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Thunder near sacred bundle

By Everett Lambert
Nehiyaw News Service

SUDBURY, Ont.

Jim Thunder is now two-thirds of his way to the steps of the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, USA.

The five-man crew plans to arrive on March 21, 1989 with hopes of retrieving a sacred medicine bundle once owned by a well known Cree war chief.

Terry Lusty is the Alberta public relations coordinator for the run, which kicked off at 9 a.m., Sept. 1st of last year.

Both the electronic and print media is paying increasingly more attention as the run proceeds. Lusty says "they're really feeling the momentum starting to build."

Native people have come out in strong support of the run. Lusty says most of this support has come from Native friendship centers, organizations and Indian bands. Support has also come from tribal elders and other leaders.

With about a 1,000 miles to go, Lusty says "they're feeling more confident and

optimistic in terms of reaching (the museum)." At press time the run is expected to have reached Sudbury, in southern Ontario. The run is expected to reach North Bay, Ontario by Jan. 26.

Although support has been generally good, organizers are not pleased with the support coming from Thunder's home province - Alberta. They feel both money and moral support has not been lacking. Thunder, 38, is from Slave Lake, Alberta.

The run had its beginnings after Thunder had dreams in which he was asked to retrieve the bundle. Native elders foretold through prophecy that a Cree man would return with the bundle. The sacred piece was last held by the Crees on the Poundmaker reserve in Saskatchewan.

The early stages of the run saw criticism from a Montana family claiming to be Big Bear's direct descendants. The family of Bill Stump Sr., 55, had expected to have the bundle in their possession by the start date of the run.

Upon contacting Stump, he told Thunder that the bundle was with the family. Thunder replied that he was glad the bundle was back with Native people and that there would be no need for a run. It was later learned that it had not left New York.

George Chatsis of Calgary also claimed that a bundle had to be earned. "You don't just take things," in Cree culture he said.

Thunder withstood the criticism and started the run which was also aimed at raising funds to teach urban Natives about Cree traditions.

Funding is still needed and an account has been set up in Edmonton for contributions. The account, at the Bank of Montreal on 104 street and Jasper avenue (T5J 3N4), was set up by the Big Bear Cultural Committee (account number 035806, charitable tax number 5035527).

The run coordinators welcome all contributions.



Sweetgrass used in baptism ceremony

The scent of sweetgrass and holy water engulfed the bodies and spirits of two infants in the first traditional baptismal ceremony at Edmonton's Native Pastoral Centre on Jan. 10.

The two Metis babies, five-month old James Charles Henry Gauthier, son of Leonard Gauthier and Marlene Poitras and six-month old Rhianna Alyse Burd, daughter of Tom Hunter and Jori Burd were symbolically purified and cleansed before the Great Spirit.

"The sweetgrass is a purification ceremony. The smoke lifts our prayer and our praise up to the Great Spirit," explained Lucienne Meek, director of the centre

and organizer of the baptism.

The sweetgrass smoke is brushed to the mind three times to cleanse the senses, then repeated towards the heart and body.

The fire is kept smouldering throughout the ceremony. Keeper of the fire was Dave Durocher.

Father Brian Jayawardana, a well-respected Catholic priest who has integrated Native ceremonial practices in his mass services, performed the baptism.

Caribou stew, bannock and cake was served after the baptism rites were completed.

- Photo by Susan Enge

Funds released to Apeetogosan

By Susan Enge
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Federal funds which were being withheld from Apeetogosan Development Incorporated since last summer are finally being released this month after an investigation of the Metis owned corporation's books were completed just two weeks ago.

Funds were abruptly suspended early last summer by officials from the Native Economic Development Program when they discovered the company was experiencing serious internal management problems while it was a year into a five year project.

"There were some disagreements between the political arm and the board - and the board resigned. The situation was one that was not good for an operating corporation," explained

Archie Sharp, NEDP's Director of Investment Management for the western region.

Two senior executive staff members were fired Aug. 31 by the company. They were Jan Willey, president and chief executive officer and Stephan Crocker, manager of business development, who are both seeking financial compensation.

Shortly after this happened, a report prepared from the audit services bureau, NEDP's government auditors indicated that there were "some discrepancies in the documentation of the loan portfolio."

Operation funds were immediately cut off while a directive was forwarded to the corporation ordering a list of improvements.

New management was hired, a new board of directors were put in place and the processing and documentation of small business

loans to Metis and non-status applicants, were upgraded.

When Sharp and a financial analyst from NEDP flew in from Winnipeg Jan. 5-6 and performed a "loan portfolio audit" they discovered "everything was in very good order."

Apeetogosan's new board of directors were satisfactory and the new management team proved they were competently running the corporation, said Sharp.

Apeetogosan's chairman of the board Lloyd New confirmed their "administrative changes in policy" were completed by December warranting the renewal of their contract with NEDP.

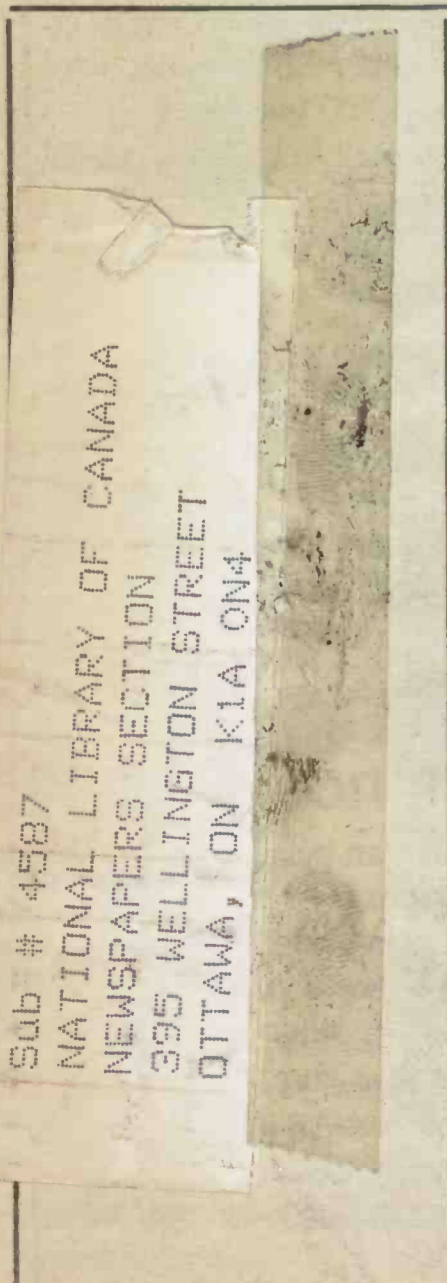
To date, the corporation has received \$1,336,566 of an \$8.8 million five year contribution agreement. Apeetogosan is a 100 percent Native-owned and controlled corporation which provides commercial

financing and business advisory services to 35,000 Metis and non-status Indians in Alberta.

A formal announcement marking the resumption of NEDP finances is expected to be made at the end of the month.

Meanwhile, Jan Willey is not feeling as enlightened about Apeetogosan. He is pursuing with his lawsuit and plans to seek \$55,850 for breaching his employment contract and for wrongfully dismissing him from Apeetogosan. More than this, Willey plans to lay additional charges against the corporation although he refused to elaborate on the substance.

"I just have to figure this mess out, I guess and unfortunately, you have to do it through the courts. Eventually, the facts will come out. The Metis people, well, hopefully they won't be too disappointed when they find out the facts," said Willey.



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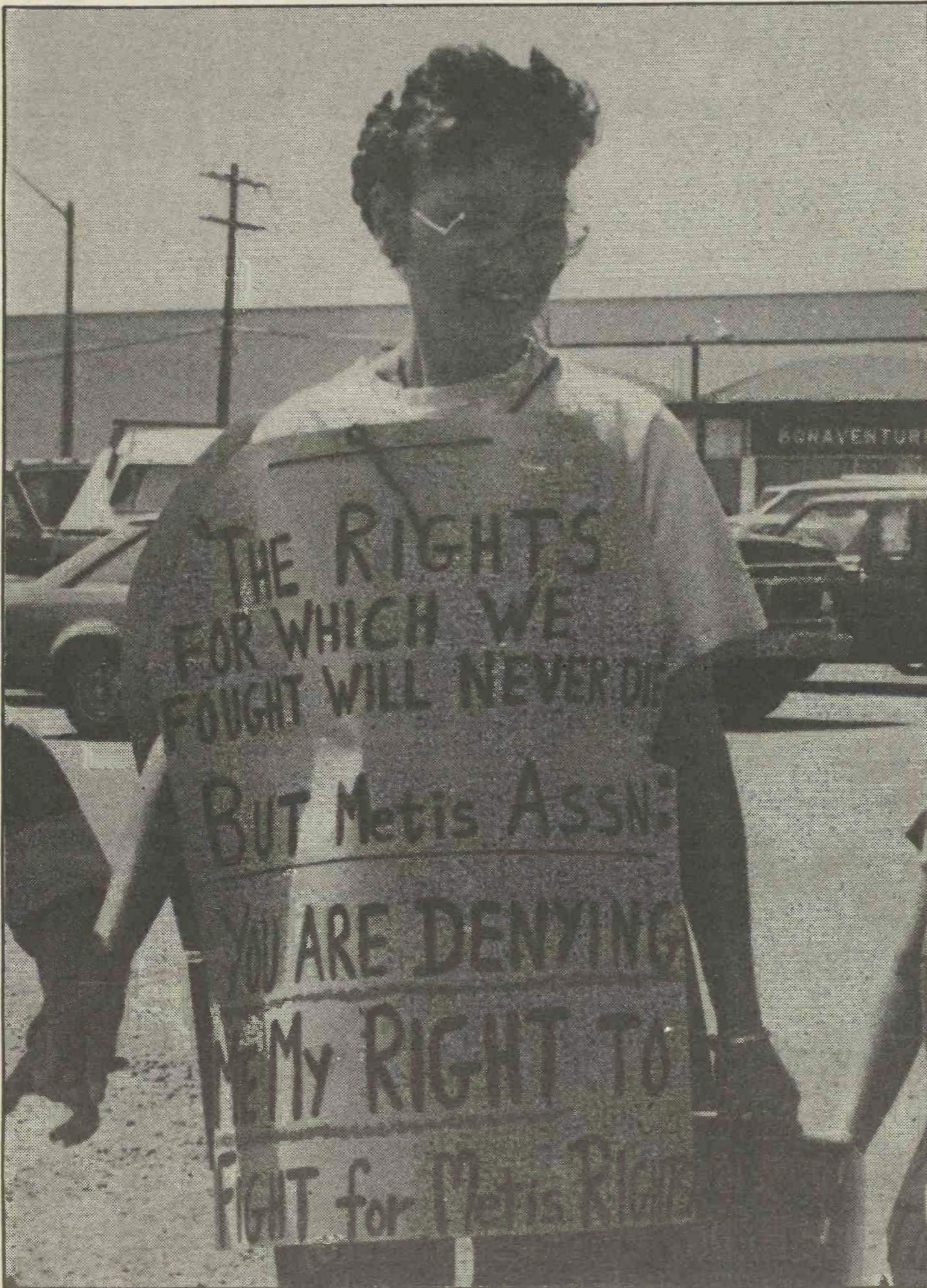
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I have tried to do what is right, follow procedure and be fair, yet I am the one gossiped about, run down and given shit in many instances to my face."

- Sharron Johnstone, in her letter resigning herself as Metis Local 44 president.



A turbulent term: Sharron Johnstone

Metis Local 44

Johnstone resigns

By Susan Enge
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDSON, Alta.

The president of Metis local 44 in Edson resigned her position Jan. 11 after a tumultuous term in office. In a four page letter to the membership, Sharron Johnstone cited a number of reasons for stepping down.

But, in a subsequent board of directors meeting Jan. 12, Johnstone's resignation was not accepted. Her critical assessment of the local, however, was clear.

"I don't get the moral support, advice or helping hands that I need," said Johnstone in her letter.

During her term in office, Johnstone said the frustrations of being "gossiped about, run down and given shit in many instances to my face" compounded over the year, finally motivating her to resign.

However, the thought of relinquishing her position crossed her mind many times. "I have wanted to resign at least six times during my term as president because it is such a difficult job and so many people have

said that the local is no good."

Her private hopes of building a strong Metis community in Edson appeared unattainable. Social functions such as bingos, Christmas skits for the youth, a soup kitchen for the public and other events which were organized by Johnstone, commonly fell short of volunteers.

"I really believed that when I started to work with you people that we could show everyone that it is possible to do things honestly and fair for everyone. I felt that we would gain the respect of the white people and our own people. Many, many people have proved me wrong. You people see me work, yet ...others run me down, slander my name...all over the place. Who of you has stood up in my defence to anyone?" wrote Johnstone.

The board of directors immediately called a meeting to deal with Johnstone's resignation.

"We didn't think her resignation was really necessary and she's a good president. Without her this place would have gone down anyway. Now, we're going to

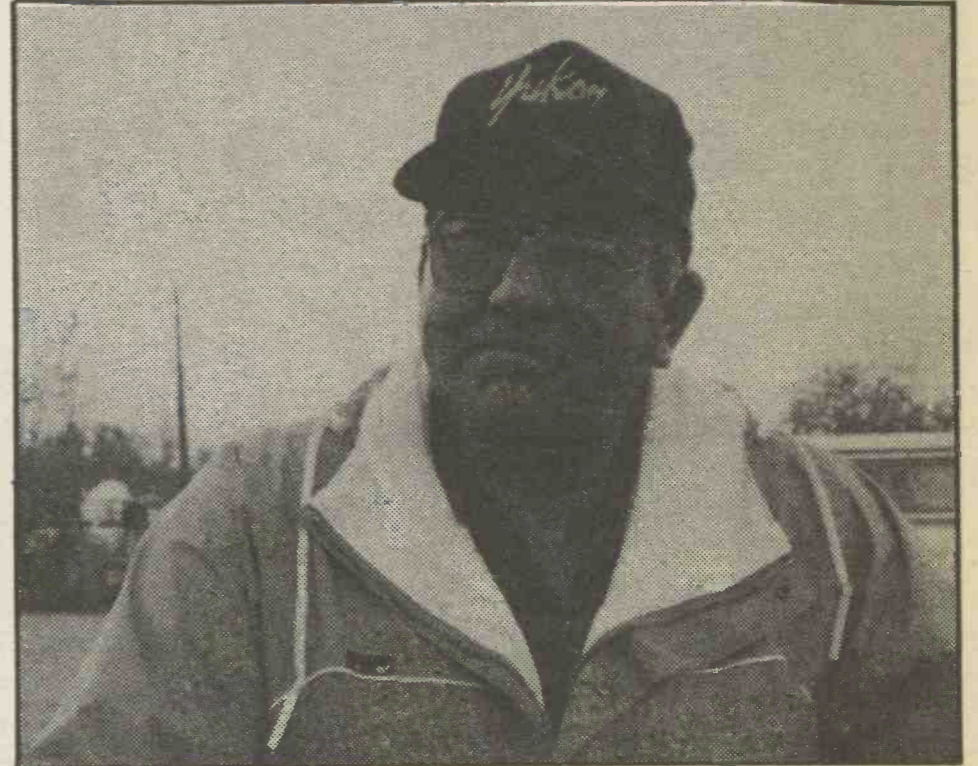
try and get everyone helping out more," said Mark Calihoo, a board of director.

Another director echoed similar thoughts.

"We felt the work she had done was done very well. We didn't feel there was anyone who could take off where she left off," said Mitch Delorme. In fact, added Delorme, board members plan to "work a little harder" so that the tasks and responsibilities do not fall entirely on Johnstone's shoulders.

Controversy and public battles raged between Johnstone and some elected representatives of the Metis Association of Alberta throughout her term in office.

At one point, Johnstone spearheaded a group of discontented Metis from across the province to demand examination of the financial records of the Metis organization claiming possible irregularities in their books. In a third attempt to gain access to the Metis books by way of a court order Dec. 1, Johnstone's group was successful but did not reveal their findings.



Seeks PC nomination: Sam Sinclair

Sinclair to run

By Kim McLain
Windspeaker Staff Writer

SLAVE LAKE, Alta.

Sam Sinclair, ex-president of the Metis Association of Alberta, has announced his intent to run for the provincial Progressive Conservative nomination in the Slave Lake riding.

Sinclair, 60, held the MAA presidency for four consecutive two-year terms. Before that, he spend 22 years working with the provincial government — nine years in forestry and the rest as a community development officer in Hinton.

Sinclair, born in Slave Lake, says he wants to represent all people, especially the working class. He adds he wants ensure that his constituents get a "fair shot at economic opportunities" in the area, but wants to protect their health too. Encouraging youth to get involved in education is also high on his agenda.

Sinclair becomes the seventh nominee for the Slave Lake PC candidacy. Also running are Pearl Calahasen, Garfield Cox, Rick McCotter, Bill Pearson, Stan Jenkins and Dena Jones-Short.

The nomination meeting will be held 2 p.m. at the Kinuso on Feb. 5.

NEWS BRIEFS

Blood chief acquitted

Blood Tribe's Chief Roy Fox was acquitted of assault charges at a court appearance Dec. 22. The chief, recently re-elected, would have had to step down from the chief's position if he had been found guilty of an indictable offence, according to tribal election by-laws.

"I feel tremendous relief. You know it has been a stressful half year for me," said Fox outside the Cardston courthouse after the verdict.

Cardston mayor sentenced

Cardston Mayor Larry Fisk, who was found guilty of sexually assaulting an 18-year-old Native male, was sentenced to one day in jail and a \$1,500 fine Jan. 9.

Under the Municipal Government Act, Fisk will be forced to resign as mayor. He also faces a disciplinary hearing in the Mormon church, of which he is an elder.

The plaintiff's mother, sister and other relatives called the sentence a "slap on the hand."

Fort Smith elder dies

Marie Mercredi died at 80 years old on Jan. 6 at her Fort Smith home. Mercredi, born in Fort Chipewyan, was predeceased by her husband Louis Mercredi Sr..

Mercredi took in foster children and ran a medical boarding home for transients from other communities.

She is survived by 16 children, two stepchildren, 42 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Boucher pleads not guilty

A 70-year-old Fort Chipewyan man pleaded not guilty to a charge of second degree murder and attempted murder in a court appearance Jan. 5 in Fort Chipewyan.

Ambrose Boucher is being charged with the fatal shooting of John Tucker, 29. Another man, Brian Courtoreille, 21, is recovering from a gunshot wound in Fort Chipewyan. The incident occurred Nov. 30 at Boucher's home.

Boucher chose a trial by judge and jury that will take place in Fort McMurray on May 8.

CLOSE TO HOME

Probe shows women's shelter needed

By Jackie Red Crow
Windspeaker Correspondent

PINCHER CREEK, Alta.

A survey conducted by the Napi Friendship Centre last year shows a Native women's centre is needed to combat wife abuse in the community.

Lorna Borne, urban referral worker, decided to do a survey after continuously receiving complaints from a number of her clients who were battered victims of spousal abuse.

With the help of a federal government grant, a researcher was hired in 1987 to determine how serious the problem was. The researcher interviewed officials from the

Pincher Creek hospital, local RCMP, Peigan social services and community members to compile reports of spousal abuse.

The results compiled were shocking, said Borne. About 153 Peigan women and their children sought refuge at Harbour House, a women's shelter in Lethbridge. Another 323 Native women, outside the Peigan reserve, were battered. Peigan social services reported 180 cases while the Pincher Creek hospital treated 48 cases. The RCMP indicated about two reported cases of spousal abuse per month were recorded.

Of the 81 completed surveys, only one opposed the idea of a women's shelter.

"I was even more convinced more than ever that a shelter was needed," said Borne, who has dedicated much of her time to establishing a centre.

The unfortunate aspect facing battered women is that they have no place to go except to shelters in Lethbridge and Calgary said Borne. Peigan social services can only afford to shelter battered women in a motel for a few days.

The non-Native environment in shelters is often not conducive to Native women and their children, added Borne. "They can't really sit down with non-Native counsellors to talk about their experiences.

Because Native battered women's needs are not adequately met, most are often forced to return home. "You can only stay in shelters for a certain period of time or with relatives and friends," said Borne. "Besides, their children miss school if they're away for a time or if they have a job, they're scared to lose their jobs."

As well, the emotional scars suffered by battered women and their children are often neglected. Follow-up counselling is needed "to heal families," said Borne.

What Borne envisions for a women's abuse centre is "a healing place for couples and their families."

She believes spousal

abuse is a family problem and that all members of the family need to discuss and try to work towards a solution. The root of spousal abuse is alcohol-related or low self-esteem according to Borne.

"The (children) never forget the terror when they see their mothers being battered," she said.

The women's abuse centre was not readily accepted by people. Initially, Native men scoffed at the idea but later supported it. "They joked about it first. But few people realize they're hurting, too - they don't talk about their emotions."

However, Borne's dream is still months away. She will apply for a grant recently

announced by Federal Health Minister Jake Epp which allocated \$40 million for the establishment of more women's shelters across the country. About \$28 million is allocated solely for establishing Native women's shelters.

As a number of Borne's clients are women, she has set up several workshops and seminars to meet their needs. Single-parenting and family violence workshops have been popular in the community. Even make-up sessions and fashion shows were staged for single-parent women. "It really boosts their self-esteem," said Borne.

Borne also assists clients in housing and employment needs.

EXPRESSIONS



Walking Buffalo's daughter

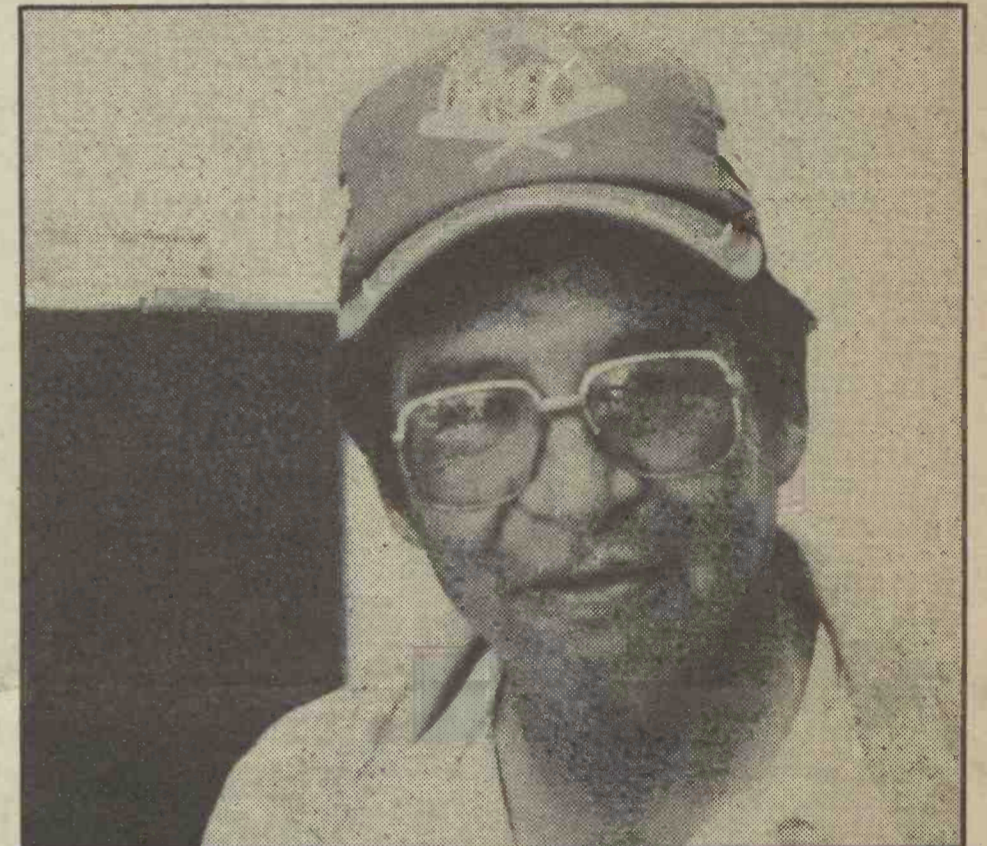
Dixon, 72 years old and daughter of internationally renowned Chief Walking Buffalo, was born on the plains during World War I, when buffalos roamed in herds by the thousands and when everyone gave thanks to the Creator every day.

But, at this powwow in Hobbema, Florence sits alongside her grandchildren and reflects on the evening ceremony. She ponders about today's youth as she watches the brightly colored dancers with eagle feathers

and multi-colored beads decorating their dress, dance in a large circle to the beat of drums. She sighs and says the 20th century Indian youth has "lost their way."

If only "respect for the old ways" could regain the stature it once had amongst our tribes, says Dixon, the youth wouldn't fall victim to alcohol and drug addiction, an influence she feels is quickly weakening a powerful and dynamic people.

- Photo by Susan Enge



Seeking disciplinary action: Chief Walter Rain

Paul Band to appeal

By Susan Enge
Windspeaker Staff Writer

DUFFIELD, Alta.

The chief of the Paul band is not satisfied with the "no fault" decision rendered Dec. 18 by the Alberta Rural Junior B Hockey League officials when players from the Mayerthorpe Spurs team streaked paint across their faces in a "war-like fashion" in a game against Paul band's Eagles team Dec. 10.

A formal application will be made to the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association where the incident, which the band feels was designed to mock the team's Native ancestry, will be challenged.

Chief Walter Rain met Jan. 18 with councillors to determine whether or not to pursue the case and seek further disciplinary action.

Discussion of the league's decision to drop the suspension of the coach and general manager of the

Mayerthorpe team led the council to direct Alex Belcourt, the band's recreation director, to "take it one step further" and "appeal the ruling."

"It sounds like if we go that route something will be done. Only time will tell," said Belcourt.

The band initially planned to lay charges against the team for violating a section of the criminal code which outlaws events or situations that "incite hatred" towards a certain group of people. However, a decision to delay legal recourse was made in the hopes appropriate disciplinary action would be taken.

Their team is scheduled to play against the Spurs in Mayerthorpe Jan. 31, their first game with each other since the incident.

"We have two games left with them," said Belcourt. The second is on their reserve in Duffield in February.

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

By Kim McLain

Adding fuel to the fire?

Some people say writing stories about racism adds fuel to the fire. Things aren't so bad anymore, they say, writing about racism only re-emphasizes the problem.

I wish we didn't have to write about racism, but Windspeaker is here to reflect the reality of the times. Two or three hundred years down the road, society will look to the Windspeaker archives. If they find no stories about racism, will they assume that it didn't exist in this day and age?

The sad reality is that racism — a quiet and ugly ignorance — exists in our day and age. Occasionally, a situation involving racism will be dealt with through the public system — like human rights or the courts — and media can easily record the case. But most of the time, people who experience discrimination or racism do not use the system. Instead, they hurt, maybe get resentful, and try to forget the whole ugly incident.

A friend of mine — dark skinned and braids — did take his case to the human rights commission. After two years of meetings, he was awarded \$1,000. He told me he probably wouldn't take that route again, too long and too painful. Actually, he said, he could file a complaint every week if he wanted to. Instead, he's learned to let certain incidences roll off like water on a duck's back.

Others say that some Indians go looking for discrimination. Maybe some do. But most often, discrimination will find you.

Racism thrives in secrecy and ignorance. We can't expect it to vanish into thin air; as long as we don't talk about it, it will continue.

Survey results are in

According to the recent Windspeaker Readership Survey, the typical Windspeaker reader is a middle-aged, married female. She is a Treaty Indian living with a small family in the city. There's a 50-50 chance that she speaks Cree. And, she's finished high school and has most likely had some college or university training.

Half of those 222 who responded to our newspaper survey will be nodding their heads in agreement, the other half will disagree. The half that will disagree either live on the reserve, are men, speak other languages (including Chip, Blackfoot, Slavey, MicMac, Saulteaux, Gitksan, Ojibway, Inuktitut, Paiute and many more, even Ukrainian and Dutch). Others that will disagree are Metis, single or have had only some high school.

Of course, these responses have to be taken with a grain of salt. There are glitches in the system. Take, for example, the question that dealt with occupations. According to the survey, only one person was unemployed, the rest were active in some kind of occupation. It would be naive to think that only one out of 222 Windspeaker readers are out of work.

Readers voted the best read items in Windspeaker as Treaty Indian news, the front page, elders' profiles and the Droppin' In column. Almost as high were Metis issues, reserve news, calendar of events, people profiles and stories about villages and hamlets. Most items rated highly, but these items got a dud rating: world news, American news, Owenadeka and health.

In comparison to other publications, Windspeaker was the most often read. The dailies — the Sun and the Journal — were read occasionally. It seems our biggest competition came from the town papers. As for other Native publications, there were a handful who read them always, but most read them at times and almost as many never read them. The three we identified in our survey had almost identical ratings.

So, what's next? We at Windspeaker used that survey, plus others done in the past and feedback we've received while in the communities to construct what we call the "dream issue of Windspeaker." The dream issue, we feel, will meet the needs and wants the readers identified.

Watch future issues for fine tuning. I'm sure you'll discover something for the whole family.

About the new editor

He accepted. Now, the reins are in his lap. The young Native now holds the reins as editor of Alberta's favorite Native newspaper we love to call Windspeaker.

Kim McLain, 25, succeeds former editor Dianne Meili who reined over the newsroom operations for about two years. Meili resigned her position Dec. 16 in hopes of fulfilling her personal goal of publishing her first book.

McLain has seen eight editors.

The great turnover of editors in such a short time-span "does not scare me," said McLain. "Some were in and out of here so fast, and they all had their different reasons for leaving."

About his new position McLain says, "it's fascinating, it feels like I'm a useful part of society cause I'm giving a service. I'm really optimistic."

McLain's immediate plans include, bringing the young staff together as a team and to clearly define what Windspeaker is, to suit the readership. "And, begin the task of trying to make the paper a part of everyday lives so the reader can make informed judgements."

The first objective is to improve the Windspeaker package. Then, work on the distribution system is most likely the next step."

The young editor says he will be, "combing the communities for community correspondence."

Windspeaker manager Bert Crowfoot says: "We're proud, confident, and fortunate that we were able to promote someone from the organization to fill the position."

"We're proud of the progress that he has made and I'm sure that this was a major step for him. He's enthusiastic and very eager to learn to improve himself and Windspeaker."

Reforestation a farce

Dear Editor:

I am quite concerned about these pulp mills that are going up in Alberta.

I suppose it will be the end of our wildlife because there will be no timber left. It is easy to fool people that have never lived in the bush or worked in the logging industry. This I have done for 25 years.

The modern technology and science fools people in my opinion. They say that re-planting seedlings will grow up to be big forest. I don't think this will happen.

There is no shade for these little trees. The sun will beat down on them and dry them up. The wind will also blow them away as there is no windbreak.

They call this reforestation. They go into the timber and do what is known as clear cutting. There are no trees left standing. It is a sad sight to see.

I have asked myself this question many times. What good does all that paper do for people anyway? We got along just fine

without it for a long time.

These are things I don't like because of papers. A newspaper is a good thing to hide behind, you don't have to talk to people if you have a paper in front of you.

What these news papers do is stop people from communicating. Verbal communication is something we should be doing more of. When there were no newspapers, people had to talk to one another and this is a good thing. These days people don't talk they just read the paper. I could go on and on.

I want to ask you people, is it better to drink good water and eat wild meat or is it better to drink polluted water and eat meat that is full of chemical? Isn't it better to see the trees than barren land? Or the wildlife?

I will ask you what good is a pulp mill to Native people? I am a Native person that is going to be very hurt.

Stan Gladstone
Edmonton

Defend religious rights

Dear Editor:

When the first missionaries arrived in our country in the early 1800s, their mission was to save, supposedly, the wicked souls of the savages by baptizing and converting them to their religion. Many of these missionaries presumed that we, the Aboriginal people, were pagans and were worshipping the devil or a false God. Our ways of worshipping our Creator were judged negatively by people who were unwilling to accept and understand our precious way of life.

The sacred Sun Dance ceremony was forcefully taken away from our people through bigoted legislation. Anyone caught participating directly or indirectly in the Sun Dance was to be

arrested, charged and convicted. Some members of the Blackfoot and the Blood tribe were fined or incarcerated for taking part in a Sun Dance during the early part of this country.

In the early 1950s, this legislation was reluctantly abolished by the Canadian government. In spite of this, anti-Indian religion activists continued to conspire to destroy our Indian religion. Even some of our own people are being used to help put a quick end to our way of worship. The struggle to maintain our religious freedom for our future generations continues to this very day.

Harley McMaster Sr.
Armed Indian
Struggle Movement

YOUR WORDS

Inmate seeks work

Dear Editor:

Hi there! My name is Davey Maurice and I am a 27 year old Metis from Saskatchewan. My letter to you comes from an enclosed environment, namely, the federal penitentiary system. The Windspeaker newspaper is one of the first papers we incarcerated Indians can use to keep in touch. Thanks.

My main reason for writing, however, is to inquire about offering my social skills to troubled juveniles, drug and alcohol addicts (both users and non-users) and to other younger Native people who

are just getting their first taste of our society's evil realities. Since my incarceration in 1984 I've completely focused my attention to achieving my degree in some social science field and sincerely hope to be provided with the opportunity to implement my skills.

I realize education is very important, but I also know that personal experience is very much an attribute as well. I'll provide both if given the chance.

The job advertising section of your newspaper is very helpful. Could you allow me some of your time and provide me with any

information concerning social work programs or counselling services who may be interested in hiring a Metis ex-con?

I realize the enormity of this request but feel that in order to help myself help others I must begin somewhere. My incarceration period is slowly coming to an end so I would very much like to pursue some sort of freedom foothold.

Davey C. Maurice
Box 4000
Abbotsford, B.C.

Winter: A time for legends

Tansi, ahnee and hello. It's been sometime since I have written and some time since the Creator has granted me the opportunity to share my thoughts with you. My life has undergone some very major changes in the time since this column last appeared. I have grown. As in all growth there has been pain and the accompanying lessons. In this column I'll spend time examining those lessons in the light of what our very rich and very gentle cultural ways have of teaching us.

It is a new year. It is the middle of winter. This is the time when the legends grow. The time in days past when the wisps of cedar smoke drifting around those old campfires punctuated and accented the words of the elders as they spun the stories. Wesakechak of the Cree. Nannabojou of my Ojibway people. Glooscap of the Micmacs. Each nation in the great hoop of nations had its heroteacher. Each nation had its legends and stories which reflected the ethics, values, principals and spirit of themselves.

From my kitchen window this morning it is snowing. At this early hour the world is a purple place. With the rising of the sun, greys and browns begin to slowly emerge from the purple cloth of night. The snow in its whiteness and its purity brings every shape into stark relief against the sky. There's footprints from the dogs and cats performing their nightly ballets around the neighborhood. The footprints of early risers leave their signature on the pavement. The trees resemble old men and women. The snow balances on their highest branches and gives them the look of the long white hair of wisdom and of truth.

It is winter. Somewhere out there in this wintry world a young child sits with his or her face pressed tightly against the window. They see this morning through the eyes of wonder. Time is a foreign concept to children and the eyes of wonder are amazed at this sudden departure from summer. Threaded into this snowy morning are fresh dreams



TOUCHING THE CIRCLE By Richard Wagamese

of toboggans and sliding, snowmen and snow angles, hockey and skating. The young child celebrates this morning and the beckoning of every wintry possibility.

Somewhere out there in this wintry world a middle-aged man or woman sits with his or her face as far away from that frosted window as possible. They see

"This is the time when the legends grow. The time in days past when the wisps of cedar smoke drifting around those old campfires punctuated and accepted the words of the elders."

this morning through the eyes of age. Because time is a precious concept to grown-ups and the eyes of age are puzzled at this seemingly unnoticed movement of the seasons. Threaded into this snowy morning are the adult nightmares of snow storms and snow tires, heating bills and winter clothing, scraping off sidewalks and scraping up money. The grown-up resists this morning. Resists the changing of the seasons and resists the temptation in the freedom to dream.

There are many mornings woven into this one singular morning. For each of us, a multitude it seems, to choose as the one morning each of us will wear for the brief time that it lasts. The morning of wonder which

belongs to that small child in each of us who gazes at a snowy morning with eyes of wonder and of possibility. The one who celebrates this morning for its promise. Or in morning of disgruntlement which belongs to the grown-up in each of us who stares at this snowy morning and sees only another passing season and another set of pressures.

The trees outside are beckoning. I can almost make out the faces of those old men and women in the pattern of the branches. I begin to consider the elders and the beauty of their child-like simplicity. They too, still see the world through eyes of wonder. They see the passing of the seasons as yet another turning in the great wheel of life. They see the winter as the time of legends.

As the generation of adults and parents of our people, we are the generation drifting between two periods of childhood. The genuine childhood of our children and the earned childhood which comes from having lived and learned over the course of many seasons. Child-like simplicity. To see world through eyes of wonder. Knowledge and experience surrendered to the will of the Creator.

By turning our thoughts to recognition of winter as the time of legends and by seeking out those legends in whatever way we can, we transcend the problems of the season. By returning we are propelled forward. We begin to re-create that child-like simplicity. We are open to the very rich and very gentle teaching ways of our people. We are open to wisdom and to truth. We become ourselves.

Until next week, Meegwetch.

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GRASSROOTS

Crowshoe celebrates 80th at Head-Smashed-In

PHOTO COURTESY HEAD-SMASHED-IN-BUFFALO JUMP

FORT MACLEOD - Joe Crowshoe, noted elder of the Peigan Nation, was honored Thursday evening, January 5, 1989 at a surprise party for his 80th birthday at Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump Interpretive Centre near Fort MacLeod. An estimated 75 friends, family members, and staff of the centre braved near disastrous weather conditions to attend the gathering.

An honor ceremony to salute Mr. Crowshoe opened the event. Joe and his wife Josephine were led over blankets to a podium where selected dignitaries presented congratulations and gifts. Master of Ceremonies was Reg Crowshoe, Joe's son and executive member of the Friends of Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump Society.

Speakers included Chris Williams, Facility Manager

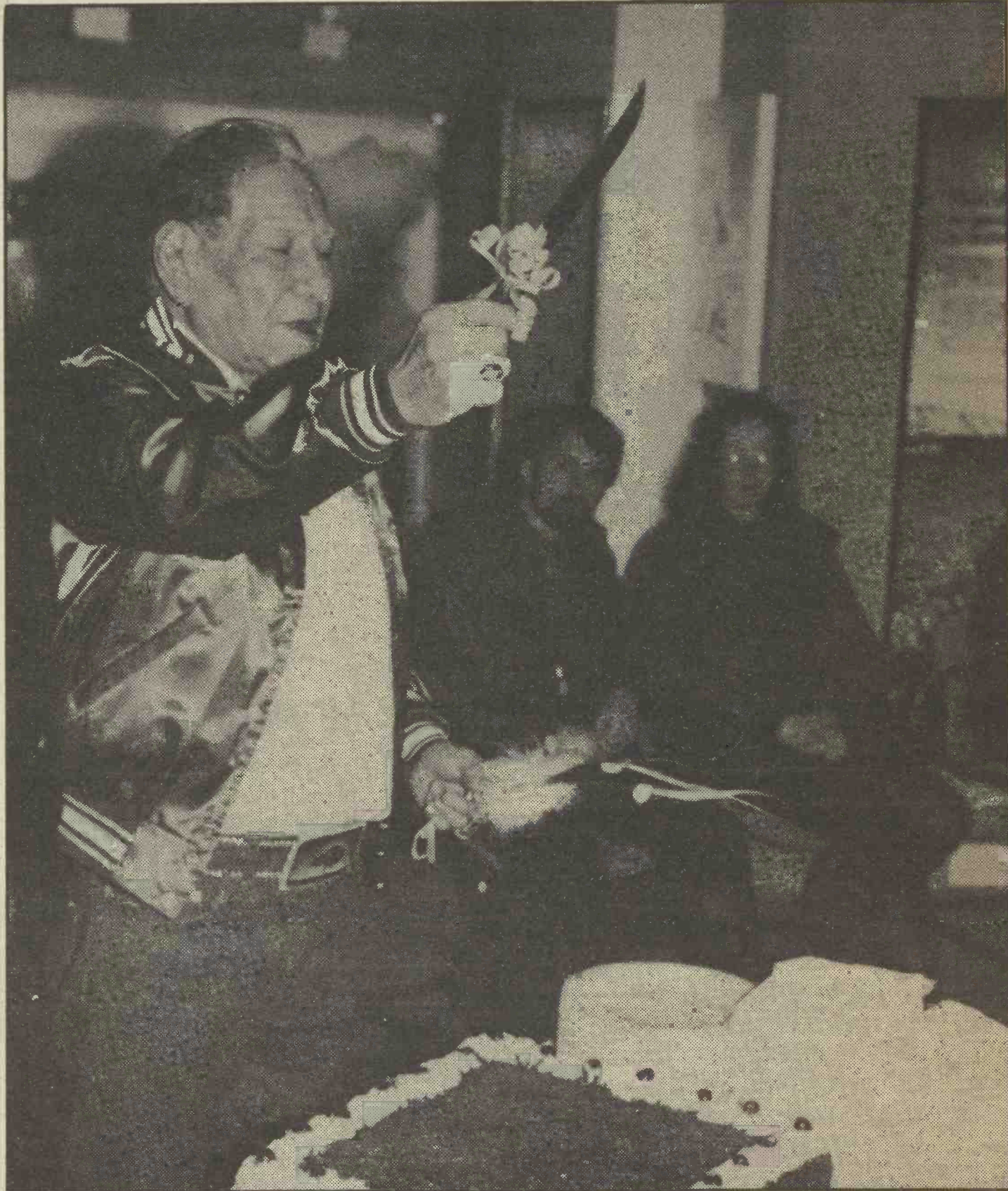
of the Centre; Leonard Bastien, newly elected Chief of the Peigan Nation; and Dr. Bill Byrne, Assistant Deputy Minister for Alberta Culture and Multiculturalism. Dr. Byrne read a letter of congratulation on behalf of Culture and Multiculturalism Minister Greg Stevens, who could not attend. Other speakers were Ken Hughes, MP for the Macleod riding; Jack Brink of the Archaeological Survey of Alberta; Brian Noble, who had worked with Joe when he travelled to China; and Hugh Craig, C.M., and Andy Russell, both long time associates of Mr. Crowshoe. Mervin Chowshoe extended congratulations from the family.

Leonard Bastien also presented letters of congratulations from others unable to attend. One was from Tom Eagle, a friend of Joe's,

who had travelled from Yellowknife that day to attend. He became stranded in Fort Macleod, unable to navigate the now-clogged roads to the site.

Joe was honored by several of his great grandchildren who sang "Happy Birthday" to him. After blessing of the cake by Joe, everyone was treated to food and beverages. The Kill Site and Crowshoe Drummers provided music throughout the ceremony. Members of the group included Leo Wells, Joe Crowshoe Jr., Gordon Many Guns, Louanne Crowshoe, John Chief Moon, and Leo Pard.

Though the weather conditions cut the celebrations short, a good time was clearly had by all. Joe commented that the party was a great surprise to him and he thought he was going to a business meeting.



Blessing ceremony: Peigan Elder Joe Crowshoe



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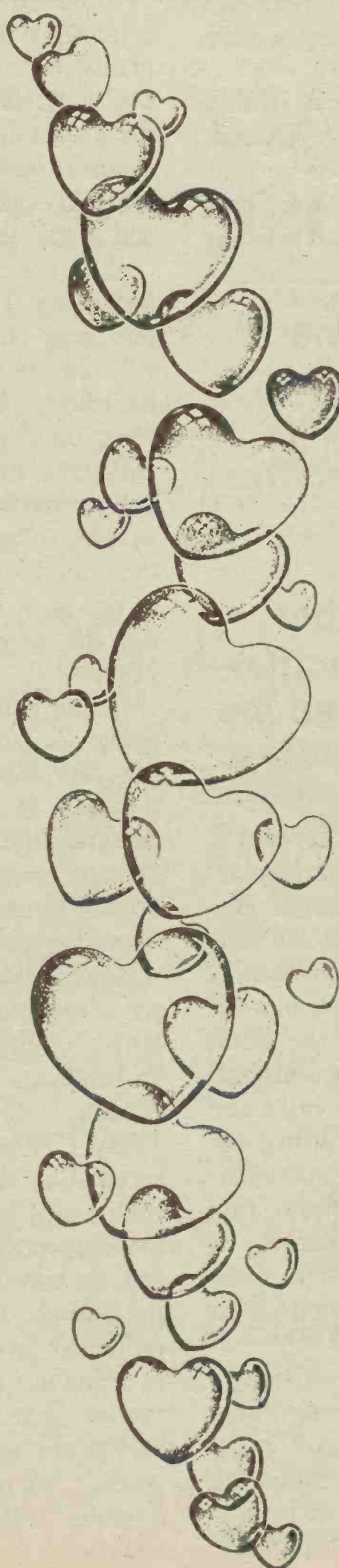
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GRASSROOTS

Donations keep hot lunch program going

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Hello family, friends, fans and neighbors.

Your letters and photos were well received. Thank-you. Your comments and opinions are always important. Glad to hear you're finding informative news material in this column.

And, your decision to 'read this column on a weekly basis' is a touching New Year's resolution. Now, to stand by your commitment?

Let's hear more folks! Pick the topic. Your input is most welcome. Droppin In is subject to it's readership. So, don't hesitate to submit those community event happenings in your areas.

Edmonton: Ben Calf Robe School's Nov. 30 'Landscapes for Lunch' fund-raising benefit was "a success for sure," said Principal Bob Steele.

More than 25 local artists donated their fine works of art to raise the desperately needed dollars for sustaining the school's hot lunch program.

"The cost of running a good school lunch program is generally

between \$13 to \$15,000 annually," said Steele.

Benefit organizers had hoped to raise \$8,000 by Christmas. "Looking at the dollars raised so far, it looks like we're stable



DROPPIN' IN By Bea Lawrence

Telephone (403)455-2700 to have your community happenings considered here free of charge....no news is too small.

internal. We still have about 8-10 paintings for sale."

Artists include: Morris Cardinal, Henry Nanooch, Yardley Jones, Roy Thomas, Kim McLain, Jane Ash Poitras, Esther Freeman and others.

The public is encouraged to view and purchase these works of art to support the lunch program. Interested parties can contact: 451-6066.



Landscapes for lunch: At Calf Robe

BEA LAWRENCE, Windspeaker

Metis Local 1888: Will host a Valentine's dance Feb. 11 at the Leefield Community Hall 7910-36 Ave. (Millwoods) from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Music will be provided by the Metis Media Inc. (Ron Gauthier's D. J. music). Admission is \$6 per person and \$12 per couple. Contact Emily at 466-5591 for more information.

Canadian Lung Association: Invites artists to take part in their annual Christmas Seal design competition. \$1,500 is up for grabs for the winning design. Competition deadline is slated for Mar. 31, 1990. Entry form applications are available

from: 1990 Christmas Seal Design Contest, 75 Albert St., Suite 908, Ottawa, Ont., K1P 5E7. Good Luck, brothers and sisters.

for the next year," said Steele. "Also, it looks like we'll receive funding from the Winspear Foundation."

Price tags for the paintings and sculptures ranged from \$60 to \$350. "The sculptures are all sold out," added Steele. "And, I have to admit, most of the art and sculpture sales were

St. Albert: The Musee Heritage Museum at St. Albert Place is featuring a fine collection of early radios dating back from 1922 when Albertans first heard the radio. These radios are from the Usher Collection and these will be on display to Mar. 22. The museum hours are Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and weekends 12-5 p.m. The location is at 57 St. Albert St., (behind the Bruin Inn hotel) St. Albert. Contact 459-1528 for more information.

Poundmakers: Is hosting their regular month-end sober dance Jan. 28 from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the lodge. Admission is \$5 per person. Live 'old-time country' music will be provided by the Glory Road Band. Spot dance door prizes will be awarded to some lucky winners.

Also, a Sweetheart round dance is slated for Feb. 18 from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. Free admission. Various drum groups will provide music. Contact Alfred Bonaise at 458-1884.

Ft. McMurray: A youth bowling league will start Jan. 26 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. for the 10-17 age group. The league will run every Thursday after school from January to April. Registration fee is \$10. A minimum of 10 youths are required to form the league. 'Don't delay, register today!' Contact Cecil or Kym at 743-8555.

And, students, try your hand at making mocassins and mukluks. This course runs from Jan. 30 to Feb. 2. Registration fee is \$20 plus material. Registration deadline is Jan. 27. Minimum eight students required for the course.

Slave Lake: A quick reminder about the friendship centre's fourth annual talent show Jan. 27 for amateurs only. No entry fee required. Trophies and cash prizes to be awarded. Audience Admission is \$3 for adult and \$1.50 for seniors and children under 12.

That's a wrap for the week folks! Have a safe, happy week and be kind to one another. Keep smiling!

ALBERTA-PACIFIC FOREST INDUSTRIES INC. PROPOSED PULP AND PAPER MILL OPEN HOUSE PRESENTATIONS

ALBERTA-PACIFIC FOREST INDUSTRIES INC. is holding open houses in communities surrounding their proposed 1500 tonne per day Bleach Kraft Pulp Mill and Paper Mill. The mill will be located between Athabasca and Lac La Biche on the Athabasca River.

These open houses are part of the company's Environmental Impact Assessment process designed to provide information about the project to the public and to receive feedback on environmental issues of concern. They will also provide the background for the Environmental Impact Assessment documents and subsequent public meetings.

The environmental impact assessment is being conducted by Beak Associates Consulting Ltd. of Edmonton on behalf of **Alberta-Pacific**. Both company officials and their consultants will be on hand at the open houses to meet you, answer your questions, and listen to your concerns. Please drop in at your convenience at one of the following locations:

BOYLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

5032 Taylor Road
Village of Boyle
Tuesday, January 24, 1989
2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

ATHABASCA COMMUNITY CENTRE

4901 - 48 Street
Town of Athabasca
Thursday, January 26, 1989
2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

LAC LA BICHE

Jubilee Hall
9906 - 101st Avenue
Wednesday, January 25, 1989
2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

GRASSLANDS

Grasslands Community Centre
Monday, January 23, 1989
2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

GRASSROOTS

Tipi camps encouraged

By Bea Lawrence
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Capitalize on this idea. Is there a place for tipis in Alberta's camping market? The Tourism Development Network is concerned with pulling together ideas like this one to encourage tourism development in the province.

Foreign visitors in particular, but also residents, are intrigued and fascinated by the tipi. It is a symbol of our history and offers an opportunity to relive a bygone era.

Tipis can be set up in many locations, requiring only a spot that is level, with debris removed and not directly under trees. Tipis range in size from about 16-30 ft. in diameter. Costs are estimated at \$500-\$1,000.

No dwelling in all the world stirs the imagination

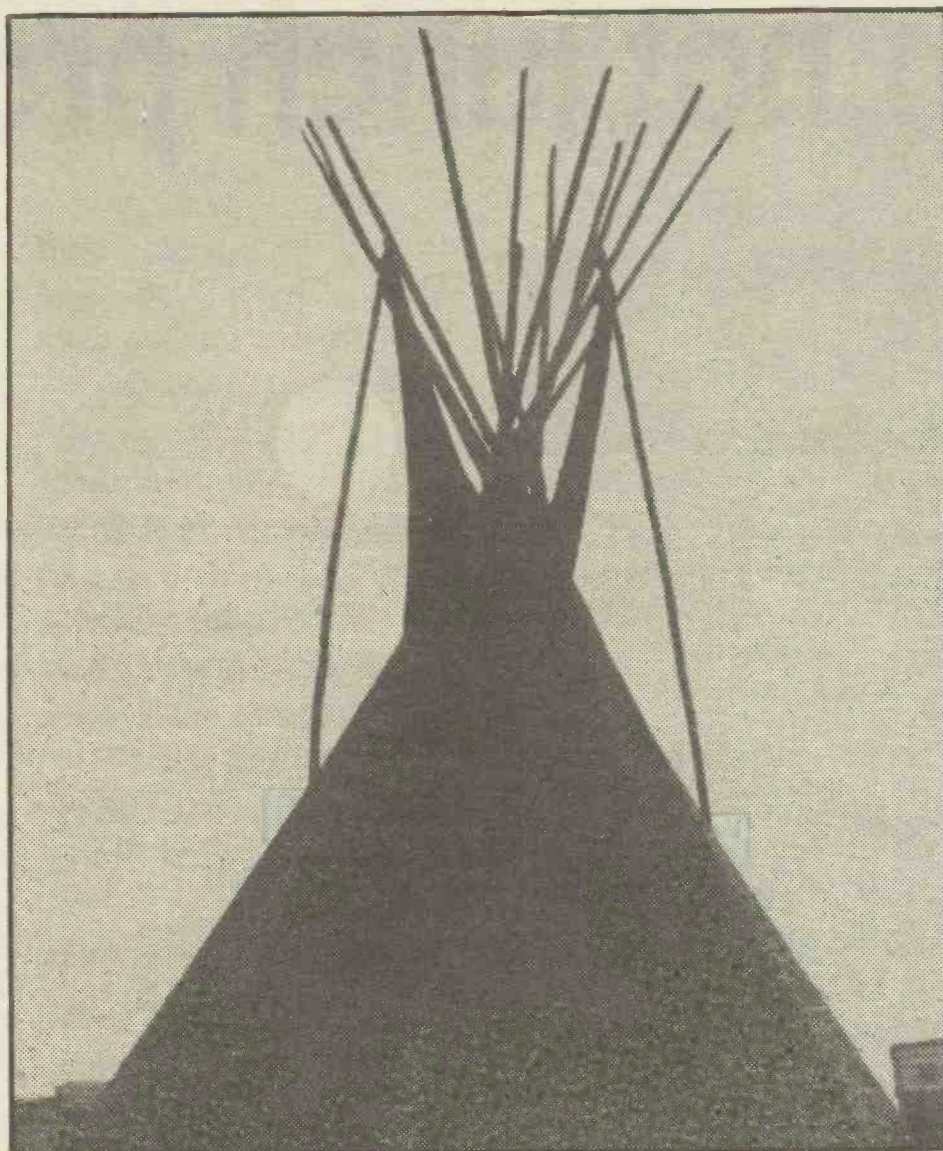
like the tipi of the Plains Indians. No doubt it is one of the most picturesque of all shelters and one of the most practical moveable dwellings ever invented. They are well ventilated, comfortable and are the best kind of tent shelter when there is no shade.

Standard size tipis are 16-22 ft. A 20-22 ft. tipi can sleep 8-12 comfortably if the occupants do not have much gear to store. Canvas constructed tipis have been known to last for 10 years under continuous outdoor use. Therefore, under seasonal use they could last much longer.

Specific tourism related applications for tipis may include campgrounds offering camping in the tipis as an added attraction.

Youth groups ('love the tipi experience') may purchase tipis for their outdoor wilderness activities.

Guest ranch or country



A tourist attraction: Tipis wanted

vacation hosts offering tipis for specialty or overflow accommodations.

And, tipis always serve to attract the public at special events (cultural, multi-cultural, rodeos, music festivals and craft sales).

Did you realize there were more than one million camping nights spent in Alberta in 1987?

Did you know that Alberta's Plains Indians developed the first camper

unit in the province hundreds of years ago?

And, it is a fact that one of the prime travel motivators revolves around cultural and historical experiences.

For more information on tipi applications or the tourism development network, contact Alberta Tourism 427-2501.

Remember, tourist dollars benefit the entire local economy, not just the campground operator.

Fort Mac to host general assembly

By Bea Lawrence
Windspeaker Staff Writer

FORT McMURRAY, Alta.

Fort McMurray's Nistawoyou Association Friendship Centre manager Jerry Cuthbert extends an invitation to all centre members to attend a general membership meeting Jan. 26 at 7 p.m.

"This meeting will give members a chance to ask questions and participate in the future organization and renovations to the centre," said Cuthbert.

The centre lists about 550 members to date. "It breaks about even between adults and children," says Cuthbert. The membership list covers communities from Conklin to Fort Chip which include Fort McKay and Janvier.

"Membership meetings are generally held twice a month," continued Cuthbert.

Bingos (twice weekly),

weddings, dances and wakes are all hosted by the centre. And, the centre hopes to develop more activities for its members.

"We encourage the people to come into the centre to participate and make their centre a better place to be," says Cuthbert.

Now, there is a position open on the centre's board of directors. This position needs to be filled immediately. Application forms are open to the public and are available at the centre's office.

Weather conditions could be a factor but, "we're expecting about 50-100 members at the general meeting. This will be a healthy group meeting," concludes Cuthbert.

The centre's slated events for March include the winter carnival and Regional Aboriginal Recognition Awards ("RA RA," says Cuthbert).

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GRASSROOTS

Wabasca gathers for round dance

Josie C. Auger
Windspeaker Correspondent

WABASCA/DESMARAIS,
ALTA.

Boom-boom, boom-boom...Hayeah; hayeah!, hay!

Three rings of dancers circled around the four drummers and chanters. It is Saturday, Jan. 14, and the Wabasca/Desmarais is holding a round dance.

It is the first time "special invitations" were given to the Royal Canadian Police, Peekiskwetan - Let's Talk Agency, officials of Northlands School Division, the medical community and both Catholic and Anglican priests. The round dance was held at the Desmarais Centre and sponsored by the Bigstone Cree Band Social Services.

Gordon Auger, director of Social Services, said the group was trying to establish a better relationship with the community. He said the dance was organized "so people would get to know one another."

"The staff and everybody don't seem to have time to visit," he said. But he added that this was "one of the best ways" for people "to talk to one another."

The volunteers who prepared for the round dance had to have everything ready by five o'clock. The cooks served moose meat, potatoes, vegetables, stew, moose ribs, bannock, berries and cakes.

Bertha Young, a book-keeper for the Peekiskwetan - Let's Talk Agency, was one of the volunteer cooks. She said some women had started cooking Friday but she didn't start until Saturday morning. Bertha said she wanted "to put some effort into it, hoping that it will spark some enthusiasm in some other people."

After supper, Chief Charlie Beaver welcomed everyone to the round dance. He gave a special welcome to Chief Bernard Ominiyak and about a dozen other members of the Lubicon Lake band. Denys Auger, a band councillor, commended the volunteers for all the work and hours put in to set up the round dance.

After supper, the tables were cleared and four chairs were set up in the middle of the centre for the local drummers. The drumming was done by Julian Auger, Johnny Stewart, John Nanimahoo and Robert Noskiye.

Jim Speer, the Anglican priest, said it was the first time he'd been invited to a round dance. "I enjoyed it very much, we got to hold hands and dance with anybody. It was a nice time for all of us." He was the first of the specially invited people to join in.

However, some of the guests were a little shy about joining in. Constable Brian Phillmore was one. "When you have a uniform on you're the centre of attention," he said. But after four cups of tea, and watching the kids who were really getting into it, "I figured what the heck!"

Constable Phillmore decided there should be more events like the round dance because "it's part of a traditional way of life that you hardly see up here".

The round dance was over around eleven o'clock. A few die-hard dancers wanted to continue but most of the 200 people who came were long gone. So the drummers rested their sticks and even the die-hards went home.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY WARDSHIP TO: CLAUDETTE CATTLEMAN

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Willie joins drum song

As an honored guest at a traditional powwow organized by the Ermineskin members, newly elected federal MP of the Wetaskiwin riding, Willie Littlechild joins in a drum song. The evening's ceremony held Jan. 14 also paid a special tribute to the band's newly elected council members.

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- **Metis Cultural Dance Classes**, Sunday afternoons, 2 - 4 p.m., 11035-127 St., St. Peters Church Hall, Edmonton. Contact Georgina Donald 452-7811 for more.
- **Minor Hockey Tournament (Tykes)**, Jan. 21-22, Saddle Lake.
- **New Year's Powwow**, Jan. 21, Pincher Creek Community Hall. Call 627-4224 or 627-4234 for more.
- **Talent Show**, Jan. 27, 1989, Slave Lake. Sponsored by Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre.
- **Round Dance**, Jan. 29, Sturgeon Lake Reserve - 5 p.m. For further info call Margaret at 524-5520.
- **Clifford Metchewais Memorial Hockey Tournament**, Jan. 27-29, Goodfish Lake. Contact Randy Metchewais 594-1457.
- **Duck Lake Metis Winter Festival '89**, Jan. 28 & 29, Duck Lake, Sask.
- **10th Anniversary Powwow**, Feb. 1, Plains Indians Cultural School, 1723-33 St. S.W. Calgary. Tel. 246-5378.
- **Commercial Hockey Tournament**, Feb. 3-4, Saddle Lake.
- **Valentine's Day Dance**, Feb. 11, 7910-36 Ave., Edmonton. Hosted by Metis Local 1888.
- **National Aboriginal Youth Conference**, Feb. 10-13, Skyline Hotel, Ottawa. Call (613) 238-3511.
- **Senior Hockey Tournament**, Feb. 10-12, Alexander Arena. For more info contact: Wyatt Arcand 939-5887.
- **Round Dance**, Feb. 18, Poundmaker/Nechi, St. Albert, 8 p.m. - 4 a.m. Contact: Alfred Bonaise 458-1884.
- **2nd Annual Ermineskin Open Coed Volleyball Tourney**, February 18 & 19, Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre. Call 585-3088 (Danny) or 585-3089 (Evan) for more information.
- **Senior Hockey Tournament & Oldtimers**, Feb. 25-27, Regina, Sask. Contact Melton Tootoosis (306) 584-8333.
- **6th Annual All Native Hockey Tournament**, Feb. 24 & 25, Regina. Inquiries call: (306) 584-8333.
- **10th Annual Mixed Bonspiel**, February 24-26, Slave Lake. Sponsored by Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre. Call Jennifer at 849-3039 for more.
- **Teen Lip Sync Contest**, March 10, Slave Lake Friendship Centre. Dance to follow - Sorry no adults.
- **Poundmaker's Lodge 2nd Annual AA Roundup**, March 17-19. For further information call Maureen K., or Don. T. at 458-1884.
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Illustrated by Daphne Odjig
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Judge this book by its cover and it becomes evident that it's a collection of 'erotic' Indian tales. The front cover illustration shows a reclined couple making whoopee. On the back cover, writer Duke Redbird is quoted as saying "erotic but never leering tales." The publishers boast the book reveals a little known aspect of Native Canadian lore: its dynamic sexuality.

Putting words like eroticism, sweat lodge and Indian together seems like a perfect mix for controversy. Those eager to examine the apparently risqué book to see what boundaries were overstepped or what sacred things were desecrated might find the content to be harmless and fun.

The writer, a doctor who resides in the Eskimo north, begins the 13-story book by

assuring the reader that the tales retained the Indian manner of expression and thought. Schwarz gathered most of the tales from eastern Indians, or from other books and journals.

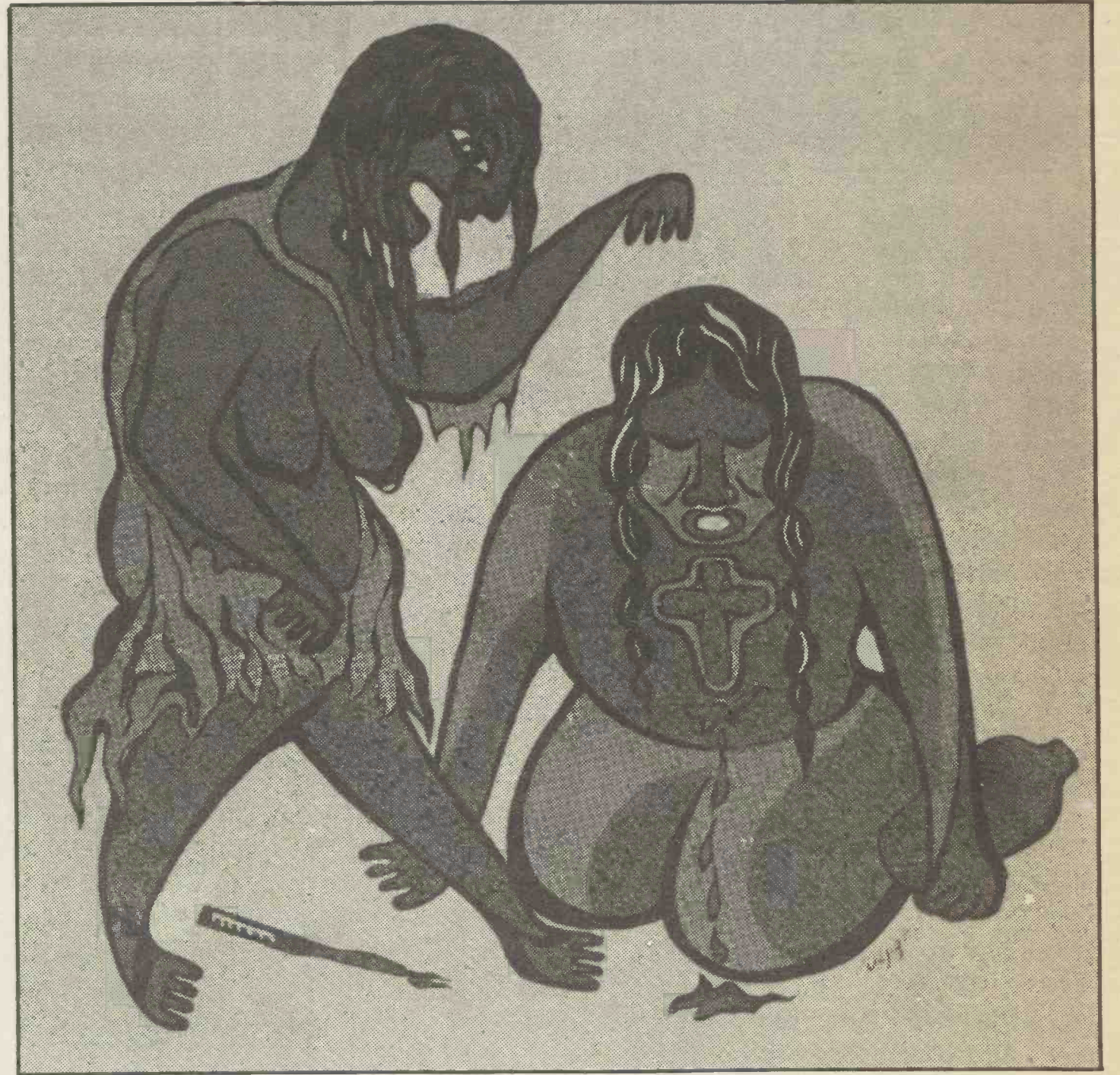
He sets the stage for the storytelling by putting a group of men in a social sweat lodge. It's winter and the old storytellers try to outdo one another as the younger men listen.

Although the tales are light-hearted and often humorous, many do contain moral messages. The author writes: "These were not told for their own sake; a moral or social truth was drawn from them, which instructed people in the disastrous consequences of social misbehaviour."

One tale relates the origin of venereal disease — called the "whiteman's disease." In the story, an Indian man journeys to a white town, gets intoxicated and lays with a woman who has been with many white soldiers. He returns to his village and unknowingly brings back

the "whiteman's disease."

Another tale, on the funnier side, tells about a man with mysterious stomach pains that even the medicine man can't cure. The man sends his son to the town doctor. After hearing the symptoms, the doctor tells the boy to go back to his father and get a urine specimen. The father complies and sends his son back to town again, this time with a filled specimen jar. On the way, the boy stops to play and accidentally spills the jar. Scared of being punished, the boy fills the jar with cow urine, hoping no one would notice. A few days pass and the doctor comes to the village and tells the sick man he's pregnant...with a calf! The man, ashamed, leaves the village and sleeps overnight at a farmer's barn. He's awakened by a calf standing over him and returns home, thinking he gave birth during the night. The farmer finds the calf in the barn chewing on the man's moccasins. So begins the tall-



Tales of relationships: Illustration by Daphne Odjig

tale of the man-eating calf.

Other tales deal with incest, bestiality, polygamy, and castration. All told in a good-natured way.

Each tale is illustrated by Native artist Daphne Odjig. The paintings are bold and dynamic, and are probably

the most explicit Native-style images most have seen. Almost all the images are too erotically explicit to publish in this newspaper. The images bring to mind East Asian erotic art.

True, the book appears risqué, but it shows courage

and sensitivity in handling such delicate material. Rather than enforcing the stereotypical portrayal of Indians as a stoic and mystical people, it presents to more realistic and well-rounded picture — for adults only, that is.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Coast Indians lend Expo canoe to museum

BURNABY, B.C. - About 100 Indians from Bella Bella visited Simon Fraser University Jan. 8 to take part in a ceremony officially opening the display of their Glwa canoe - hand-carved for Expo '86 - in the university's Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology. Natives, who say the canoe-building project renewed their community pride, have loaned the 36-foot long craft to

Simon Fraser for the winter.

During the ceremony, members of the Bella Bella band, including children and elders, performed traditional dance in Native costume, and, in speeches, acknowledged the university's continuing archaeological endeavors in their community.

In place of a ribbon cutting ceremony, the Bella Bella group brought a tiny,

500-year-old piece of cedar bark, which they cut in front of the museum's doors.

Simon Fraser University dean of arts, Dr. Robert Brown, told spectators and participants at the ceremony "the Glwa canoe honors us" by being at Simon Fraser. Canoe carver David Gladstone called the display a sign of the good relationship between Simon Fraser and his coastal village.

Archaeology department chair Dr. Roy Carlson says Simon Fraser has worked with the Bella Bella group for over 20 years. "It is a long standing relationship in which we take mutual enjoyment."



Opening ceremony: Bella Bella dancers

Filmmakers get Tokyo award

By Beverly McDonald
Inuvialuit Communications

Renie Arey and Leonard Harry recently won a special merit award at the Tokyo Film Festival.

The winning program, Whaling at Nallgugiak, was filmed in mid-July about 15 miles west of Tuktoyaktuk, N.W.T. They will get a plaque and a cheque for \$150.

Renie Arey produced the show and did most of the camera work. Leonard Harry was an audio assistant and interviewer.

"Leonard was a trainee at the time. However he was very willing to learn, it was work, work, work with him. Together we were on the ball," said Arey.

The program begins with Billy Day talking of whaling long ago - how the men used to hunt in kayaks and drive the whales into shallow water to spear them. It also covered how whaling has developed through the years, using faster boats and guns. The program pointed out how young whales and their mothers were not hunted, instead whalers concentrated on whales without young. The whale is not wasted. Muktuk and dried meat were shown being prepared. The crew went on an actual hunt and caught a 15-foot Beluga whale.

"I was a little nervous when we did the program," said Arey. "It was my first time on my own, but we did our best and it worked out."

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- experience with a Native organization would be an asset

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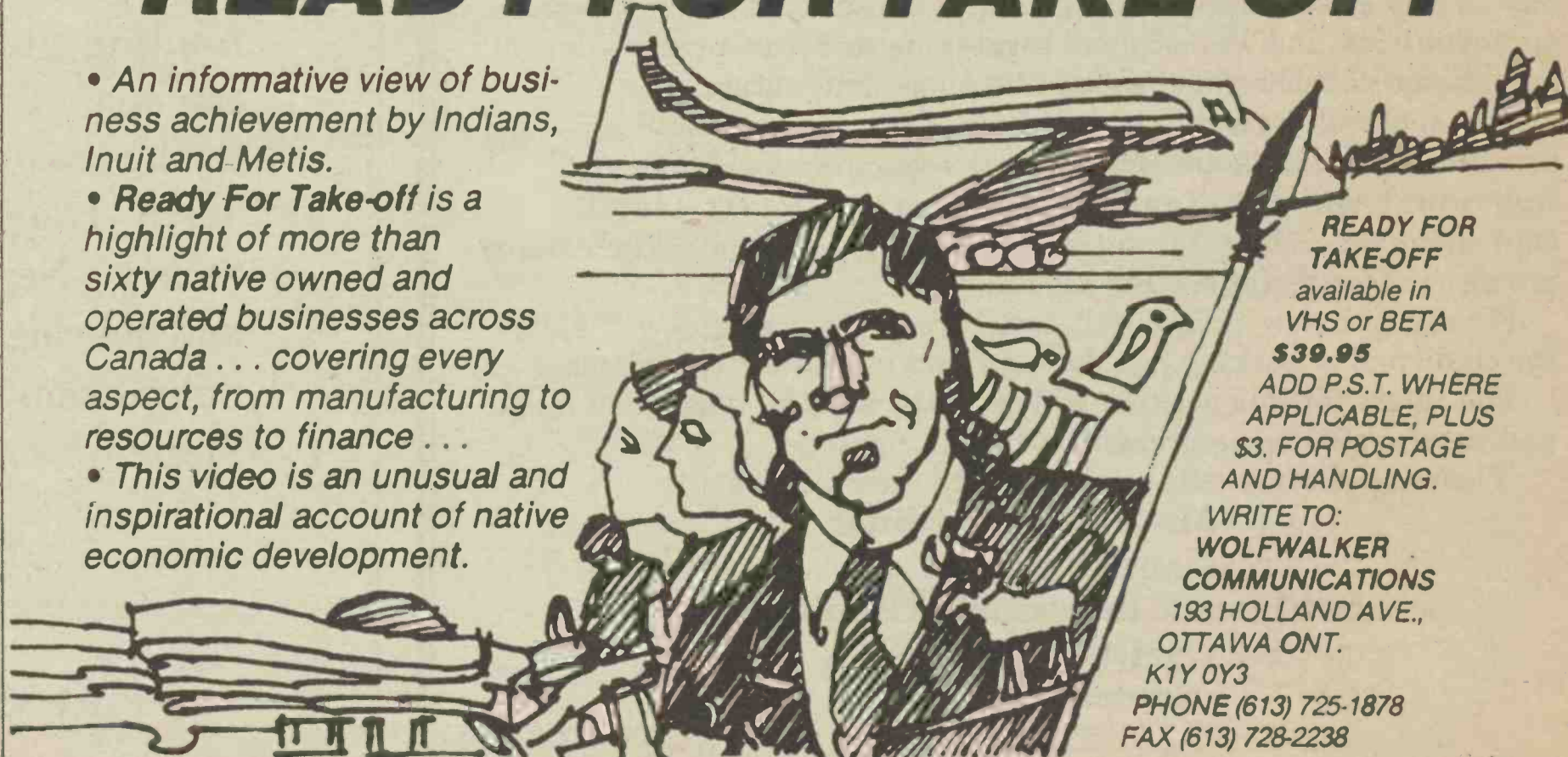
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SPORTS & LEISURE

Strikers and Digs triumph

By Lyle Donald
Windspeaker Correspondent

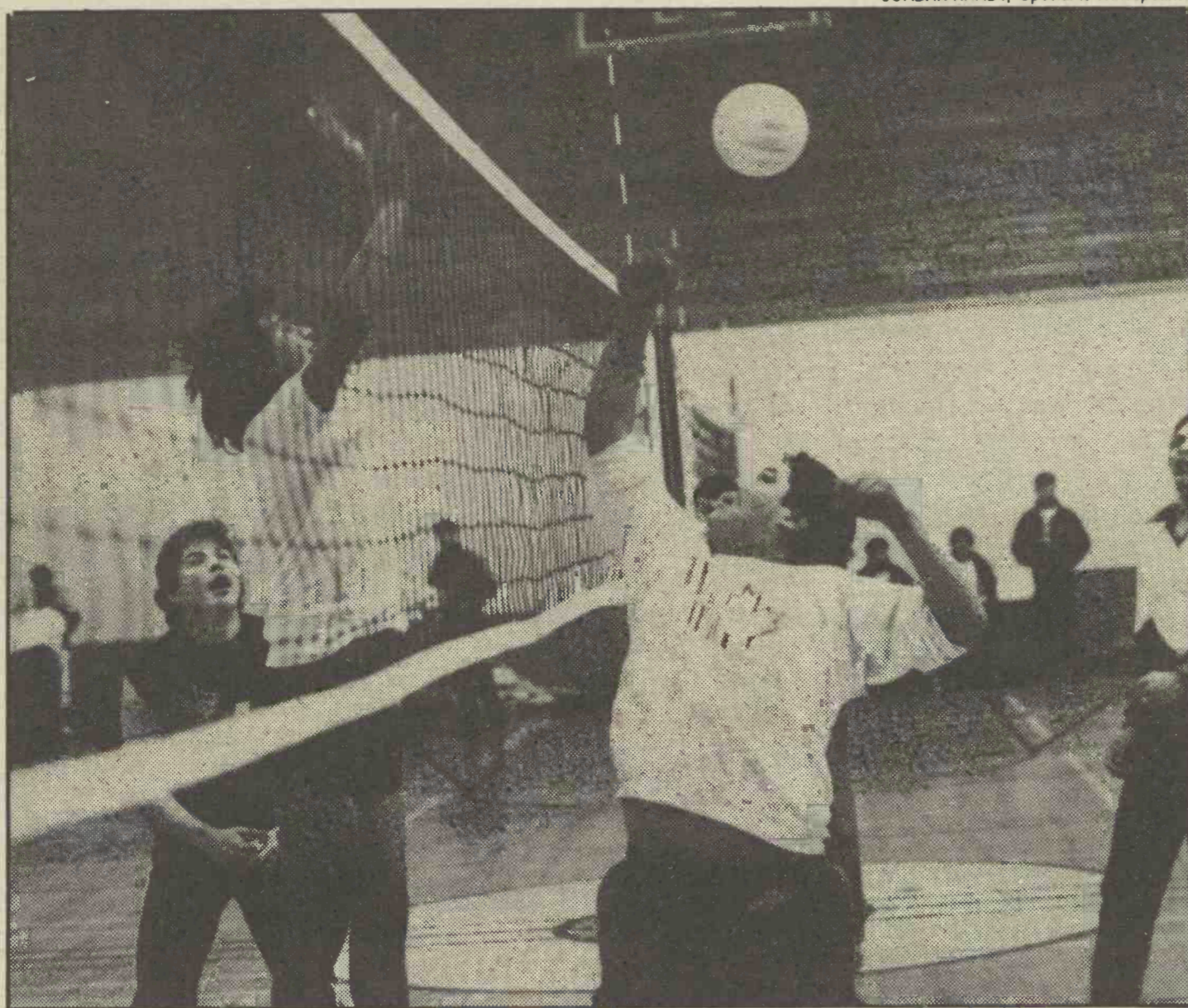
HOBHEMA, Alta.

The Strikers mens' and Edmonton Diggers Ladies' teams from Edmonton, bumped and spiked their way to win the Ermineskin recreation tournament held Jan. 14 at the Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre in Hobbema.

It was set to be a six-team tournament in each division, but since a couple of teams pulled out at the last minute, they dropped it down to a one-day tournament, said Robert George, coach of the Strikers.

The final game on the mens' side matched up the Strikers and the Frog Lake Bounty Hunters. It was a close match with the Strikers taking three sets to the Bounty Hunters' one.

In the ladies' division, Audra Stevenson lead the Edmonton Diggers to victo-



Edmonton teams dominated: Volleyball fever at Hobbema

ry over the Hobbema NightHawks in the finals.

Even though this was a small tournament, players are getting ready for the bigger tournaments down the road, with Hobbema hosting the Canada West All-Native tournament. They are also preparing for the big one in Yorkton, Sask., March 31 - April 2, where prize money is \$3,000 first prize.

Results: 1st, Edmonton Strikers; 2nd, Frog Lake Bounty Hunters; 3rd, Hobbema Four Nations.

Most sportsman team: Frog Lake.

Best centre: Winston Paul, Frog Lake.

Best spiker: Rocky McKay, Edmonton.

Most valuable player: Wilson Faithful, Frog Lake.

Ladies: 1st, Edmonton Diggers; 2nd, Hobbema NightHawks; 3rd, Hobbema Top Guns.

Most Sportsperson team: Edmonton.

Best centre: Sarah Swampy, NightHawks.

Best spiker: Darla Ferguson, Edmonton.

Most valuable player: Audra Stevenson, Edmonton.

Raiders hold title

By Lyle Donald
Windspeaker Correspondent

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask.

The Dog Lake Raiders successfully defended their title as they beat the Prince George Lumber Kings 13-9 in the final game at the fifth annual Aboriginal hockey tournament at Prince Albert, Jan. 13-15.

The tournament drew teams from all four western provinces - the Hobbema Oilers and Saddle Lake represented Alberta.

It is one of the top Aboriginal tournaments held in Canada and George Sayese of the Prince Albert friendship centre said they drew over 1,500 spectators per day and had over 1,000 in attendance for the final game. Sayese added that the final game was an exciting one - the teams were evenly matched.

The most valuable player

of the three-day tourney, Everett Rose of the Prince George Lumber Kings, tallied over 50 points and led his team to the finals.

RESULTS

1st: Dog Lake Raiders, Saskatchewan, \$2,500 plus jackets.

2nd: Prince George Lumber Kings, British Columbia, \$2,000.

3rd: Cumberland Cree, Saskatchewan, \$1,500.

4th: Hobbema Oilers, Alberta, \$1,000.

ALL-STARS

Left defence: Willy Norton, Dog Lake.

Right defence: Brent Pascal, Prince George.

Centre: Everett Rose, Prince George.

Left wing: Chip Merasty, Dog Lake.

Right wing: Brent Rabbit, Dog Lake.

MVP: Everett Rose, Prince George.



Chief Executive Officer

Settlement Investment Corporation is a financial institution owned by the Metis settlements of Alberta. The corporation is involved in the development and support of new business initiatives that stimulate the economic growth of the settlements.

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Band Manager

The Chief and Council of Fort McMurray Indian Band located at Gregoire Lake, Alberta are seeking an experienced administrator for the term position of Band Manager.

Successful candidate will be a self-motivated well-organized individual possessing strong supervisory skills and a good working knowledge of band administrative policies.

A post secondary education supplemented with several years progressive experience in financial management, public relations and program funding including municipal planning is essential. The ability to work in cross-cultural setting is a prerequisite.

Term - two years

Salary - Negotiable within \$30,000 plus range and housing.

Submission Deadline - Jan. 31, 1989.

Please forward resume to:

Chief and Council
Fort McMurray Band
P.O. Box 8217
Clearwater Station
Fort McMurray, Alberta T9H 4J1

SPORTS & LEISURE

Hawks must end strong

By Jordan Hardy
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBBEWA, Alta.

One look at the Hobbema Hawks' standings, and you might get the idea that they're on the skids. Not true. "Whenever you have a team that experiences a lot of changes no matter what level of hockey you're talking about, of course, it'll take some adjusting to," said Coach Ted Anderson of the Hawks.

When you add to that the fact that they've also lost players to the WHL (Western Hockey League), including their number one and two goalies, then you begin to see the light.

"When Marty (Braithwaite, goalie) came back, he came back injured, and it took awhile for him to mend," Anderson added. In a Lloydminster game (Hobbema, 3, Lloydminster 2, Jan. 10), except for the first goal - a slapshot from the blue line - Marty played a solid game.

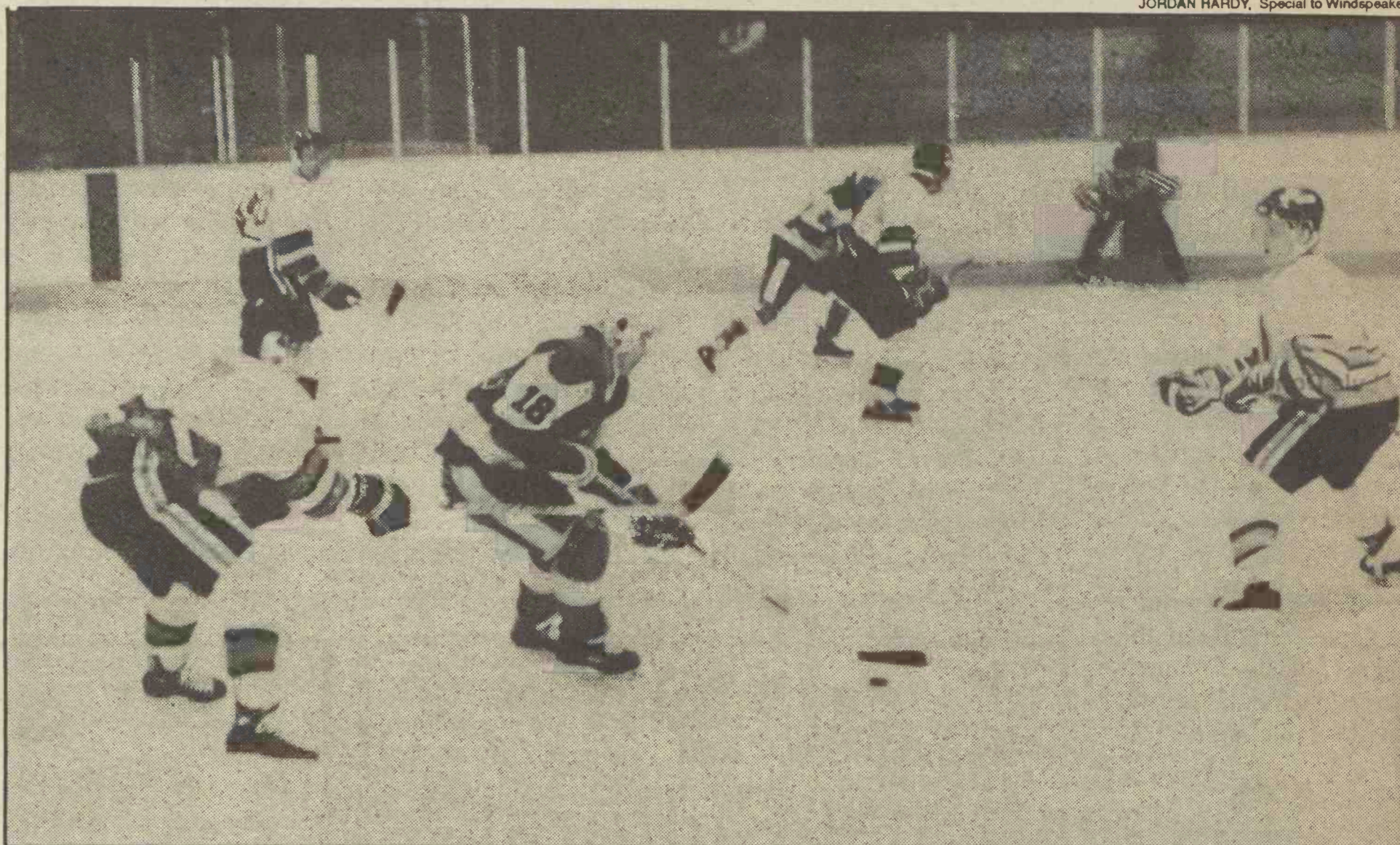
But goaltending is just part of the game, what about



the other players? "The players are adjusting well to the new system and it'll take awhile, right now we're just taking it one game at a time," said Anderson.

As of January, the Hawks have won 10, lost 30, and tied 3. They are 20 points behind the fourth place Olds Grizzlys, a position the Hawks have to finish in for play off contention, and with 17 games left their chances are slim and next to none. But at least the chance is there.

If the Hawks can put together a determined team effort in the last leg of the season, they may or may not win a play off spot, but at least they'll win the fans' respect. For now, it's like Coach Anderson says, one game at a time.



Chasing a play off spot: The Hobbema Hawks

Athabasca Health Unit COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER

The Athabasca Health Unit requires a part-time Community Health Worker for the Peerless Lake area to deliver preventive community health programs in conjunction with a Community Health Nurse.

Qualifications and experience: Community Health Worker certificate. An individual with a Grade 10 diploma who is willing to obtain further education will be considered. This person must be well motivated and capable of working with limited direction and supervision.

Salary: \$17,328 - \$22,140 with a

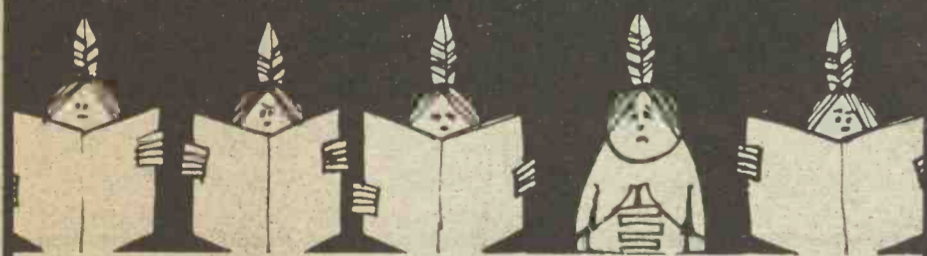
Community Health Worker Certificate

For further information call Gail Robertson, Area Co-ordinator, Community Health Nursing at 849-3947.

Position will remain vacant until a suitable candidate is selected.

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Individuals with proven skills in these areas are invited to apply.

Knowledge and experience in trapping and prior work experience

in Native organizations are both definite assets. Travelling is involved.

Please forward resumes to:
**Alberta Indian Wildlands Resources Council
11630 Kingsway Ave.
Edmonton, Alberta
T5G 0X5
ATTN: Morag Humble**

Telephone: 452-4330

Deadline for applications: February 3, 1989

SPORTS & LEISURE

Saddle Lake celebrates minor hockey week

By Lyle Donald
Windspeaker Correspondent

SADDLE LAKE, ALTA.

All across Canada last week, several thousand kids took part in Minor Hockey Week, with dreams of playing in the pros and being a superstar like Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux, or

Dave Semenko.

In Saddle Lake, they dedicate the weekends in January for Minor Hockey Month, and on the weekend of Jan. 14-15, held their novice tournament (ages 8 & 9 yr. olds).

It was a 8-team tournament, with teams from Onion Lake, Sask., Goodfish Lake, Alexander

reserve, Vilna, Kikino, and three teams from hosts Saddle Lake.

Recreation director of Saddle Lake, Ken Kakeesim, said because of two teams pulling out at the last minute, they had to split up their novice team and add their younger team to fill the gap.

They split the teams up

into two groups and had a round robin with the two top teams from each division (Kikino and Onion Lake) play-off for the championship, and the second place sinners (Alexander and Saddle Lake Eagles, vying for the consolation prize.

In the championship game, Kikino squeezed by

their rivals from Onion Lake 12-11 in a game that could have went either way. Kikino won by taking advantage of the chances that came their way.

In the consolation game, everybody thought Alexander were going to blow the doors of the younger Saddle

Lake Eagles, but the Eagles made it respectable and lost to Alexander 7-3.

Jan. 21-22, the young tykes (7 and under) will host an eight team tournament. January 28-29, the Atoms division will be having their tournament for kids 11 and under.

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The Chief and Council of Fort McMurray Indian Band located at Gregoire Lake, Alberta are seeking an individual for the above position.

Salary: Negotiable - depending on qualifications. Starting date: Immediately.

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- a good understanding of alcohol and drug abuse problems
- good organizational skills in dealing with recreation and cultural activities

Duties will include:

- participation in one on one and group counselling
- co-ordinate and organize workshops and meetings
- co-ordinate, organize and operate recreation and cultural functions
- must be able to communicate well with both young and old people
- must show good leadership skills
- must have own transportation and be prepared to attend training workshops out of town.
- good understanding of Indian culture and recreation
- good understanding of the ways of life of Indian people would be a definite asset

Please submit written resume to:
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P.O. Box 8217 Clearwater Station
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Or apply in person to Bernice Cree - Band office - Telephone (403) 334-2293.

Employment Opportunity

The Athabasca Native Development Corporation (ANDC) is accepting applications for the position of:

Native Employment Coordinator

The Corporation was formed to assist local Native persons in obtaining and increasing employment and business opportunities in the local regions.

ANDC is seeking an individual skilled in effective communications and interpersonal skills, and has a good understanding of the socio-economic issues affecting Native people in and around the Indian and Metis communities within the Fort McMurray/Fort Chipewyan region.

The position of the NATIVE EMPLOYMENT COORDINATOR will report to the Executive Director of ANDC. His/her primary responsibility will be to ensure greater access to employment opportunities for Native people. The successful applicant will also be working closely with regional employers and employment agencies; responsible for developing and supporting training and educational programs leading to employment opportunities; and developing a support system for existing and potential Native employees in the region.

Applicants should be self-starters; motivated; able to write proposals; knowledgeable in data collection; retrieval and analysis; possess research skills; and have experience in recruiting, placement, counselling and conducting workshops.

Ability to speak Cree or Chipewyan and a very good cultural and traditional understanding of the various Native groups within the Fort McMurray/Fort Chipewyan area would be a definite asset.

This is a permanent full-time position. Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Please send your application/resume to:

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T9H 1T6

All applications/resumes must be in to ANDC office no later than closing date of Friday, February 3, 1989.

For further information contact: George D. Calliou, Executive Director, ANDC (403) 791-6541

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SPORTS & LEISURE

CNFC's new rec man**RiChard makes plans**

Everett Lambert
Nehiyaw News Service

EDMONTON

Once again, sport programs at the Canadian Native Friendship Centre (CNFC) are off and running with a new program director.

In addition to the new running program, the centre will also operate boxing, karate, weightlifting and hockey, which will include both ice and floor hockey.

Breathing new life into the programs is Ralph (Ghostkeeper) RiChard from the Paddle Prairie Metis set-

tlement. RiChard, 27, has worked in the recreation field for both the Montana band (Hobbema) and the recreation society in Paddle Prairie. "Recreation has always been an interesting occupation," says Richard, who recently studied administration at the University of Lethbridge.

RiChard was hired as an interim program director. The term for his position ends on February 28, however, RiChard plans to apply for the position again. The position was recently vacated by Gordon Russell, a long time employee of the

CNFC.

Most of the programs will be housed at the nearby Westmount Junior High School, located at 11125 - 131 Street. This will include the karate, boxing, and weight-lifting programs.

A running program is also expected to start soon. Runner Allan Beaver from the Bigstone Band plans to participate in the new program.

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STAN JENKIN'S BACKGROUND

FAMILY: Married to Tina (nee Evanoff) from Fort Smith. They are the proud parents of three children and one grandchild. The Jenkins have fostered six other children. Seven students have also found a home with the Jenkins.

COMMUNITY: Served as Town Council member, Municipal Planning member, Past President of Alberta Native Friendship Centres, V-P of Wabasca-Desmarais Business Men's Association, Sec. Treas. Wabasca-Desmarais Land Tenure committee, Board member of Slave Lake Education North Committee, Community Education, Native Friendship Centre, Rec. Board, High Prairie Detox Centre and National Task Force for Urban Reception Centres.

EMPLOYMENT: Worked as Hudson Bay Manager in seven Northern Communities; Indian Regional council as Finance Administrator with a \$7.7 budget; Director, Native Friendship Centre, Slave Lake; Sturgeon Lake Indian Band as Band Administrator; Driftpile River Indian Band in same capacity; General Manager of Kakeeyaw Forest Industries (logging, construction and oilfield contracting).

POLITICAL: Many years of dedication to PC party; second V-P of Slave Lake PC Association; Chairman, Zone 3 Athabasca Federal PC Association; organized riding activities for Jack Shields and Larry Shaben.

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Pearl has a Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta. She has also submitted her master thesis for a Masters in Education from the University of Oregon.

Pearl is a member of a variety of organizations. She is a member of the Northern Alberta Development Council Bursary Selection Committee, a Board member for the Native Economic Development Program and a Commissioner for the Alberta Human Rights Commission. Pearl is also a co-founder of the Native Cultural Centre, a province-wide community initiative in Devon.

Pearl Calahasen's work experience has taken her throughout the Province of Alberta. She has developed an edge in understanding the issues affecting people while working with them at a community level.

Presently, Pearl resides in Edmonton but the only place she likes to call home is her father's residence in Grouard.

Pearl will be meeting personally with all of her constituents in the Lesser Slave Lake region through the duration of her campaign. This will give her a chance to get to know you and your needs better.

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Dena Jones-Short

February 5, 1989 in Kinuso

Dena Jones-Short is Qualified to be your next MLA:

Born and raised in the North (McLennan); now resides in Slave Lake; involved with the Progressive Party since 1971, as Director, Secretary Treasurer and presently fourth vice-president; studied at the University of Alberta, received a degree in Humanities, further studies in economics, political science and law; Currently holds position of District Manager, Alberta Social Services. Dena is also Managerial Consultant to North Country Investments Ltd. Dena is married to Darcy Short, of Alpine Pumpjacks Ltd. Darcy is in full support of Dena's candidacy - a family commitment.

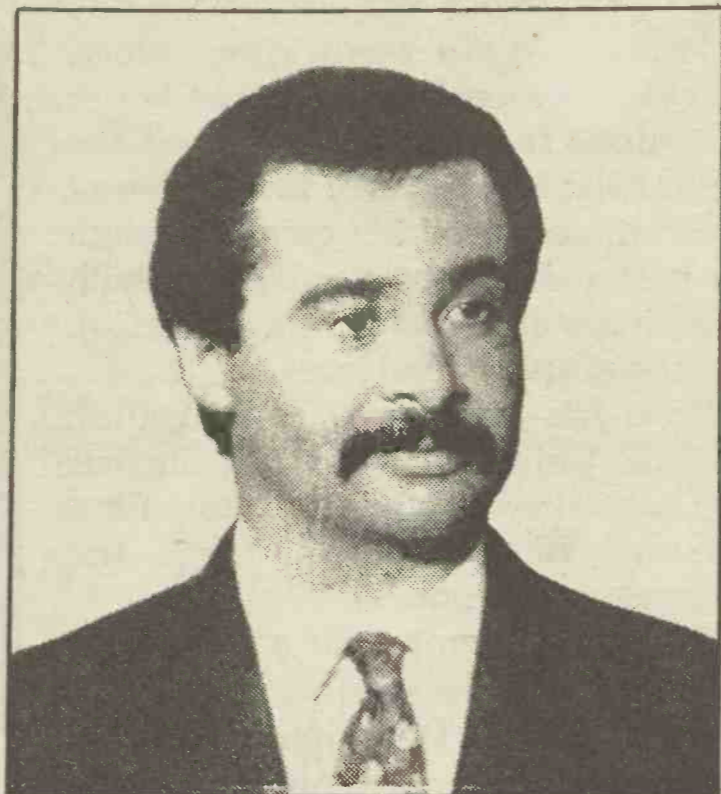


Dena Stands for Commitment: To economic and community development; to the NORTH and to the people, to work with individuals, communities, small business and industry to improve the lifestyle for all constituents. The constituency creates huge revenues through the oil and gas, forestry and other industries. We must have a strong voice, in the Legislature to ensure these contributions are recognized and that a fair share of these revenues are generated back to the constituency. To being a strong voice for the Native people and is willing to work hard to address the issues that face them.

Dena is sincere, hard working, willing to listen and is committed to the Constituency.

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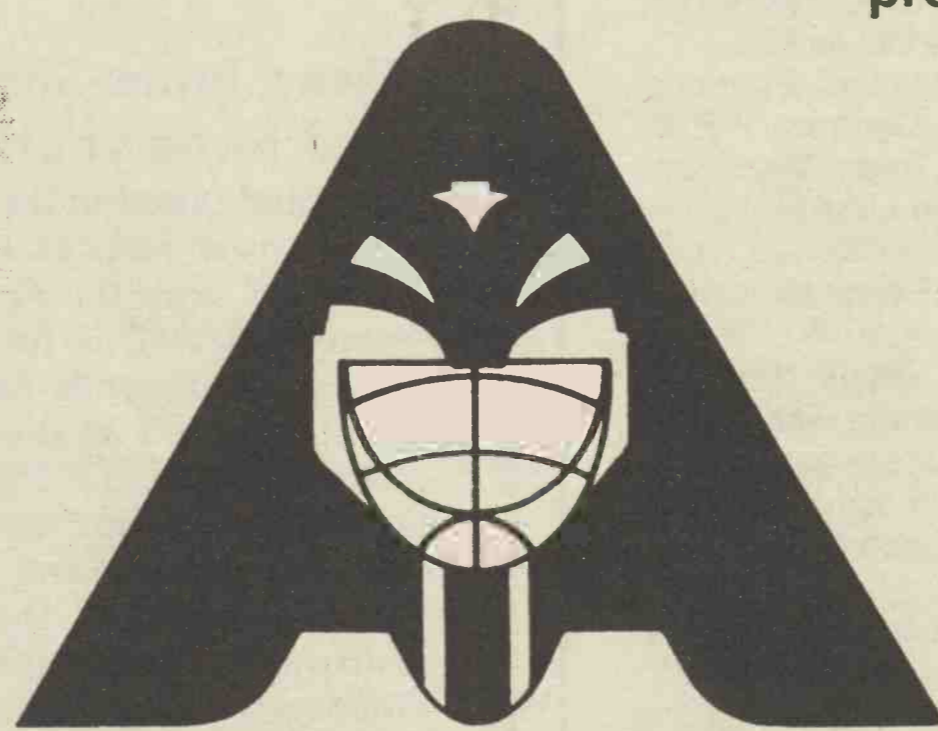
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