Warriors home ice is at Enoch. Metro said Enoch gave them the best deal on renting ice time — the usual rate in the city is about \$90 per hour. The club gets help from sponsors like the MAA, who donated \$1,000 recently. Metro put the money toward ice time. An Edmonton business called Hawaiian Pizza donated \$400 toward the purchase of Ootenow hockey jerseys, "so we look like a team," said Metro, thanking the sponsors.

You might recognize some of the regulars on the team, Lonny and Robin Reid of Caslan, Joey Sparklingeyes of Goodfish, Mark McLean and Louie Lambert of Fort Vermilion are Ootenow Warriors, just to name a few.

Windspeaker will have more about this vibrant club in upcoming issues.

**LOUIS BULL:** Five women's basketball teams met on the courts of the Peter Bull Memorial Centre last Dec. 11 weekend; one team from faraway British Columbia.

The Louis Bull sponsored tourney started out as a men's and women's competition but one of the organizers, Lorna Lenz, said they couldn't get any men's teams. She added that they wanted eight teams on either side and fell short there, too.

"Don't ask me why," said Lenz about the poor turnout. She did say that they are planning another tourney for maybe March with more advertising.

The team from Edmonton, sponsored by Barry T's night club won first place and \$500. The Browning, Montana team placed second and won \$300. The Port Simpson, B.C. team called Laxkw-alaams won third and \$200. Just out of the money were the Kennedy Oilfield team from Calgary. Finishing last was Hobbema Jazz.

Patti Bare of the Barry T team won the Miss Hustle award while teammate Sherry Knutsvig won the most valuable player award.

Here's the all-stars: Gail Bedard, Port Simpson — Colleen Buffalo, Hobbema — Mary Stone, Browning — Karen Kumish, Edmonton — Beth Lowe, Calgary.

**HOBHEMA HAWKS:** Watch for a new Sports Roundup feature called 'Meet The Hawks' starting next week. There's a lot of ace talent and intriguing individuals on the Alberta Junior Hockey League team, and we'll introduce you to some of them, one at a time.

**OVER THE PHONE:** Here's to all those people I've spoken to "over the phone" during the past year. I can honestly say that without your cooperation and comments there would be no Sports Roundup. So I hope you had a great Christmas and to those community correspondents and all the readers: Have a great New Year.

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# Sports

## Band will open golf course to counter low oil prices

By Dorothy Schreiber

The Enoch Indian band anticipates its golf course, scheduled to open in July next year, will inject \$100,000 annually into band coffers.

"We feel it's a fairly good investment," said Enoch Chief Howard Peacock.

The chief of one of Alberta's oil-producing bands said because of the drop in oil prices the project comes at a good time.

"I don't believe the oil prices will come up for a few years and this (golf course) will help our economy," said Peacock. The 18-hole professional golf course will also create employment opportunities for band members, he added.

Band employees were involved in seeding and brushing operations during the development of the course site and the golf course club house, still to be constructed, will offer employment opportunities

for band members.

Golf course manager Cec Armstrong says once the course is operating it will employ at least 15 people and money generated through the golf course will be channelled into other band economic development projects.

According to Armstrong there are only three public golf courses in the city of Edmonton. "All the rest are private and semi-private... there's a very great need," he said.

At present there are three Indian-owned golf courses in the province — Sarcee, Paul Band and Kainai.

Armstrong doesn't know how the Paul Band and Kainai course are doing but said the Sarcee course is "doing really well."

According to golf course superintendent for the city of Edmonton Joe Craven, "golf is way up there" in terms of marketing trends which gauge increases and decreases in active sports.

A quarter of a million rounds of golf were played last year in three municipal parks alone, he added.

Chief Peacock says people who live near Enoch are anxious to get out their golf clubs as courses in the surrounding communities of Spruce Grove and Devon are often difficult to book.

He cited the example of the Golden West course located just outside of St. Albert, that is "always booked and full on the weekends."

Peacock would not comment on building costs saying all the figures are not in yet, but added that there are future plans to build another 18 holes that are now only "in the talking stage."

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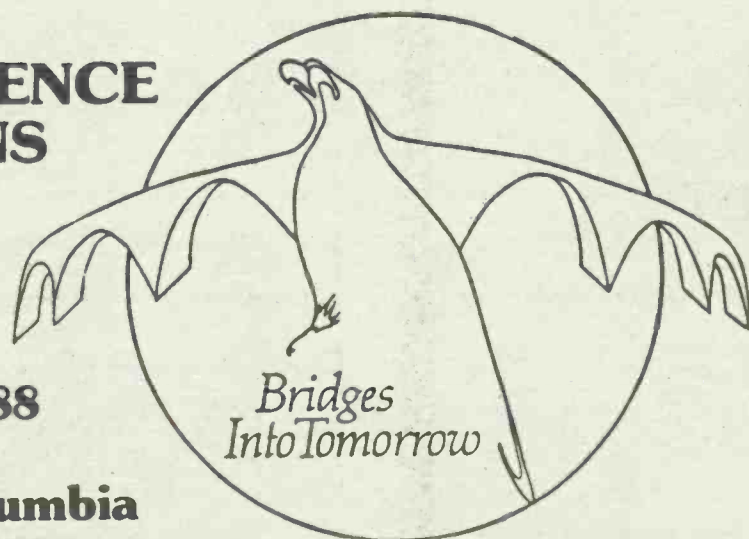
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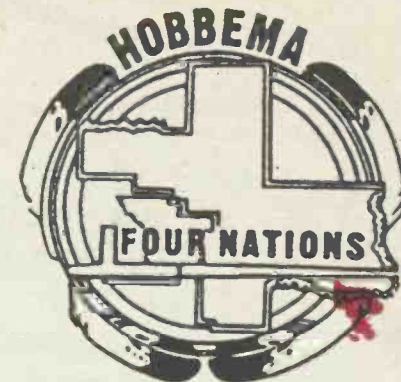
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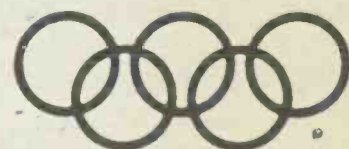
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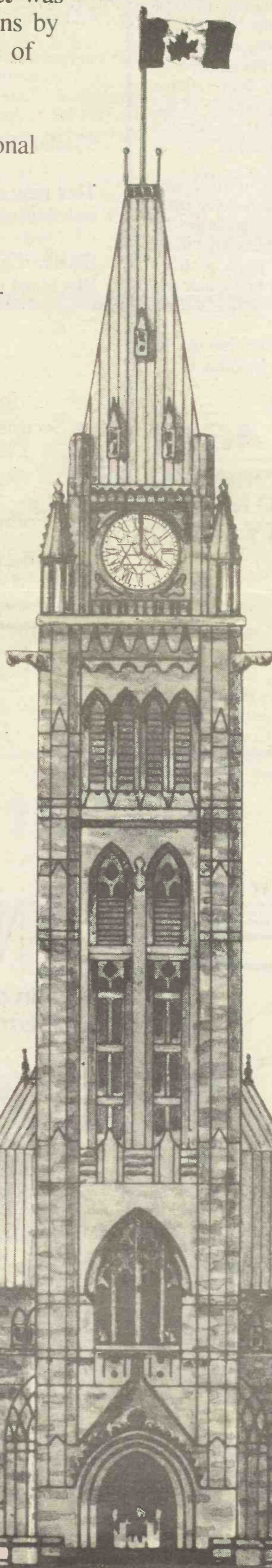
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