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Native leaders take action to re-open FMC talks

By Dianne Meili

Though the new year has hardly begun, progress already made toward entrenching the Native right to self-government within the Constitution is making up for 1987's dismal performance when the first ministers' conference ended in failure.

This week, Smokey Bruyere, head of the Native Council of Canada, said he and leaders from the other three national Aboriginal groups will meet Jan. 22 to discuss new strategies to place constitutional talks back on track. He indicated leaders will adopt techniques and lessons learned from observing the negotiations which led to the Meech Lake agreement that brought Quebec back into the Constitution.

The Meech Lake Accord recognized Quebec as a "distinct society" and Native leaders hope to present Canada's Native population similarly.

Georges Erasmus, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations; Jim Sinclair, Metis leader; John Amagoalik, a co-chairman of the Inuit constitutional negotiation group; and Bruyere, will meet to try to agree upon five principles important to the signing of a future constitutional amendment agreement.

According to Bruyere, the idea is to ensure concerns of all groups are met before sitting down at a first ministers' conference bargaining table. And, as in the Meech Lake negotiations, there will be two

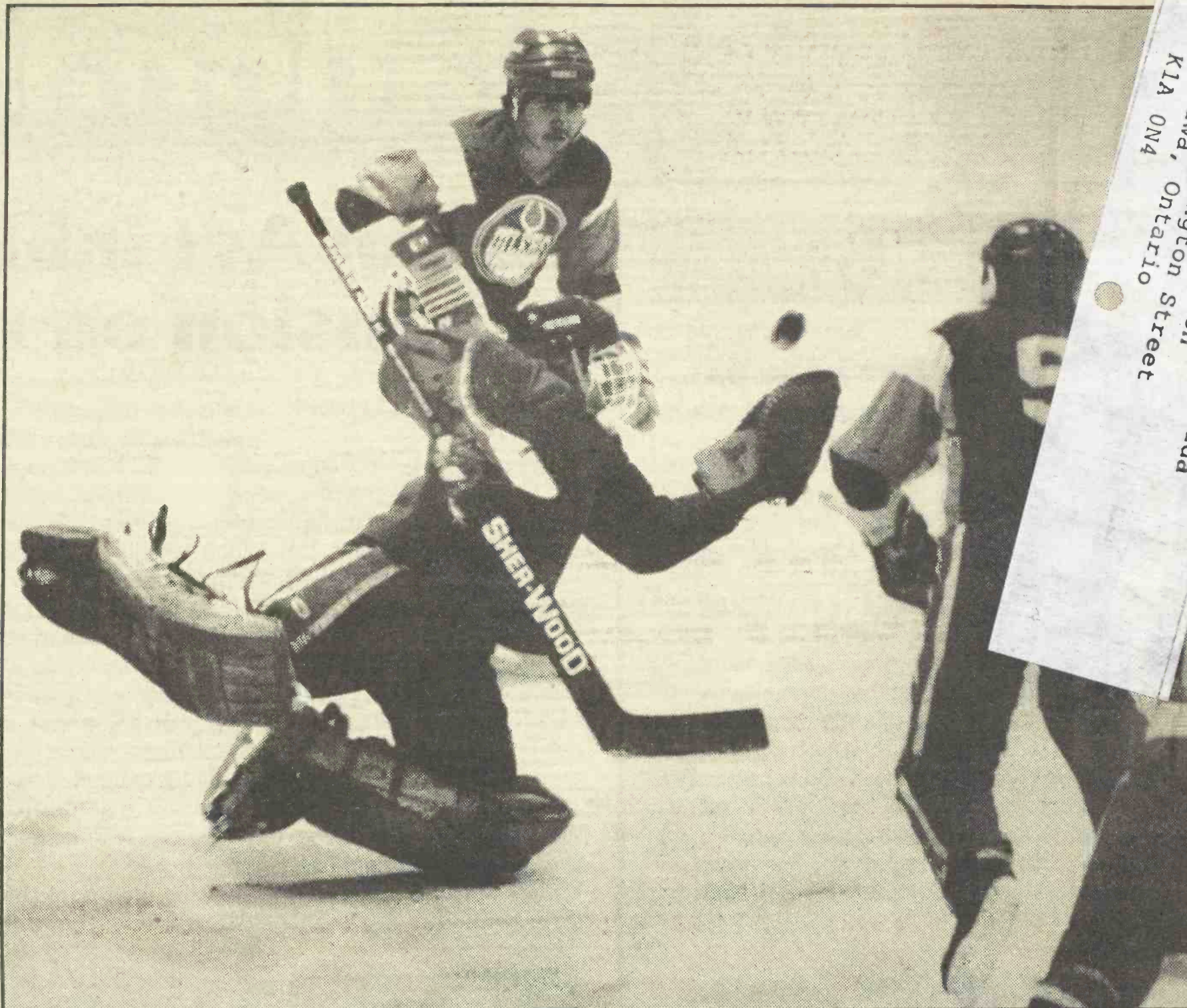
conferences — one to first ensure all parties agree on the principles on self-government, and another to "work out what these principles entail in terms of signing an amendment."

Leaders hope to reach an agreement in Ottawa next week concerning their requests for recognition of Aboriginal rights to self-government, constitutional entrenchment of the agreement, funding and resources to carry out self-government institution, jurisdiction involved in instituting self-government and provision for further constitutional reform on Aboriginal matters.

Georges Erasmus indicated he is anxious to begin preliminary meetings to encourage "serious momentum" toward a future first ministers' conference. If the Aboriginal leaders can agree upon a self-government proposal, they will next meet with Justice Minister Ramon Hnatyshyn, Indian Affairs minister Bill McKnight and Senator Lowell Murray, the minister of state for federal-provincial relations, Erasmus said.

The next step will involve "discussions with executives within our own organizations" followed by attempts to "bring provincial governments on our side," explained Bruyere. He predicts a major conference on Native rights will take place some time in 1990.

Erasmus, who met with federal officials in December, said he has seen "positive signs" that government is receptive to the idea of resuming self-government discussions.



OUT ON A LIMB

Hobbema Oilers goalie Darryl Kuntz takes a big risk and leaves the goal crease to catch this flying puck. Yes, he did make the save and he continued to

fight off the Enoch Tomahawks to see his team win the Enoch Hockey Classic last Jan. 9-10 weekend. See story on Page 12.

— PHOTO BY DIANNE MEILI

Status Indians charged

Elk kill renews debate

By Lesley Crossingham

The arrest of two Status Indian hunters charged with the killing of three elk on Highway 40 southwest of Calgary last week has sparked renewed debate on Treaty hunting rights.

Four people were charged after the entrails of three elk, two of which were pregnant, were found by a park ranger in the Mist Creek area, south of Peter Loughheed Provincial Park in Kananaskis Country.

Beverly Ann DeCock and Clarence McRee of Slave Lake each face six charges, including hunting during "closed" season, unauthorized entry and discharging a firearm from a primary highway. Two other people have also been charged with similar offences under the Wildlife Act. If found guilty, they could face a \$2,500 fine or a month in jail.

However, according to Wildlife officials, McRee

and Decock are general list status Indians and could be exempt from prosecution.

Local environment groups again renewed their call for an end to what they say is an "unrestricted slaughter" of wildlife by Treaty Indian people.

The Foundation for North American Big Game, an Alberta based hunting group, offered to pay the \$5,000 reward announced by Wildlife Minister LeRoy Fjorbotten and are working with Alberta Fish and Wildlife to patrol the area.

Fjorbotten also condemned the act saying the killings were a "barbaric" act and the quick arrests "should prove to be a strong warning" for anyone considering hunting elk in the region.

However, Indian Association officials feel once again the government and environmentalists are focusing on the wrong issue.

"They are ignoring the

real issue — wildlife management," says president Gregg Smith. "We submitted our proposal more than two years ago... and we have never received any response."

Smith says the association won't be directly involved in the case against the two Indian hunters, saying the two hunters are not members of a band. "We are not even sure if Treaty rights apply here as they received their rights through Bill C-31."

However, Smith and the association will be vigorously defending Treaty hunting rights, particularly if environmentalists persuade the provincial government to try to assert jurisdiction over Indian Treaty rights.

"We'll take it to the Supreme Court if necessary. Our rights are in the Constitution and many people don't seem to realize that."

Smith is also concerned over the recent media attention saying the "white press is trying to interpret our rights" yet does not bother to become informed.

"They are using the word 'slaughter.' There was no slaughter because four people (hunting and killing) three elk is reasonable."

Smith also pointed out that many pregnant animals slaughtered each year because it is impossible to tell if a doe is pregnant.

"Breeding takes place in the summer and hunting season comes just after that, so it is inevitable that

some pregnant animals will be killed."

Doris Ronnenberg, president of the Native Council of Canada (Alberta), agrees with Smith saying she has consulted with hunters who confirm that pregnant animals are killed every year.

Ronnenberg feels the whole issue has been blown out of proportion by people who do not understand the Native way of life.

"I understand the veal is newborn calves, yet that is accepted. Native people do not slaughter baby animals," she said.

Ronnenberg, whose organization represents non-Status and general list Indians, says the two people in question have not contacted her organization for help, but if called upon she will do all she can. "We have limited resources and to take this whole thing to court could be very expensive."

Ronnenberg would like to see Alberta's three Aboriginal groups get together and discuss what she says is an attack on Native hunting. However, Smith says he has no plans to meet. "But we will be monitoring the situation," he said.

All four charged will appear in a Canmore court Jan. 20 for a preliminary hearing. The judge will decide if the charges are valid and if there is enough evidence to proceed to trial.

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Father sues after baby put through airport X-ray scanner

TORONTO — Two-month-old Anna Sakakeep got a clean bill of health this week after she was sent through an airport X-ray scanner Jan. 3.

However, her parents are still angry and vow to sue those responsible for the error.

Bruce and Susan Sakakeep, of Big Trout Lake reserve near Thunder Bay, were travelling home when a Metrop Security officer at the Winnipeg airport insisted their tikiagan be scanned, although the couple repeatedly told officials their baby was inside.

Lawyers are trying to find out who is responsible for the incident and Sakakeep says he'll be seeking about \$3,000 in expenses over the mishap.

Transport minister John Crosbie has asked Air Canada and Metrop Security for reports on the incident.

Men in wolf suits arrested after protest over kill

VANCOUVER — The offices of Tourism B.C. in Los Angeles got some strange visitors this week — protesters dressed as wolves.

Three local residents protesting the B.C. government's wolf-kill program, dressed in fur wolf outfits complete with tails and ears, were arrested and charged with trespassing after they had handcuffed themselves to a display case and refused to leave.

Mayor apologizes for remarks aimed at Indians

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. — Mayor Bill Gilgan of Burns Lake has apologized to Native groups for comments he made about Native people.

Gilgan was criticized by Chief Ed John of the Carrier Sekani tribal council after the mayor made remarks about Indians having a history of starving before the arrival of Europeans and that Indians should be learning English rather than the Carrier language.

Collector unearths priceless hoard of Indian artifacts

BRANDFORD, Ont. — Bill Marshall's keen eyes have unearthed a priceless hoard of Indian artifacts and, even though he'll soon be 90, he doesn't need glasses.

Marshall says he can spot an arrowhead where most people wouldn't see anything at all.

Officials at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto say Marshall's 8,000 piece collection, which has been found along the banks of the Grand River, include some of the oldest Indian relics found in North America.

About 7,000 pieces of the collection are on display in the museum, while Marshall keeps about 1,000 at home for display at exhibitions.

The most valuable items found are a number of fluted spearheads which experts say are between 10,000 and 12,000 years old. They are thought to have been used for hunting caribou before bows and arrows were invented.

The collection also includes a stone doll's head, a turtle carved in stone and an assortment of bone tools, ornaments and utensils.

Traditional ceremonies inaugurate car testing track

The first car testing facility built in the United States by a Japanese company has opened on the Ad-Chin Indian reservation south of Phoenix.

Religious rituals performed by a Japanese Shinto priest and an American Indian opened the 10 km oval track last month, the first time the two religions had been celebrated together.

The track will be used by the Nissan Motor Corporation.

Indian Act inhibits business expansion on reserves

By Dorothy Schreiber

There must be a change in attitude by banks, government and Indian Bands if there is to be greater access to financing of businesses on reserve, says Steve Brandt, vice president of Business Development with Peace Hills Trust Company.

"The banking community has not been kind to the Indian people over the years," he told Indian leaders attending a two day conference on taxation and economic development issues.

Brandt covered Business on Alberta Reserve - The Financial Perspective, on the second day of the conference.

The guest speaker told the conference that historically and traditionally, banks have shied away from lending to Indians because of the "inhibiting nature" of Section 89.(1) of the Indian Act.

The section exempts real and personal property of an Indian or a band situated on reserve from being seized by anyone other than an Indian.

"Indian reserves are to most financial institutions a veritable no-man's land for lending because it is perceived that any assets held there as security are virtually useless," said Brandt.

One of the methods is for bands to change the status of portions land from reserve status to land surrender status. The head lease could then be used to assign to the bank as security for the duration of the lease.

However, he stated that most banks will not even consider a lease as having any real value unless it has at least a 45 year term.

The "least desirable" alternative for everyone concerned except for the banks is the Ministerial Guarantee said Brandt.

Under this arrangement the government guarantees to pay the loan in the event of a default.

But Brandt stated a lack of commitment of all parties in this type of loan situation is often a draw back.

"The recipient of the loan feels less obliged to pay the loan...the bank is not really interested in spending time with the business to advise or assist to make the business successful...and the government is not all that concerned because they provide for significant losses under the guarantee program and expect these loans to fail," said Brandt.

Brandt told the confer-

ence that difficulties of on reserve financing may change as bands look to "non-traditional and non-banking forms of financing" such as equity markets and bond markets.

Although raising capital through bond markets is difficult, Brandt said it has been tried and proven successful on some reserves in the United States where capital was needed to construct infra-structure on reserves for industrial parks.

In his closing remarks Brandt said that banks must respond to social changes to find the will and way to overcome minesets

that block access to bank lending.

"Believe me, the banks are getting rich on your money," he said.

He further stated that "the government must revolve outstanding land claims to infuse more capital into the Indian and Native markets and renew proposed legislative changes to the Indian Act which will enhance economic development."

He also encouraged Indian leaders to examine their own situation.

He said that reserves must stop pouring dollars into communities which border on reserve lands.

"For far too long, the Alberta Indian communities have fueled the non-Indian communities just outside reserve boundaries. This, too, will have to be seen as a tremendous waste of economic potential and somehow rechanneled back to reserves through local reserve-based businesses," said Brandt.

In conclusion Brandt added, "It is true that the rules of finance have been around for centuries in the time-honored tradition. Perhaps it is time to consider some new modifications so that the game can be played by everyone."

Drug abuse conference in B.C.

Although there are many alcohol treatment centres, aftercare for reformed alcoholics continues to be a critical component of the recovery process. Yet very few facilities exist.

A conference called *Bridges into Tomorrow* will be looking at this and other important issues connected with drug and chemical abuse Feb. 22 to 25 in the Motel Vancouver, Vancouver, B.C.

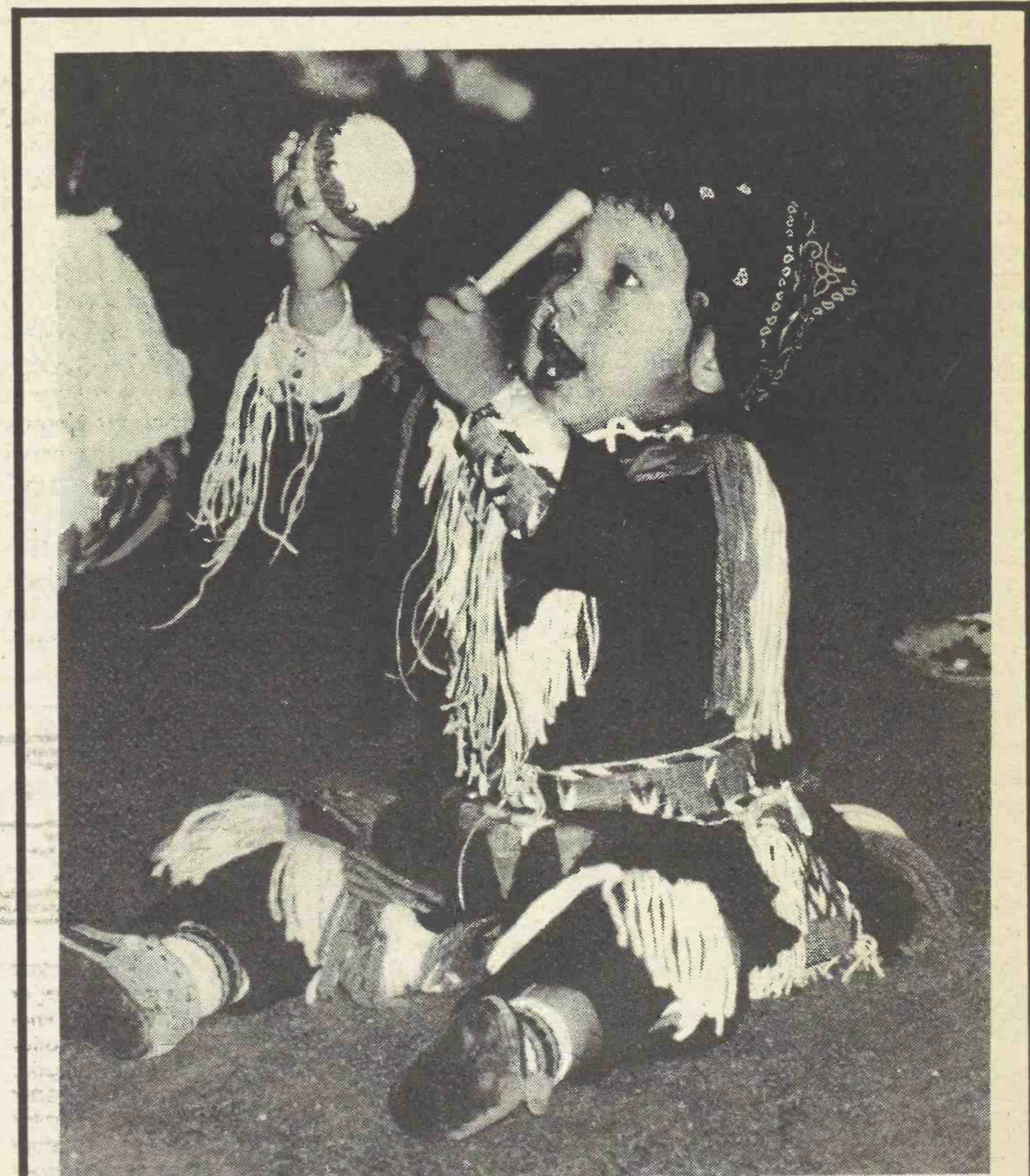
A series of information sessions have been organized to encourage networking and the sharing of experiences. Included in the sessions will be discussions on halfway houses, nutrition, addictions, AIDS and new breakthroughs in the treatment of chemical abuse.

During the third day workshops on the importance of culture and

traditional lifestyle will take place, including a session on Native spirituality.

The conference is being organized by the National Native Association of Treatment Directors based in Saskatoon and registration costs \$75 before Feb. 1 and \$100 after that time.

For further information contact the association at: P.O. Box 1882, Saskatoon, Sask., S7K 3S2 or telephone (306) 934-1646.



DRUMKEEPER

True to his name, Drumkeeper Deschamps, is captured at the Jan. 8 and 9 Ermieskin inaugural powwow, practising to one day be a powwow singer like his father. Drumkeeper is the son of Tina and Francis Green of Ma-Me-O Beach.

— PHOTO BY BERT CROWFOOT

Provincial

New jobs for settlement

By Dorothy Schreiber

A new heavy oil plant under construction on the Elizabeth settlement is not only boosting employment, but has drawn an influx of settlement applications from people hoping to take advantage of new opportunities.

Chairman Archie Collins says the AMOCO plant, scheduled to open in early spring, has already employed between 20 and 30 laborers and another 20 settlement members are training as fourth class power engineers.

"We're training our people and we have a master agreement signed with AMOCO which clearly states that we, as settlement people, have first crack at all the work," he said.

The unemployment rate on the settlement is about 40 to 45 per cent, estimates Collins. "It (the plant) has given the settlement quite a boost."

Community Development Corp., a settlement owned



ARCHIE COLLINS
...settlement chairman

company, is the major contractor for the construction phase of the plant.

However, news of the employment opportunities soon got around and now Collins has noticed a huge increase in the number of people applying to live on the settlement.

The settlement council receives as many as 15 new membership applications each month. However, due to limited housing and power resources, Collins says it will be a few years before the settlement can even consider taking any new residents.

Study dispels myths

By Lesley Crossingham

A new study undertaken by the Rondor Academy has uncovered interesting new data about Native students that blows old misconceptions and stereotypes out of the water.

Because of the diversity of students at the college located in Edmonton's downtown area, the school has an ideal opportunity to closely study many "disadvantaged" students such as women, disabled people, Native people and long-time welfare recipients.

Many employers are often reluctant to hire people from these so-called 'high risk' categories because they feel they will be unreliable. These categories also include people in their 40s and older, and people with very young children.

However, executive director Dorothy Nadeau has completed a study of these preconceptions for her doctorate thesis in higher education for the University of Alberta.

In her study Nadeau found that Native people actually beat out non-Native people in several categories, particularly in drop out rates. Nadeau found in her survey that 21.1 per cent of dropouts were Native, whereas 31.9 per cent were non-Native. Only when there was no daycare assistance was

there any significant difference.

In most other categories Nadeau found that Native people received the same results as non-Native people. Interestingly, Nadeau found that, although older Native students initially expressed fear over their ability to learn, after overcoming these negative barriers they were able to succeed equally as well as their younger counterparts.

About one-third of the students who attend the Rondor Academy are Native and Nadeau has been able to study Native students who work alongside non-Native students.

"The Native students are just great," she says. "We have some brilliant Native women. They are strong, they are willing to learn and they are always cheerful."

And, she says, it is important that Native women begin to realize they are capable of high achievement and success despite poor training or inadequate education.

"You can start at any time," she says. "We have women in their 40s, 50s and even 60s who have returned to school and are now doing very well. But you have to have the confidence to start."

The school holds courses in job readiness as well as training in business and office equipment. It is located at 10105 - 109 Street in Edmonton.

Ottawa approves most codes

By D. Schreiber

The majority of band membership codes submitted by Alberta Indians have been approved by Ottawa says Edmonton's Indian Affairs regional office.

Perry Bennett, membership director, says out of 36 Alberta bands who submitted membership codes, 29 have been approved, four are under review and three have been rejected. There are 42 reserves in the province.

Michel D'Avignon the Director of Membership and Entitlement in Ottawa says when reviewing membership codes the department is checking for two provisions. Membership codes must be approved by a majority of the band members and must respect acquired rights of persons who are registered Indians.

Under the acquired rights provision Indian bands must guarantee that they will not remove anyone from the band list who is already registered nor place additional membership conditions on registered band members.

D'Avignon says the band membership codes of Kehewin and Beaver Lake bands were rejected because "their membership rules did not respect acquired rights."

Ottawa manager of policy, liaison and training, Jim Allen said the bands had placed additional conditions on registered members. The band membership code "implied" that the band could vote on registered members, Allen says.

"That's saying maybe a person with acquired rights will get membership provided they get voted in," said Allen.

D'Avignon says the bands have been advised by the minister that its membership codes have not been accepted.

Chief Gordon Gadwa of the Kehewin band said the part of the Kehewin membership code rejected by the government deals with the women who have been reinstated under Bill C-31.

Bill C-31 was enacted to end discrimination under the Indian Act and to return status to Indian women (and their children) who had lost their status through marriage to non-Indians.

"We're saying they (Bill C-31 women) have to apply and if band members accept them then that's it," said Gadwa. He further stated that whether or not the women are accepted would be determined by a "vote in a band meeting."

However he said if a woman married out and was now divorced the band would not oppose her returning to the reserve but if a woman "wants to bring a non-Native to live on the reserve then the band would have an objection."

Gadwa stated that under the Indian Act membership is determined by band council consent. "They (government) never had our consent" to bring in members automatically, he said.

The Kehewin band membership code was approved by band members in a workshop and at a general membership meeting by a majority of band members.

Asked if the Kehewin band would re-submit its membership code to the federal government Chief Gadwa said "We want to keep our stand" and added the band had drawn up its own membership code prior to the enactment of Bill C-31.

Chief Al Lameman of the Beaver Lake Band says his band is not asking the government for its acceptance on band membership but did submit its code to inform the government of

band law dealing with membership.

"It's a law that suits the people at the grassroots level...it's their reserve" said Lameman.

He added that the band views itself as sovereign -- "we didn't give up the right to determine our membership," he said.

The chief and council has passed a band council resolution which states that all matters related to citizenship are "the inherent right and responsibility" of the Beaver Lake chief, council and band members.

The Beaver Lake chief said the people on his reserve have totally rejected Bill C-31 "but in the band membership criteria they

(Bill C-31 women) might qualify according to our law."

D'Avignon said the Dene Tha membership code was not accepted because the band failed to have the code passed by a majority of electors.

Bands across the country began submitting membership codes two years ago after Bill C-31 was enacted. They were given two years to submit codes defining their membership or membership would be defined under federal policy.

The two years ended in June of 1987, but Bennett says bands can still submit membership codes.

Provincial Briefs

Group calls for public hearing on Oldman River dam

CALGARY — The Friends of the Oldman River are again seeking a court ruling on a decision of the Energy Resources Conservation Board and are calling for a public hearing on the controversial dam.

Last month, the board decided the dam is not a hydroelectric project (to export power to the United States) but groups opposing the project say the decision was made without public input.

The Friends won a court decision in December when the province was found to have issued permits for dam construction without following proper procedures.

Artifact exhibition opened against backdrop of protests

CALGARY — The Spirit Sings exhibition of Native artifacts were opened by External Affairs minister Joe Clark against a backdrop of protest over the outstanding land claim of the Lubicon Lake Indian band.

The exhibition is the largest display of ancient Indian artifacts ever and is being sponsored by Shell Canada who donated \$1.6 million.

Protesters from the Committee Against Racism and Aboriginal leaders attended the opening ceremonies.

Fort Chip women wins battle with social services

A Fort Chipewyan woman has won her battle with Alberta social services to use her \$2,715 land claim settlement to advance her Grade 8 education.

Rachel Tourangeau was prevented from drawing social assistance about a year ago, but now a Court of Queen's Bench has ruled that social services made a mistake.

In his ruling, Justice William Girgulis called social services' action "unreasonable."

Province offers reward for 'barbaric' act

The province is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the hunter who killed three elk along Kananaskis Highway 40 Jan. 4.

The slaughter has enraged environmentalists and Wildlife Minister LeRoy Fjordbotten who announced the reward and called for public assistance.

He denounced the killing as a barbaric act and a flagrant abuse of wildlife laws.

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Community

Radio techniques demystified for northern communities

By Mark McCallum

Residents of three remote northern communities had the opportunity to witness a live radio broadcast almost in their own backyards recently.

Disc jockeys from the Native Perspective radio broadcasting network travelled to Assumption, Fort Vermilion and Wabasca in early January, to "demystify" radio and give residents a chance to be DJ's.

By broadcasting live from each of these communities, Native Perspective DJ (and radio director) Ray Fox showed residents that working in the DJ's booth is not as difficult as many people think. After each of the broadcasts, which went out live to the rest of the province, members of the community were given the opportunity to put on the headphones and try their hand at spinning a few records.

An Assumption resident who occupied the spot behind the DJ's booth, Alexis Mercredi, said, "To be honest at first I thought 'Oh my God, look at all of those buttons!' But, it's not hard at all." Although the broadcast did not air on any radio stations, Mercredi "really enjoyed it."

Residents from Assumption, Fort Vermilion and Wabasca have all displayed interest in starting and operating their own community radio stations. And, if all goes as planned, they may soon be able to tune into their own station for the latest news and weather reports.

Through the Aboriginal Multi-Media Society of Alberta (AMMSA), the Native Perspective has offered to help these communities establish radio stations but, first the community must respond and show its support for the project, explained AMMSA general manager Bert Crowfoot, during an interview from Assumption.

"The opportunity is there if the community wants it, but the work has to be done by them," stressed Crowfoot, noting that studio radio equipment has been made available through Secretary of State funding.

Crowfoot noted they have already helped set up a community radio station at Lac La Biche, establishing the pilot project last year in August. And, station CFWE has continued to operate because of the efforts of volunteers from the community, he added.

The communities that



JOHNNY STEWART
 ...drums a song for radio listeners

the Native Perspective visited are at different stages of development and are each trying to establish community radio by using different methods. At Assumption, the radio station will be funded and operated by the Dene Tha' band on the reserve. On the other hand, the different ethnic groups at Fort Vermilion want to make the radio station a community project. "They have a lot of willing people who are putting time and effort into it," said Crowfoot, who was

impressed with Fort Vermilion resident's show of enthusiasm and interest after a live broadcast aired from the community.

And, the Metis and Treaty community of Wabasca pulled together and formed a group for the project called the Wabasca Broadcasting Society. Society president Ray Yellowknee said, "We're pretty committed to getting a station here."

Yellowknee says the community could benefit from radio because it "has a

lot of information about the history of Wabasca. It would help make people here aware of what this place and their Elders were like years ago."

Crowfoot concluded, "there are many different reasons for wanting a radio station. But, what it all boils down to is the community involvement. If they're willing to put the energy into it, we're here to help them."

For more information about community radio, call AMMSA at 455-2700.

Radio moves into communities

By Mark McCallum

Remote northern communities, isolated from friends and media, now have the opportunity to set up their own radio station and keep up with the latest local news.

Joan Hinz is a community animator for the Native Perspective radio broadcasting network and works with communities interested in establishing their own radio stations.

Hinz says radio can benefit almost anyone and broadcasts can be aimed at any group.

Local businesses can gain from radio marketing because they can advertise to a "target audience."

For example, if a business person wanted to sell hockey sticks, an advertisement could be placed in a time slot during a hockey game "because we know most of the audience will be hockey fans."

Hinz adds that community radio also has other

attractions such as "radio bingo" which is being tested at a Lac La Biche community radio station.

The Lac La Biche station is the first project established by the Native Perspective, an independent department of the AMMSA. The Native Perspective trains radio personnel destined to go on to help communities form their own radio stations.

The Native Perspective is currently assisting three communities in the beginning stages of setting up their own radio stations. The communities are Assumption, Fort Vermilion and Wabasca.

Fort Vermilion Native Bridget Cardinal is receiving training at the Native Perspective and plans to use what she learns to establish and maintain a radio station in her home town.

"It will be a big plus for people that live outside of town like trappers and farmers because we can

send them messages in an emergency situation such as a weather warning."

Hinz explains that the stations can send radio signals to a 25 mile radius, but adds that the distance can be lengthened by selecting a good location to set up the station. At Lac La Biche, for example, the station is located on a lake that "seems to carry radio signals farther."

Hinz is currently working on a manual to show communities the basic steps needed to set up a station. "But, before anything can be done, the community must decide if they are willing to put in some hard work," she says, explaining that a community radio station needs volunteer help to be successful. Although very few community radio stations can afford to have paid employees "it's a good opportunity for people to get training and experience in the communications field."



DROPPIN IN

By Mark McCallum

I braved freezing temperatures and felt warm welcomes from people in the Peace River country, despite a fire alarm and cement meatballs that kept me jumping from Assumption to Fort Vermilion to Wabasca/Desmarais.

When I first set course for these communities in early January, accompanying disc jockeys from the Native Perspective radio broadcasting crew, there was no way I could prepare myself for the surprises that lay ahead. **ASSUMPTION:** The first day was uneventful. But, I did learn a few things from Native Perspective DJ Ray Fox, who showed members of the Dene Tha' band at the Assumption band office how easy it is to operate a radio station. Fox demonstrated the basics of community radio broadcasting at three remote communities, to "de-mystify" broadcasting and show residents the fun side of radio. From each of the communities, Fox broadcasted live, sending radio signals to the rest of the province on the Native Perspective.

Through the Aboriginal Multi-Media Society of Alberta (AMMSA), the communities have the opportunity to start their own community radio stations.

FORT VERMILION: I didn't start getting jumpy until the next day when we reached Fort Vermilion. It took about a half an hour to unload the radio equipment at the community cultural complex and just seven minutes to reload it after a fire alarm began wailing an unexpected warning. Fortunately, a volunteer fire squad that was on the scene in less than ten minutes located the cause for alarm. "Just a burned out furnace motor," said one firefighter, noting that the situation was under control before any flames erupted.

Before the close-call chased everyone outdoors, some residents in attendance were interviewed by "the fox" and got a chance to say hello to their neighbors around the province. Residents also got some hands on experience with the radio equipment. They seemed to be in awe of the buttons, wires and speakers that surround the DJ's seat behind the microphone and turn table, but those who tried quickly learned it wasn't any more difficult than spinning records at home.

WABASCA/DESMARAIS: Before I knew it, my trip across the frozen north country was almost coming to an end. I watched Wabasca residents huddle around

Radio fans get lessons from disc jockeys

the makeshift DJ's booth at the post office and listened to one citizen throw his support behind community radio. Ray Yellowknee reasoned that such a communication device would benefit the area because it could help relay information to the scattered and remote community.

Although it was difficult to stomach the thought of food, following the complete destruction of a grouse that was splatted against our windshield by my lead-foot co-driver Bert Crowfoot (AMMSA general manager), my tummy growled and finally gave in. We pulled into a cafe at Wabasca and I ordered lasagna and meatballs. I don't know what was in the meatballs, but I was unable to puncture them with a fork or cut them with a knife. A friendly passer-by offered me the use of his chain saw. Declining the neighborly gesture, I said the meal would probably weigh me down and be hard to digest.

I let Bert drive hoping that his hunting skills behind the wheel would not change. Somehow, the thought of a dead animal plastered against the road with tire tracks on it didn't seem like a bad idea now.

I was out of luck. Bert didn't come close to even one near fatality so I ended up having to munch on Old Dutch chips, and my mind wandered back to Fort Vermilion, to My Place. That's the name of a restaurant that claims to serve the best cheese cake and apple pie



BERT CROWFOOT - Windspeaker

BRIDGET CARDINAL, RAY FOX and JOAN LINZ — take a lesson from an expert.

for miles around. A statement that I can't argue against (and try the home-made soup if you're ever in that neck of muskeg country).

That's it for now, but I'm going to be here between these pages again next week so don't forget to drop in.

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'Year of the Dragon' signals change in fortune

All over the world people are marking 1988 as a year of change. According to the ancient Aztecs and some Hopi legends, this year is the dawn of a new world. After Feb. 16 — Chinese new year — it will be the year of the dragon — the greatest celestial power, as well as the luckiest.

It appears we are also turning a corner in the Native world. Last year was dark and depressing for many Aboriginal people; the first ministers' conference failed miserably, followed by months of gloom as people tried to find a new direction. This was followed by the Meech Lake Accord which saw Quebec reap the rewards of a struggle for recognition for a unique place in Canadian society. In contrast, Aboriginal people were left out in the cold.

But this week we hear the first ministers' process may re-open. Our leaders appear to feel reasonably confident that they can rejuvenate the whole process of entrenching Aboriginal self-government in the Constitution.

This is indeed good news, particularly as it comes on the heels of the first Aboriginal language conference organized by the Assembly

Editorial

of First Nations.

It is hardly a coincidence that the language conference takes place Jan. 17, 18 and 19 and that Aboriginal leaders will be meeting to discuss the constitutional process on Jan. 20.

Many people recognize that Aboriginal language and self-government are part of the same goal. The Quebec situation has clearly shown that language and cultural identity are essential for a unique and distinct society. Otherwise, why would Quebec society, or any other society, require special rights?

Taking their cue from the Quebec government, Aboriginal leaders are taking steps toward actively encouraging the retention and cultivation of the many indigenous languages.

With language comes traditional culture,

values, and most importantly, identity. Fully establishing this identity will inevitably lead to constitutional recognition, our leaders feel.

This is a goal we all share. But with this goal comes our responsibility of making it all happen. Every time you talk to your children in your language, even if you know only one or two words, you are encouraging and stimulating their interest in their heritage.

In this way, we can all do our share to pass on our heritage to the following generations. Let 1988 be a turning point for all of us, a year when we can say real change began to happen.

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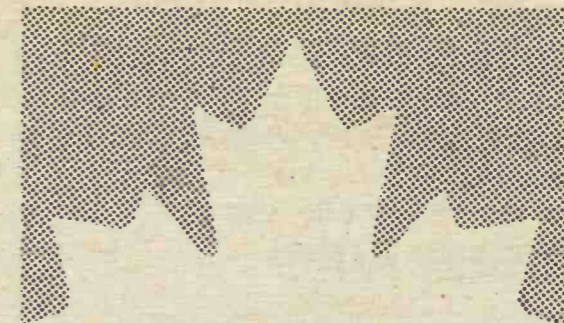
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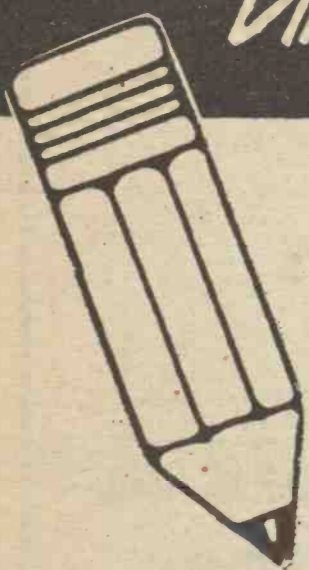


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Opinion

Society prez stresses strength in unity

Prisoner pleas for Peltier

Dear Editor:

Tansi! I hope to find you in good health and strong spirits! This message from my heart is a plea for unity among our people. A brother Leonard Peltier, one of the leaders of AIM, American Indian Movement, needs our support. He has been treated unfairly by the justice system and by the corrections system. Because false evidence was given against him, Leonard was extradited to the US, railroaded through the courts and given two life sentences, but it was not for any crime. He was fighting for his people, for our way of life, because he loves his people, his ancestors, and our way of life. He has spent over 13 years of his life in prison and is now 42 years old. He is currently in Leavenworth Penitentiary where he has been abused by correction officials by not treating his eyesight problem, and when Soviet Union doctors prescribed treatment and medication, it was denied by U.S. doctors because they say they do not know of the drug.

There are 20 million signatures on petitions; as week, 55 Congressmen, 60 Canadian MPs, 74 International Church Groups, Amnesty International, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Desmond Tutu, the Assembly of First Nations, and four Nobel Prize winners support Leonard's freedom. There have been many people working with Leonard Peltier Support Groups and the Leonard Peltier Defence Council

since Leonard has been placed in the Iron House. Their dedication has brought awareness to the people of the injustices against our people.

Leonard's case has been brought a lot out in the open, but I ask you for your unity and support -- Leonard and the people need it. Make Leonard's and the people's struggle your struggle. Our ancestors showed us what unity means, what strength comes from unity, and the love that comes from the unity and being proud of you, your ancestors, and your way of life. If we lose that pride, we are losing ourselves and our children to another race of people's way of life. Can we be proud of this? I ask you to bring back our unity, to be a Proud first nation among all red nations, to give this to

our children. It is up to you, our future is in your hands, the people's hands. Leonard's appeal for a new trial has been turned down by the U.S. Supreme Court, and he needs our support now more than ever.

Any comments or support letters for Leonard, please send to: Warriors Society of Canada, 1837 Atkinson Street, Regina, Saskatchewan, S4N 3W4, c/o President, Executive Council, Larry Carlston, or to Larry Carlston, Springhill Institution P.O. Box 2140 Springhill, N.S. BOM IXO. Letters may also be sent to: Leonard Peltier Support Group, 43 Chandler Drive, Scarborough, Ontario, M1G 1Z1.

**Larry Carlston
President,
Warriors Society
of Canada**

Lubicon cheered on

Dear Editor:

Too many of our so-called Indian people have taken a negative stand on the Lubicon tribe. How many years now has this chief been fighting for what is rightfully his? His people are living in poverty, sickness, poor housing, no land, and yet as Indian people, we have the nerve to say he shouldn't be doing this to the Olympics.

The Olympics is a world sporting event, and for the chief to draw worldwide attention, he has to be in a place like this. For the few of us nickle Indians involved

in this sporting event, it wouldn't hurt us to give them a letter of support, because with them it is not a sporting event, it is life.

Perhaps we should take a tour of their homes and their land and see for ourselves all the oil rigs going out there at their back doors, maybe then we could wonder if it is fair.

I have great admiration for Chief Bernard Ominyak, for his belief, and his courage to stand up for his people. We are Aboriginal people and the rest are Canadians.

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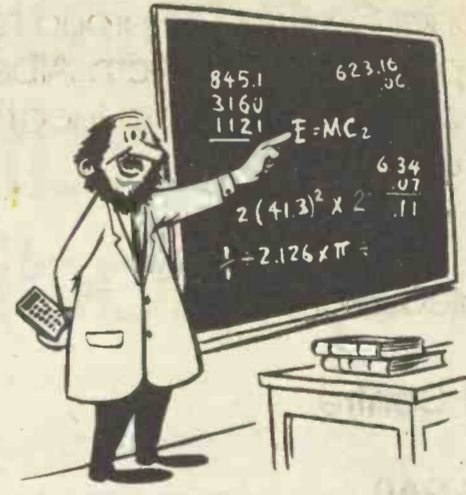
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Education

Adults overcome trauma of going back to school

By Lesley Crossingham

Returning to school after years on the welfare roll is hard for anyone, but for five Native women who moved away from familiar roles as housewife and mother to the fast pace of an Edmonton college, the experience was, at first, traumatic.

During a coffee break at the Rondo Academy in Edmonton students May Grant, Margaret Rieger, Muriel Whiteman, Corrine Desjarlais, and Diane Brooks shared their fears and newly found triumphs. Although initially they felt nervous and unsure of themselves, the five now have the confidence and skills to achieve anything.

"I was so nervous," smiles Margaret Rieger, a non-Status Indian from High Prairie, recounting her first steps away from housework and childcare. "I had no confidence...I didn't think I could do anything." Her children were "all grown-up" and she felt trapped.

"I just got tired of sitting around at home. I needed a decent wage and I didn't get

that by waitressing."

Rieger would eventually like to work with the parole board as a receptionist, although she admits she won't discount further schooling either.

Muriel Whiteman, a Treaty Indian from Standing Buffalo, Sask., says she found herself in a similar predicament and felt trapped on the welfare roll.

But after a few weeks at Rondor she now says she feels confident enough to take on further schooling and will be enrolling in the Native Studies faculty at the University of Alberta next fall.

Corrine Desjarlais, a non-Status Indian from Regina, says Rondor has turned her whole life around because she did not have the self-esteem to take on new or difficult tasks. Now Desjarlais is seriously considering a career in computer science.

Diane Brooks, a Metis from Rocky Mountain House, is also interested in computer science, but feels word processing would be an ideal occupation. However, as a fluent Cree speaker Brooks is also



LESLEY CROSSINGHAM, Windspeaker

(L to R) — DIANE BROOKS, MAY GRANT, MARGARET REIGER, MURIEL WHITEMAN, and CORRINE DESJARLAIS — now have the confidence to achieve anything.

considering court work as a translator.

May Grant, a Treaty Indian from Wadena, Sask., is anticipating a career in creative flower design. She would eventually like to own her own floral business.

These women are typical of the students enrolled at Rondor, says executive director Dorothy Nadeau.

"They come here with no confidence, low self-esteem and often, poor education.

Some of them are even afraid to walk in the door. We had one lady we had to coax off the elevator because she was so afraid," says Nadeau.

The Rondor Academy runs a Canadian Jobs Strategy program funded by the provincial and federal governments. The program is designed to ready welfare recipients for the work force as well as teach basic skills.

These programs build

confidence and self-esteem notes Nadeau, but more importantly allow students to explore their own potential.

"Our students begin to learn they can do anything," says Nadeau. "They just need the will and determination to succeed."

Nadeau has seen students blossom from fearful, tense and shy women to articulate, motivated, professional businesswoman in a matter of weeks.

"We have had women here who say they are retarded, but after our counselling and testing, we have found that, in fact, they are above average... they haven't been taught the skills they need."

And because students are paid an allowance for clothing and a daycare, many mature individuals with young children can participate.

"Many women say they fear the time when their children are grown-up and they are on single-allowance welfare. Some say they are afraid they will become 'bag-ladies' so they are really working hard to get back into the work force."

The Rondor Academy is located in downtown Edmonton and has been in operation for two years. Students who wish to take advantage of the Canadian Job Strategy program must fall into one of the disadvantaged groups: women, disabled, or Native and currently be drawing welfare.

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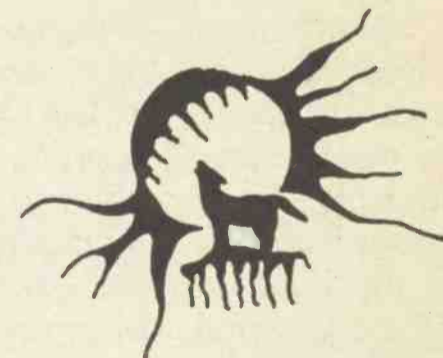
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Community Vocational Centres Locals make decisions

By Dianne Meili

Kinuso's Darlene Nadeau, a former Community Vocational Centre (CVC) student, is a perfect example of a graduate whose life changed after enrolling in the centre's academic upgrading courses.

The 32-year-old mother, who originally quit school when she was 15, now holds a bachelor of arts and works as an education consultant for the Slave Lake CVC. She plans on

working for the CVC for another few years to learn more about the education system, and then enroll in the University of Victoria's master of psychology course.

"Eventually, I hope to have my own business in educational psychology," says Nadeau. In her work with the CVC she has noticed the tests given to people in Alberta to measure their educational needs are generally geared toward "middle class, non-Natives." She would eventually like to devise new tests and

programs tailored to northern Native people.

"They're devising their own education programs down south on the Blood reserve. Up here in the north, we still have a lot of work to do to catch up with them."

Encouraging students like Darlene Nadeau to be "publically productive and privately happy" is the philosophy behind Alberta Vocational Centres, according to president Carl Gongos.

One way to do that is to educate or train them to make a contribution to society in a variety of manners. And, they should be able to gain that education or training "easily" and without the stress of having to go into a big city. They should also have a say as to what the courses they take consist of.

Community Vocational Centres give northern students within the boundaries of Improvement District No. 17, bounded by East Prairie, Peerless Lake, Calling Lake and Swan Hills, all of the above. The centres are unique from other continuing education institutions because they work with Community Education Committees, made up of local people in each CVC community. These groups advise Carl Gongos on what their educational and training needs are, make student and staff selections and help to manage local CVC's.

"We become more valid when we do what the communities ask us to do," explains Gongos, so every month between 12 and 20 community representatives meet to discuss their individual needs and directions they'd like to see CVC programs take.

CVC programs are also designed to nurture students. The academic upgrading courses, the most popular CVC programs, are the first rung for someone hoping to climb the career ladder. "We instill confidence and help the inhibited person begin to help him or herself. We enable them to compete in the job market," explains Gongos.

Adults who are functionally illiterate, and perhaps ashamed of this deficiency, are taught in a non-threatening environment. They are assigned a tutor who works one-to-one with them to gain these skills, explains Gongos.

Social work, band administration, teacher education, secretarial sciences, nursing assistant and cooking programs are other examples of CVC training courses that are putting people into the work force, Steinen concludes.

For more information about a CVC near you, call the Slave Lake central office at 849-7160.

AVC creates courses to suit individual community needs

By Dorothy Schreiber

Native people in northern Alberta have access to special adult education programs which cater to the unique needs of their communities.

The Alberta Vocational Centres of Lac La Biche and Grouard serve both Natives and non-Natives, but the director of student services for AVC Lac La Biche Ed Behnke, says "we figure our responsibility is to the Native community."

Since the centre opened its doors in 1973 Behnke says they have worked with every Native community in the northeast region including four Metis settlements and eight reserves.

Five community liaison officers are responsible for maintaining contact with people in the surrounding area to keep on top of the needs of the communities.

"We haven't been sitting back waiting for the phone to ring we've been going out," Behnke says.

One of the centres major community projects is a 34-week training program for third and fourth class power engineers which started this fall on Elizabeth settlement, about 300 km northeast of Edmonton.

The program which is set up in conjunction with AMOCO Canada Ltd., the settlement, Canada Employment and Immigration is training about 20 settlement members to work in heavy oil plant operations.

AMOCO is currently building a heavy oil plant on Elizabeth settlement scheduled to open in May.

The training program is an example of how the centre responds to the specific needs of a community, says Behnke.

"It wasn't anything we invented or thought up. It's them (communities) coming to us saying we think this is good for us and would you help us in our area? I think that's a bit of a change around from many of the things that go on in

education in general."

Director of Trades and Technical programs, Denis Menard says once students have completed the program they will hold fourth class power engineering certificates, "which are in high demand."

"Just about everybody needs to have fourth class engineering," said Menard, to do anything in the operation of a heavy oil plant.

In the Peace River Region, AVC Grouard registrar Glenna Anderson says close to 80 per cent of their clients are Native and as with AVC Lac La Biche they have been able to respond to the educational needs of the community.

Anderson says "one of the really big successful programs" was a four year journeyman carpentry program set up at the request of the Metis settlements and Settlement Sooniyaw Corporation.

"I was really proud of that," said Anderson, "and now most of those guys have really good jobs in their communities."

With the growing movement towards local government in the Native community Anderson says the centre has developed programs which compliment the trend.

"The social services worker program falls into that category," she said.

The two year program offered by the centre is purchased from Edmonton's Grant MacEwan College and students are currently in the second year of the course.

The centre also offers academic upgrading, pre-employment trades training, health care programs, technical services, and Native cultural arts.

For more information on AVC Grouard and Lac La Biche contact: AVC Grouard, Mission Street, Grouard, Alberta T0G 1C0 - phone 751-3915; AVC Lac La Biche, Box 417, Lac La Biche, Alberta T0A 2C0 - phone 623-5551.



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POWWOW

On the powwow trail

Ermineskin celebrates council election

By Luke Warm Water

Have you ever gotten the feeling someone's trying to put one over on you? I was just asked to rewrite a story about the Ermineskin inauguration powwow in a column style so that I could give more "atmosphere and personal feelings" about my involvement in powwow.

Well, I saw right through the editor's little plan and know the real reason why I was asked to rewrite. The first story was so bad that maybe a different approach might improve it. Well, here goes...

I used to be a real powwow fanatic, travelling the circuit and shaking a leg with the best of them. I lost interest and it was only in the last couple of years that I have given some serious consideration toward getting involved again.

However, there are a few items that I have to take into account before I strut my stuff. It was about 80 pounds ago that I decided

to retire my moccasins and have since given most of my outfit away. For me to get going again would put a serious dent in the eagle and deer populations.

You know you're too old or overweight to fancy dance when the drums stop and your feet do, but the rest of you doesn't. When you shake dance in the Crow hop, you really shake. Those are the few small things postponing my return.

Anyway, back to the original purpose of this rewrite, and that is to let you know what happened at the powwow in Hobbema last Jan. 8 and 9.

Every January the Ermineskin band holds an inauguration powwow to celebrate the election of its new chief and council. This year the honor went to Chief Ed Littlechild and councillors, Laurence Wildcat, Art Littlechild, Gordon Lee and Laurence Rattlesnake.

This powwow is one of the few that are held in the

traditional way where there are no dance competitions. Friends and relatives get together with the Ermineskin band to celebrate the elections. The band shows its appreciation by having a give-away and paying the dancers a small honorarium to help cover expenses.

Organizers Rose Makinaw and Maurice Wolfe were pleasantly surprised because the turnout of more than 330 dancers, 18 drums and five round dance groups far exceeded last year's turnout.

Non-competitive powwows usually don't draw that many people, but because the powwow was held in January when there are not that many other powwows, the people come out from all over Alberta, Saskatchewan and Montana.

It's been a few months since the powwow season ended and dancers just wanted to stretch their legs and start to work away those pounds put on over the Christmas season.



BERT CROWFOOT - Windspeaker

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It's also a time to show off their new outfits, practise those new songs or even try a few new snagging lines they picked up over the winter.

Whatever the reason, people relaxed and enjoyed themselves visiting and celebrating with the Ermineskin band. Who knows, I may just dust off my bells, put on my 24-hour heavy duty girdle and try to squeeze into what's left of my outfit.

Maybe I'll even try out those top secret moves I used to do so many years ago. If I do decide to come out of retirement, don't laugh, just pass the oxygen.



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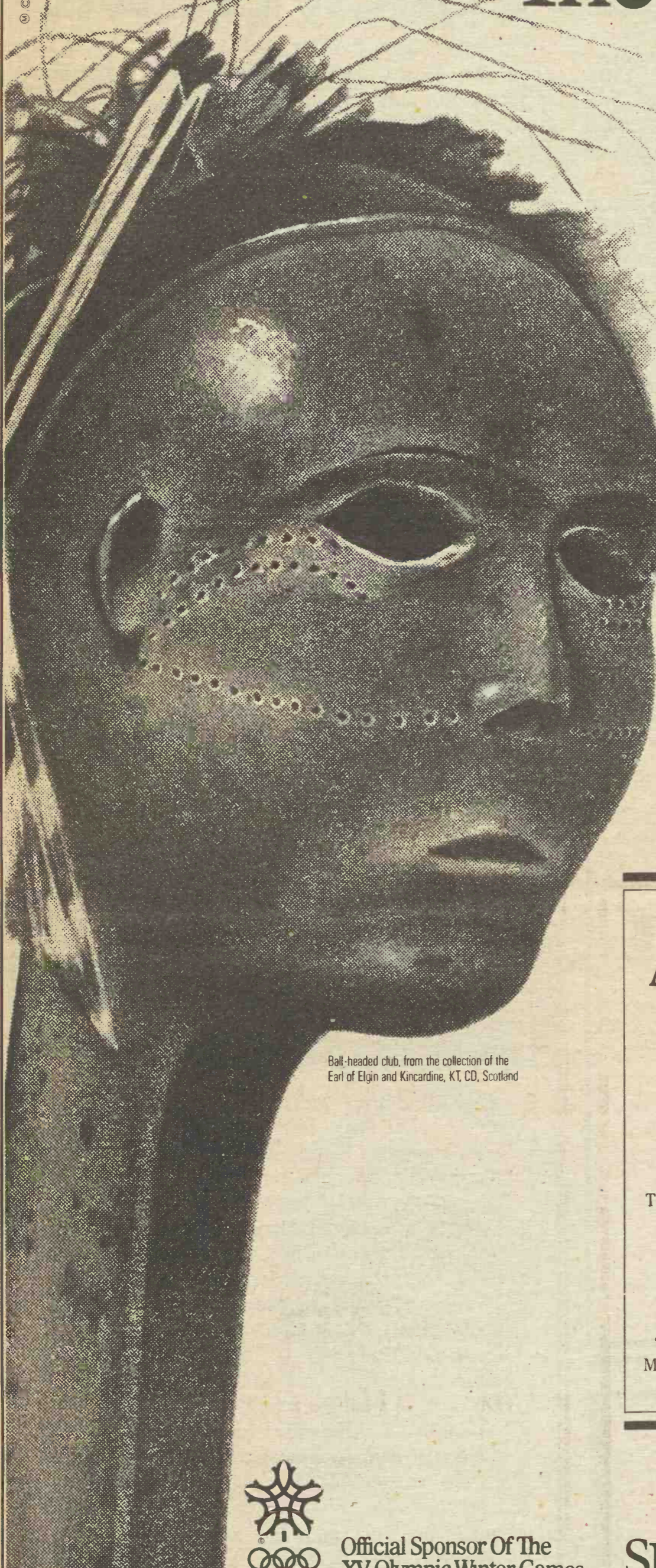
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Round dance re-introduced

By Larry Erutse

"I'm tired of seeing white people come to the reserves to teach us, the Indians, about our culture," states chief Ernie Houle.

The Goodfish Lake Elders decided to do something about this so they approached Chief Houle with the idea of getting back to their "basic Native livelihood."

Chief Houle followed through with their ideas and wrote a proposal to take advantage of federal cultural funding. A portion of the \$23,000 cultural grant the band received was used to fund an idea the Elders had to re-introduce the community to the round dance.

"As of today everyone is still talking about it because, for the first time, we had a community event which community members — from tots to Elders, participated. They weren't spectators," says Chief Houle.

The successful round dance, which was held on Dec. 29 and 30 at the Pakan school gym, attracted 500 people and 19 drummers.

"When band members come home for the Christmas holidays they have nothing to do," says the chief, who is planning to make the round dance an annual event "because anyone can participate, you don't need a costume or entry fee and there is no prize money. So the event is easy to host."



CHIEF ERNIE HOULE ...teaches own culture

Some of the cultural grant money will be used by the band council to publish a book, co-authored by George and Dean Cardinal, on the history of Goodfish Lake.

The Elders also initiated another idea; they want to volunteer their time to teach youths, six to 12 years of age, fishing skills. "The course will hopefully start at the end of January," says Chief Houle.

The experienced fishermen will take the boys out with them when they go fishing and the elderly ladies will teach the girls how to prepare the fish that is brought back.

"Right now, we are operating from month to month. That's why we need this five year plan that recreation director Rene Houle is working on. With this plan we can see what facilities or recreation and cultural programs we can implement," concluded Chief Houle.

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Sports

Rough, tough hockey delights Enoch crowd

The action was "confrontational, tough and fast" at the First Annual Enoch Hockey Classic last Jan. 9 - 10 weekend.

The above description was supplied by Enoch band counsellor in charge of recreation, Romeo Morin, who watched a couple players leave the ice with injuries, some of them

serious. For example, Windspeaker spoke to the Enoch Tomahawks' coach Stan Jackson earlier this week for final scores, and found he was just leaving for the hospital to have his separated shoulder, gained in the "A" side finals game, checked out.

Out of the eight teams which competed in the tournament, the Hobbema Oilers emerged champions of the "A" side, winning over the Enoch Tomahawks 7 - 3. On the "B" side, the Alexander Braves beat out the Alexis Saints 7 - 2. Other teams competing in the tournament were the Oopinaw Warriors, Enoch Flyers, Sarcee Seven Chiefs and Alexis Jets.

Winners of the "A" side took home \$1,000, while the second place team received \$800. First place on the "B" side was \$700, second prize was \$500. All-star awards: most valuable player, Virgil "Hoss"



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Jacobs, Sarcee 7 Chiefs; best left defence, Joey Johnson, Hobbema Oilers; best right defence, Dennis Arcand, Alexander Braves; best centre, Virgil Jacobs, Sarcee 7 Chiefs; best right wing, Donovan Fiddler, Enoch Tomahawks; best left wing, Joey Potts; best goalie, Darryl Kuntz.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Kim McLain

What do Natives Jim Neilson, Fred Sasakamoose, Bryan Trottier and Ted Hodgson have in common?

If you know, phone me.

I have five (AMMSA/Native Perspective) radio show baseball hats and five "Best of McLain" cartoon books to give away. So first call, first serve.

I'll take all calls, but I'll only give one prize package per community. And if there aren't too many names, I publish the ones who telephoned me within the next two week's issue.

My number is 455-2700, here in Edmonton.

FROG LAKE: What would make the Red Earth, Sask. men's volleyball team drive more than 600 km for a one day tournament in Frog Lake?

Could it have been that the competition was limited — only three other teams to worry about? Or was it the \$700 cash prize — a lot of money for a tournament of only four teams? Or was it the pleasant personalities of the people of Frog Lake? They are hospitable you know. After all, the hosting Rustlers team awarded the visiting Red Earth team with the most valuable player, best setter and best spiker awards, not to mention all the all-star awards.

We may never know why that team drove so far, but we do know that it was the Frog Lake Bounty Hunters who won the tournament and bagged the \$700 prize. The Bounty Hunters defeated the Red Earth team 15-8 and 18-16 in the final best out of three showdown. The Red Earth team won \$500 for their efforts. The host team, the Rustlers, came in third, just out of the money. The final and fourth competitors were the Rustlers Junior team.

SUNCHILD: Just wanted to bring you up to date on that women's hockey team at the Sunchild reserve.

Test your sports trivia to win

The ladies of Sunchild used to meet with another ladies' team from the small town of Caroline last year.

Irene Good Running, "as in running good," she laughs over the phone, used to be the team's goaltender. "I don't know why we don't play anymore," says the middle-aged accountant. "But all we do now is play bingo," she adds, breaking out in laughter again. In the background, I hear the rest of the Sunchild band office laughing, too.

Must be one of the side effects of hockey — laughter.

MORLEY: The Olympics are bringing so much business to the Morley Arena that the complex manager Jess Beaver is thinking about renting out his house for ice sports while he sleeps in a tipi.

"But I'm just joking," laughs Beaver. However, the rink really is booked out every day Sunday to sports clubs from outside the reserve since the Olympics have tied up most of Calgary's rinks.

For those of you who live on the reserve, here's the schedule for ice times at the arena: From 9:00 to 3:30 in the afternoon, Monday through Friday, the school has the ice. Then from 3:30 to 5:00, Monday through Friday, the ice is open to the public. After 5:00 the ice goes to minor hockey practices. All day Saturday, the ice is used for minor hockey home games.

Speaking of minor hockey, the Morley Peewee Capitals went to an open tournament at Banff last Jan. 8-10 and brought back the first place trophy. "These Capitals are not to be confused with the ones from Washington," teased Beaver, "the ones who lost last week."

Thanks Jess, we'll just remember the Morley Capitals as "the ones who win."

Also at Morley, an old-timers' hockey tournament on Feb. 23-24. Beaver says the first six paid teams will be accepted. Beaver says it's hard to find old-timer players, even when they're 50 years old they keep claiming they're only 31 years old.

Maybe this will get some of those old guys to come out of the closet. The Morley old-timers are going to Las Vegas at the end of February for the Cam-Am old-timers tourney. Jess is trying to tell me that they're going down there for the hockey. I think we better check out the situation after they get back from the

vaca...oops...I mean hockey tournament. Anyway, I hope they hit the jackpot.

ENOCH: As promised last week, here's those results from that minor hockey tournament at Enoch last Dec. 26-30 for the Atoms division.

The team from Hobbema defeated Alexander in the final game 4-1. Alexis took third place, defeating Enoch 3-2 in the consolation game.

Thanks to Robert Sharphead, coach of the Enoch team, for giving me this info.

EDMONTON SPIRITS: The Spirits are a Native women's volleyball team based in Edmonton which has been popping up here and there in the top three spots at volleyball tournaments both here in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Most recently, the Spirits drove 800 miles east to Prince Albert, Sask. for a volleyball tournament that promised purses of \$800, \$600 and \$400 for the top three spots.

The Spirits advanced to the final game, but lost to the Saskatoon Classics in a best out of three situation, losing two games in a row.

Naturally the Spirits were pleased with their \$600 second place finish but "we were disappointed to have travelled all that way to only play one game (other than the final)," said Spirit Stephanie Poitras. She explained that the tournament was set up round robin and while the first pool was playing nearly non-stop, the pool that the Spirits were in had only one other team. "So we beat the team from Prince Albert and that put us in the final game," said Poitras.

Finishing third was a team from Ile La Crosse, Sask. Other competitors were the Saskatoon Angels, Regina Free Spirits and a team from Brandon, Man.

This weekend, the Spirits will compete at the Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre in Hobbema for the Alberta Native Ladies Provincials.

OOTENOW REC SOCIETY: Help wanted at Edmonton's Ootenow rec society.

I was called recently to help out the club find boxing trainers, coaches, anyone willing to give some time to Metis and Indian youth from urban Indian Edmonton.

If you think you can help, phone Metro or Joe at 477-9418 or 477-3576.

That's all for this week. Catchya later!



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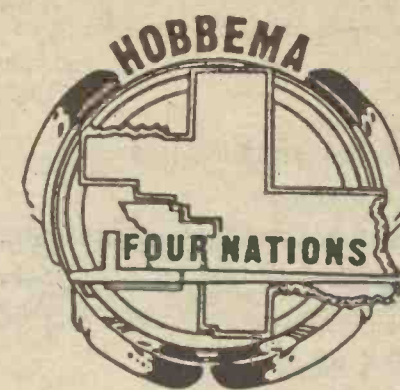
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By Kim McLain

Saddle Lake hopes for cold weather

Hockey tourney in jeopardy

SADDLE LAKE — Recreation director Ken Kakeesim's hockey plans are at the mercy of the Saddle Lake arena's insurance company, while arena maintenance man, James Moosewah, keeps his fingers crossed for cold weather.

Last Jan. 8, one of the two air compressors that runs the artificial ice plant motors came to a stop,

causing some of the piping under the ice to break. A hockey tournament that was scheduled for that weekend had to be cancelled.

For Kakeesim, it's a race against time. He's hoping the hockey rink will be back to normal by this weekend — three minor hockey

invitational tournaments and a senior hockey tournament are booked for this Jan. 15 - 17 weekend. A week after that, the peewee zone playoffs are scratched on the calendar. It all depends on whether the band gets a new compressor, but that's up to the arena's insurance company.

Right now the band is anxiously waiting to see if the insurance company will okay a new compressor, valued at \$12,000, or if the company will demand that they repair the broken one. If the company approves the purchase of a new compressor, the supplier says they could have the

new machinery in a couple days, just in time for the games scheduled for this weekend. On the other hand, if the recreation department has to overhaul the old compressor, installed 12 years ago, that could take weeks.

Moosewah is hoping the cold weather holds out.

The low temperature at Saddle Lake is keeping the ice frozen. If warm weather melts the ice it would be Moosewah's job to keep the water from damaging the rest of the arena.

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Teams hit the jackpot at Peigan tournament

By Kim McLain

BROCKET — Two non-Native hockey teams were glad they entered the Peigan band's recreational hockey tournament at Brocket's Peigan complex Jan. 9 to 10 weekend.

The only two non-Native teams at the eight-team tournament, both from Fort Macleod, Alberta, won first and second place. The Blood reserve's Kainai Braves placed third while the Redmen of Brocket came fourth.

Paying a \$200 entry fee, the pay back was good for the first place O'Sullivan

team, winning themselves \$800. The Dunsters took home \$600 for their second place finish while the Kainai Braves bagged \$400. The Redmen were just out of the money.

As reported by Marvin Yellowhorn, recreation director at Brocket, the tournament was full of challenging hockey action, two games won by shoot-outs. Shoot-outs, explained Yellowhorn, happen when the game is tied after regulation time has ended. Rather than play overtime periods, the rule is to have each team give three players a breakaway

situation. The winning team is the one who scores the most points with those three players. The final game, added Yellowhorn, was won by a shoot-out.

There were four teams from Peigan: the Peigan midgets, bantams, Redmen (30 and over), and the host team, the Peigan Knights.

Visiting teams were from Eden Valley, the Blood reserve and the two top teams from Fort Macleod.

Yellowhorn concluded by saying the tournament was a non-contact event and said he felt it was "well-run and had no complaints."

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- recognize all Canadians as full and equal partners in Canadian society;
- commit the federal government to see that its institutions reflect Canada's multicultural diversity; and
- provide a legal base for multiculturalism programs which enhance Canadian citizenship, assist cultural preservation and combat discrimination.

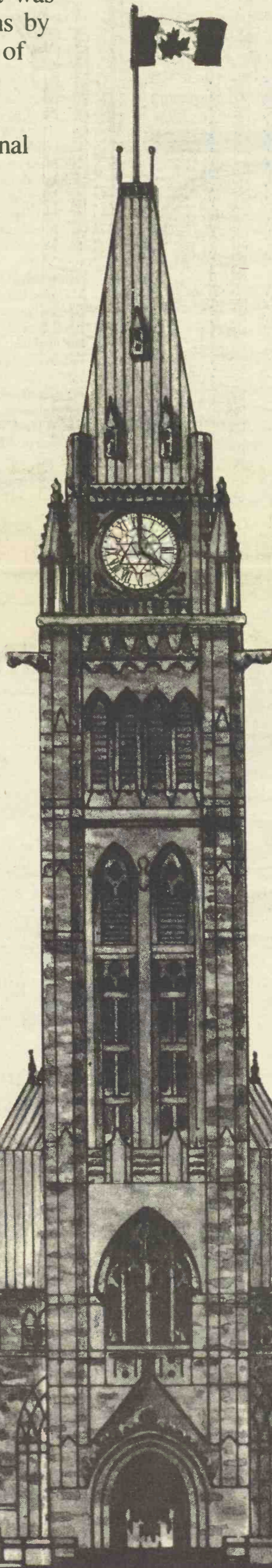
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