

UN investigator finds:

Canada violated Treaty 6

By Jeanne Lepine
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ONION LAKE, Alta.

A three-day meeting between Indian leaders and a United Nations investigation came to a close Thursday with a declaration that Canada has violated Treaty 6.

United Nations Human Rights investigator Miguel Alfonso Martinez said he recognizes that Canada has violated its treaty with the Native people of Treaty 6.

About 800 Native people gathered on the cultural grounds at the Onion Lake reserve, to hear their elders and chiefs give evidence on Treaty 6, entered into by their forefathers and the Queen.

They were giving him their version of Canada's promises at treaty negotiations in the 1870s at Fort Pitt near Onion Lake, 49 km north of Lloydminster.

Martinez, an expert on international law, was commissioned to do a three-year inquiry based on allegations that Canada has violated treaties with Aboriginal people.

Grand Chief Matthew Coon-Come, representing northern Quebec's 10,000 Crees, is convinced the

inquiry will put pressure on the Canadian government to live up to its commitment to the Indian people.

Having observer status at the United Nations, the Quebec Crees were instrumental in persuading the UN to launch the investigation.

This is the first formal investigation undertaken by the United Nations into Native issues.

The UN investigation has sparked controversy after a statement made by Vern Belgard, the Chief of the Prairie Treaty Nations Alliance.

Belgard charges the Canadian government has tried to change the wording of the treaties to cover up alleged treaty violations.

However, Canadian government spokesman Ann Frenette denied the charges, saying Canada fully supports the inquiry.

"The focus of the inquiry should be on the possible arrangements for countries in which these situations are not in effect. The focus should not be on unresolvable, historical situations."

The investigation by the commission is expected to take several years. It will look into allegations of treaty violations in Canada, the United States and other countries.

BERT CROWFOOT, Windspeaker



Setting Up Camp

Walter Hindman (right) steadies the beam as Gary Eagle Tail Feathers lashes it to the post. The Hindman's have been camping in the same spot every year and usually set up camp about a week before the annual Kainai Indian Days.

RCMP's director of Aboriginal Policing says:

No room for intolerance

By Dana Wagg
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HOBBEEMA, Alta.

Some RCMP officers with intolerant attitudes toward natives may be forced to quit, says the RCMP's newly-appointed Director of Aboriginal Policing.

"We learn from our mistakes and continue to make them as a force," Chief Superintendent Bob Head told the 46th annual meeting of the Indian Association of Alberta in Hobbema.

But Native leaders aren't blameless, he said, and have also made their mistakes.

However, it's best to let go of the past rather than rehashing it because that would accomplish little, Head said.

The RCMP's policing of Native Canadians "needs some fine-tuning," he said.

"There are some attitudes in our force that will have to be changed. We may find some of our people have to step aside," said Head.

"I don't like to call it racism but intolerance," he said.

Native fishing and hunting practices are problem areas for some police officers and there's "considerable misunderstanding" about the Native community's position on self-government.

Head, who has spent much of his career working with Native Canadians, was about to retire when he was handed the job as director of aboriginal policing, a newly-created position in the RCMP.

He'll take up the post in a month.

One of his goals is to

improve communications between the force and Native organizations at the federal, provincial and reserve levels.

Head said he's found "a lot of despair" in the Native community.

Some anti-fur movements have all but destroyed the Native way of life, a matter of concern to the RCMP, which is often caught in the middle, he said.

"I don't like it. There isn't a policeman in the

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Bands to join defence pact

By Gary Gee
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EDMONTON, Alta.

Alberta Indian bands sent a strong message to Ottawa Wednesday by signing a mutual defence pact with other bands across Canada, the founder of the Treaty Alliance of North American Aboriginal Nations said.

Chiefs of the Bigstone, Samson and Sarcee bands signed the alliance, joining twelve other bands in a nationwide mutual defence pact. Together, they represent nearly 8,000 band members.

Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak said without a united Indian front, the federal government will continue to use its legal resources to dodge its obligations on treaty rights and land claims.

"The court system doesn't seem to work for us (Indian bands). There is too much interference politically," said Ominayak, who orchestrated the historic pact at the Assembly of First Nations conference in Quebec City two weeks ago.

"Instead of dealing with the problems they're supposed to be dealing with, the federal government is spending more money on lawyers to try (to) discredit us in all the possible ways they can," he charged.

UN justice probe to draw world attention: Louis

By Dana Wagg
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBEBMA, Alta.

A United Nations probe into broken treaty promises will let the world know "Indians in North America are alive and kicking," IAA president Roy Louis vows.

About 1,000 elders and Indian leaders met this week at Onion Lake reserve near Lloydminster, Sask. for hearings by a UN subcommittee into whether Canada has violated Treaty 6, which was signed in 1876.

Miguel Alfonso Martinez, a United Nations Aboriginal expert, met with the Indians last week as part of a three-year study on treaties and other arrangements made with the world's Aboriginal people. The study is being done



Historic signing: Sarcee Chief Roy Whitney sign the mutual defence pact while Samson Chief Victor Buffalo, Bigstone Chief Chuckie Beaver and Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak look on.

The Lubicon Lake band has been trying to settle a land-claim dispute with the federal government since the 1940s.

"In the past, we've been torn apart, picked apart by the Canadian government," Ominayak said.

"As long as we're fighting individually, that's going to continue. They've

got all the resources, we don't. We've got to try and pull our resources together in order to fight them."

Ominayak believes there is growing interest by Alberta Indian bands to join the alliance, adding that three more are expected to sign soon.

"The bottom line is its up to the First Nations to be

party to this treaty. They're very welcome. But we can't twist arms," he said.

Under the treaty, bands will aid other bands with financial, moral and physical support if its territorial, political independence, security or other rights is threatened.

Ominayak gave assurances that the bands have agreed not to initiate any violence.

"But at the same time, we've got to start protecting our rights the best way we can," he said.

Chief Chuckie Beaver, who leads the Bigstone Cree Indian Band near Lesser Slave Lake, charged the federal government hasn't been dealing in good faith with Indian bands over land-claim and treaty rights.

"Our treaties must be respected. All the time, we are dealing with their policies, their legislation but they're not dealing with our treaties. Now it's about time we took things into our own hands. If that takes drastic measures, so be it," he warned.

Beaver said Indian bands view themselves as governments and perhaps it is time the federal government negotiate with bands on that basis.

He warned all Indian bands may soon face the same problems which the Lubicons have faced in their struggle to save their band from extinction.

Roy Whitney, chief of the Sarcee Indian band near Calgary, says the treaty provides a "mechanism of support" in their battle to make the federal government live up to a treaty agreement to clean up their reserve.

About 3,200 hectares of reserve land was leased to the Department of National Defence for a firing range.

The band claims the military failed to clean up spent shells and ammunition while using the site, violating a 1985 land-use agreement.

The Sarcee also fears the unexploded and spent shells may harm their members. They erected a blockade to the entrance of the reserve June 30 to force the government to take some action.

Asked if the treaty would result in more militancy amongst Native people and would be viewed as a threat by the Canadian public, Ominayak dismissed the likelihood of violence.

"I don't see any reason for the Canadian public to look at this treaty in that sense. Most of the times they are misled by the government. But certainly it will benefit the Lubicon people in the long-run," he said.

RCMP director says: No room for intolerance

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room, who likes it.

"I hope we can resolve our confrontations without physical confrontations," said Head.

Head and Gordon Greig, assistant RCMP commissioner, attended the assembly Tuesday night when the IAA recognized 42 Native constables, who serve as special constables and regular RCMP members. They'll each receive a special citation.

Policing by Natives is a "thankless job" but an important one to the Native community, said

Wetaskiwin MP Willie Littlechild.

They are "today's warriors," he said.

RCMP Const. Arrol Crier from the Samson reserve said "the fact we're Native and RCMP puts us in a unique situation, a fact we're all proud of."

"At times, our jobs are more difficult because the family situation is not the way it's supposed to be," he said.

Greig said many members feel torn between their policing responsibilities and their community. It's a "very stressful" job.

He, too, said it's important to let go of the

past and "not allow the past to block our path to the future."

Roy Louis, IAA president, was jubilant Tuesday evening.

"I think we've hit a milestone today," he said in an interview, noting the RCMP had participated in an IAA meeting for the first time in the IAA's 46-year history.

He said the RCMP's move to create the position is a "very important step in Native policing and self-determination."

Louis said he was encouraged by Head's remarks.

"I think he'll be a tremendous asset to us."

ACROSS OUR LAND

Native task force set up

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

A government task force will be set up to determine why a disproportionate number of Natives are streaming into Alberta prisons.

After six months of negotiations, Native political leaders have persuaded the provincial government to conduct a comprehensive study of the Alberta judicial system.

The task force will examine all stages of the system and how it affects Native people, said the president of the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA).

A five-member panel will review all events leading up to the jailing of Native inmates including police procedures, court hearings and prison rehabilitation, Roy Louis said.

He said social and economic standards will also be reviewed.

"It will identify all areas to see what treatment is different (between Native and non-Native prisoners)," he said.

"It will examine all the affects on Indian and Metis societies, in both the rural and urban settings."

A 1987-88 Solicitor General report revealed almost 29 per cent of adults jailed in Alberta by the end



Inquiry long overdue: Roy Louis

of March 31, 1988 were Native.

Yet Natives make up only 4.4 per cent of Alberta's total population.

Solicitor-General Dick Fowler said a task force will begin investigating the problem Sept. 1.

Louis said a provincial justice probe is long overdue.

He pointed out the government probe comes at a time when four inquiries into the treatment of Natives are under way across Canada.

In each of the four inquiries, beginning with the Donald Marshall case in Nova Scotia and followed by probes in Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta,

judges have heard testimony that Natives are largely excluded from the criminal justice system, except as defendants.

A \$2-million judicial inquiry, expected to last six months, is investigating a series of Blood Indian deaths and the strained relations between the tribe and police in Stand Off, Alta.

It was called earlier this year by Alberta Premier Don Getty after a request by Blood Chief Roy Fox.

Louis said the Solicitor General's department headed Native recommendations about how to conduct an inquiry into Alberta's judicial system.

"They looked at the majority of our suggestions of how we would like to see the task force conducted," he said.

And the president of the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) said although the task force members have not yet been named, he believes Alberta Natives will be a strong force behind it.

"It will be a way we can analyze the system and find out what the problem is," said Larry Desmeules.

The task force will be the joint effort of the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA), MAA, the Alberta Solicitor-General's and the Alberta Attorney-General's department.

Members will be appointed by members to study government policies, court reports and social statistics.

Chester Cunningham, executive director of the Native Counselling Services of Alberta, said a new form of corrections may evolve after examining how Natives are treated in our justice system.

Cunningham the probe may lead to the development of privately-owned, community-based correctional facilities on Indian reserves.

Native communities should have a say in what type of punishment is warranted for each crime and who administers it, he contends.

Erasmus wins again



INUVIK, N.W.T. - Bill Erasmus defeated former Dene Nation vice-president John Bekale to win a second term as president of the Dene Nation.

Erasmus led the northern Native group during negotiations leading to the signing last September of an agreement-in-principle with Ottawa to give the Dene and Metis 180,000 square kilometres of land.

MLA under fire

YELLOWKNIFE - Opposition critics are calling for Northwest Territories MLA Michael Angottitauruq's resignation after he was charged with sexual assault.

Angottitauruq will appear in territorial court Aug. 14 at the town of Gjoa Haven to face one charge of sexual assault.

RCMP are refusing to release any further details, including the name, sex and age of the alleged victim, fearing that it may reveal the person's identity in the small, Northern community.

Elected in 1983, Angottitauruq represents the Inuit communities of Gjoa Hven, Pelly Bay and Spence Bay in the Central Arctic.

He has been under fire from his constituents for what they believe is his spotty performance and attendance at the Legislature.

In February, Angottitauruq rose in the legislature assembly to apologize for his poor performance, which he blamed on alcohol abuse and public pressures.

Hunter loses battle

BRANDON, Man. - Rufus Prince, who won Native hunting rights after a lengthy Supreme Court battle, died of cancer at the age of 68.

Prince, a founding member of the Dakota Ojibwa Tribal Council in southern Manitoba, began his fight for Native hunting rights in 1961, after he was charged with hunting deer out of season using a nightlight.

He fought the charge, arguing that as a Native he had the right to hunt at any time of the year, with whatever weapon he chooses.

In 1963, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that Natives could hunt all year on unoccupied Crown land and any other land they had permission to use.

Prince died July 15 after a seven-month battle with cancer. He died in Portage la Prairie, about 120 kilometres west of Winnipeg.

Chief calls for talks

EDMONTON - Lubicon Lake Chief Bernard Ominayak will meet Alberta Premier Don Getty in Edmonton July 24 in hopes of reviving the stalled land claim talks with the federal government.

Ominayak has called for a joint meeting with Getty and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

Tasadays launch fight

The Tasaday Indian tribe of the Phillipines arrived in Manila earlier this month to launch a legal battle to assert that they are not a hoax.

Eighteen years ago, when they were discovered, the Tasaday were described as one of the most primitive groups of people to survive into the 20th century.

In 1986, they became the focus of world attention again when reports emerged that their discovery had been a hoax. Controversy has raged ever since among anthropologists.

The dispute has angered the Tasaday and put them at risk of having their rain forest opened to logging after years of protection.

The presidential decree that established their 19,000-hectare reservation in 1972 was based on the assumption that they were authentic.

The tribe have submitted to long interviews with journalists and allowed scientists to research their culture and language to try to prove their authenticity.

EXPRESSIONS



Powwow Sweetie

Cheyanna Gendron, 2-year-old daughter of Cheryl Gendron, is trying out her new poncho at the recent Poundmaker Powwow near St. Albert.

ACROSS OUR LAND

Blood lawyer rapped for badgering

By Gord Smiley
Windspeaker Correspondent

LETHBRIDGE, Alta.

Blood inquiry Commissioner Carl Rolf was forced to interrupt questioning Thursday when a heated exchange developed between the tribe's lawyer and a Lethbridge city police inspector.

Rolf chastised Blood band counsel John Bascom for continuing to ask Lethbridge city police Insp. Bill Plomp why the department discounted two anonymous phone calls relating information about the death of Ivan Gary Chief Moon, 25, as a "prank."

Plomp was the head of the Criminal Investigation Division at the time Chief Moon was found dead lying underneath the Whoop Up

Drive bridge, Dec. 9, 1984 in Lethbridge.

Plomp told Bascom repeatedly at the inquiry investigating a series of Blood Indian death the calls did not fit the circumstances surrounding the Chief Moon investigation.

"We give consideration to all of them," said Plomp, referring to anonymous calls. "They're evaluated by the officer receiving the call. The content of the call is evaluated against the information given."

"I concur with the judgment that no further work needed to be done on those phone calls," Plomp said.

Finally, Rolf instructed Bascom to pursue a different line of questioning.

"You'll get nothing further from this witness," Rolf told Bascom.

Police Det. Mike Soroka

had already told the inquiry two weeks ago the information didn't relate to the investigation.

"All my investigation and everything I came up with said it was accidental," Soroka said. "I completely ruled out foul play...that's my thinking and honest belief."

Const. Darcy Murray, who received the calls on successive days more than a week after Chief Moon's death, said he believed the calls were made by the same person.

The caller suggested it was Evert Eagle Plume and Steven White Quills, both Blood Indians, who pushed Chief Moon from the High Level bridge, a train tressel about a mile north of Whoop Up Drive bridge.

Both men testified Wednesday they had nothing to do with Chief

Moon's death.

Murray said whenever he pressed the man for additional information, the caller would hang up.

Plomp said the department receives numerous calls daily which are determined to be pranks.

He said he was satisfied with Soroka's investigation and conclusion.

Plomp added tire tracks found atop the bridge Chief Moon was believed to have fallen from were ruled out of the investigation because of their age.

Plomp told the \$2-million commission the tracks also indicated the vehicle didn't stop on the bridge.

Police believe Chief Moon fell accidentally to his death.

A police hypothesis indicated Chief Moon may have been attempting to cross from one side of the bridge to the other side and fell through the five-foot gap which exists between the two sides.

"In my opinion, I don't

think he knew there was an opening between the two bridges," Plomp told Rolf.

Chief Moon was found with a blood alcohol level of .20 per cent although a Lethbridge pathologist said the blood alcohol level could have been as high as .30 per cent at the time of his death.

Several relatives have already told the inquiry they believe Chief Moon was tossed over the bridge, possibly by a gang of non-Natives.

Numerous witnesses related rumors of what they believe happened to Chief Moon, though none of the stories could be substantiated.

Police ruled out foul play in the Chief Moon death, saying there was nothing at the scene, including the aging tire tracks, to indicate anything but an accidental death.

"To me, that is the movement of a vehicle outside the normal travel lanes," Plomp said. "The vehicle did not stop. A vehicle that would stop there would move that gravel."

Chief Moon's death is one of six which prompted the inquiry as ordered by Premier Don Getty in June 1988 after a request by Blood Chief Roy Fox for an investigation into the deaths.

\$800,000 needed:

Bands want watchdog

By Dana Waggoner
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HOBBEEMA, Alta.

Alberta's Indian bands want a \$800,000 boost from the federal government to set up a permanent lobby group on environmental issues.

"It came about as a result of concern from the board of directors of the (Indian Association of Alberta) to the environmental issues, which aren't being properly and formally addressed by Indian people," said Enoch Chief Jerome Morin.

"There are not too many avenues open to Native

people to voice their environmental concerns," he said.

Proposed northern Alberta pulp and paper mills, the Oldman River Dam and oil industry developments will be the first hurdles, he said.

"We don't know if the Indian people are being represented in a true manner," said Morin.

The lobby group, known as the Treaty Indian Environment Secretariat (TIES), was established by the IAA this year.

The IAA expects that the secretariat, when fully operational, will be the voice of Alberta's Indians

on environmental issues.

It is hoped the secretariat will earn enough money through consulting fees to be self-sufficient within a few years.

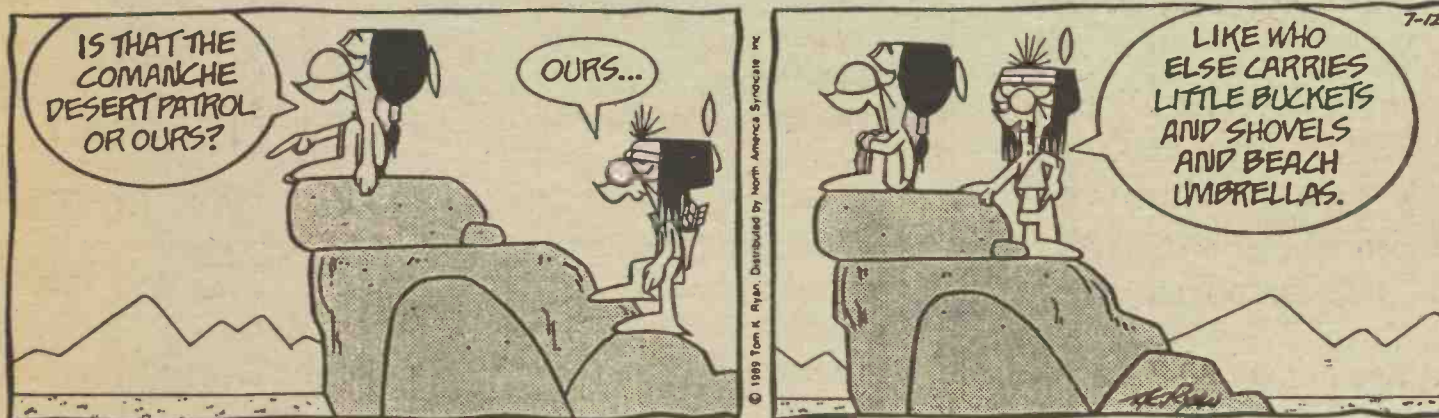
The proposal to provide initial start-up of \$800,000 for three years was just recently submitted to Indian Affairs in Ottawa, said Morin.

The secretariat will include a biologist, a legal advisor and representatives of Alberta's three treaty areas.

Morin said the new agency will help industries proposing development and ensure Natives have been consulted.

Tumbleweeds

By Tom K. Ryan



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IAA 46th Annual Assembly



Great period of difficulty: Elizabeth Turbayne

Turbayne regrets hard feelings

By Dana Wagg
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBEBEMA, Alta.

The senior Indian Affairs official in Alberta has expressed deep regret for the hard feelings caused by post-secondary education funding cuts.

"I really regret we have been through this period of great difficulty," Elizabeth Turbayne, Alberta Regional Director General, told the

46th annual assembly of the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA) in Hobbema.

"I hope it will lead to a better understanding of each other's points of view in the future," she said. "We have to work together to help overcome that difficulty."

Turbayne said Alberta Indians made great strides in the last year.

A major step, she said, was the signing by the Alexander tribe of the first framework agreement in the

country for Native self-government.

It was a tribute to Alberta the first agreement of its kind was signed in the province, she said.

Noting the theme of the IAA's 46th assembly was "Stepping Stones to the Future," she said self-government is one of the most significant stepping stones available to Indians "to gain control over your affairs."

The recent signing by the

Blackfoot Tribe of an Alternative Funding Arrangement, the first such agreement signed in the province, is also notable, Turbayne said.

She said increasingly schools and social development programs are being transferred to Indian control.

"They are 'better run and are more relevant to your community when you run them rather than by Indian Affairs,'" she said.

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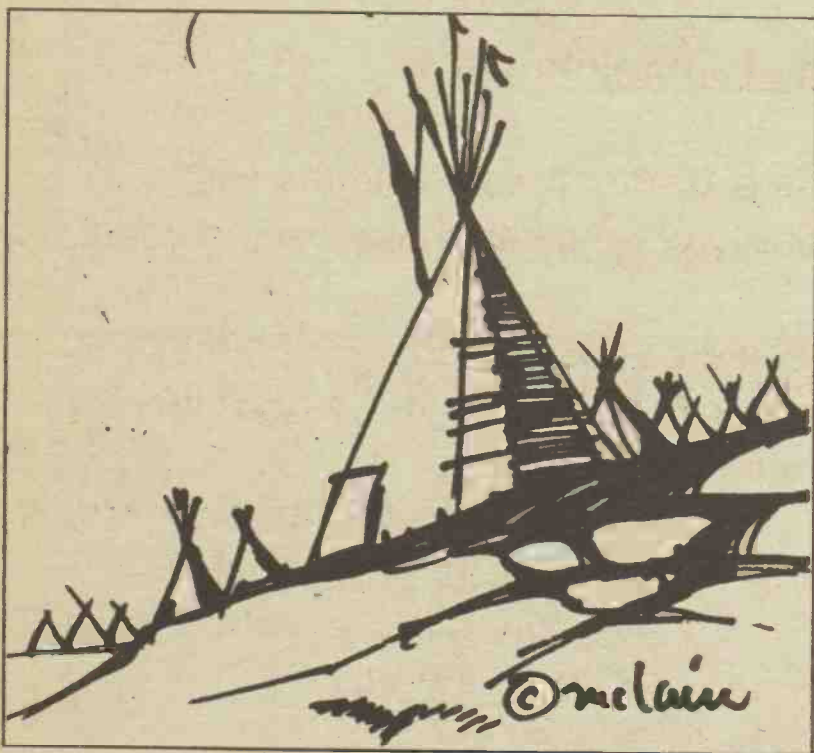
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IAA 46th Annual Assembly

IAA forging new relationships through cooperation

By Dana Wagg
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEEMA, Alta.

Roy Louis says his non-confrontational approach has paid off in the last year for the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA).

"When I assumed office back in July of last year I was committed to forging new relationships with those who could help our cause even though I knew I would receive some criticism from other Indian leaders and from members of my staff," the IAA president said in the keynote address to the association's 46th annual assembly Tuesday at Hobbema.

Louis said his belief "the benefits of building new relationships based on a spirit of co-operation" would pay off has proven correct.

And he cited as the most recent example the

provincial government's decision to set up a task force to review the criminal justice system's treatment of natives.

Louis said he convinced the province to go ahead with the task force after "considerable negotiations" with the Alberta attorney general's office, the federal department of justice and the Alberta solicitor general's office.

The study will raise awareness about the "unfortunate injustices that have plagued Indian people, the wrongful incarceration, the wilful discrimination and the unlawful conduct on the part of the judicial system," said the 43-year-old Hobbema Cree.

First elected in July 1988, Louis said he was amazed how "open and co-operative" government departments were when the IAA took a "non-confrontational approach to negotiations and came to the

table suggesting possible solutions."

Only when all else failed did the IAA become confrontational, he said.

But then "success was not achieved without some pain inflicted on both sides; clearly that is not the best way to go.

"By maintaining an open and co-operative relationship with government wherever possible, it is less likely government can institute policies affecting Indians without consulting us," he said.

"That an agreement in principle should be signed shortly on our bid to take over child welfare responsibilities is further proof co-operation rather than confrontation works," Louis said.

Despite his commitment to non-confrontation, Louis said he showed solidarity with the Lubicon Lake and Sarcee bands by attending

the launching of blockades prompted by disputes with the federal government.

Meanwhile, Louis said he's been successful in establishing "positive relationships" with the RCMP and the Secretary of State, as well as the Alberta departments of social services and education and federal health and welfare.

Months of discussions with the federal and provincial environment departments also laid the groundwork for the establishment of a Treaty Environment Secretariat to oversee issues affecting the environment in Indian lands, he said.

Louis said he's "committed to pushing himself to the maximum" for the betterment of the IAA.

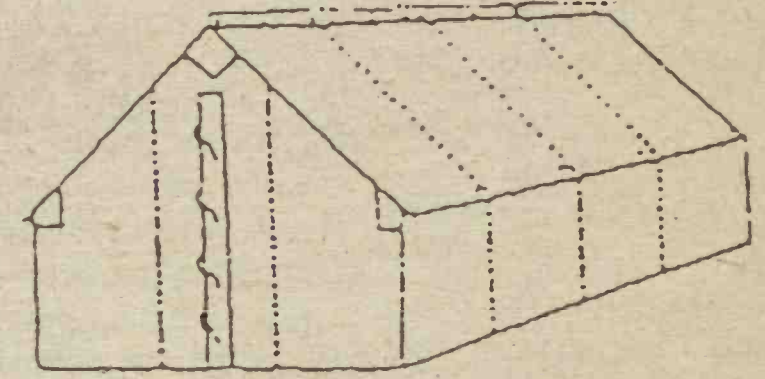
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IAA 46th Annual Assembly

IAA back in black

By Dana Wagg
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEEMA, Alta.

The Indian Association of Alberta's (IAA) financial picture is looking much brighter than it did a year ago.

The association had a \$12,000 surplus in the last fiscal year, president Roy Louis reported to the IAA's annual assembly last Tuesday in Hobbema.

Louis said there was an

operating deficit of \$200,000 when he was elected last year.

The IAA's \$110,000 line of credit had been fully drawn on and the books showed accounts payable of close to \$150,000.

"The Indian Association has in the past operated beyond its means and has therefore often ended up with operating deficiencies, which have impaired the ability of the association to achieve its goals," said Louis.

"Fiscal recklessness could no longer go on and we decided to institute some cost-saving measures, which included streamlining the organization and cutting back on some non-essential items such as overtime, printing and support staff," he said.

"We also went after additional revenues from government sources and collected on some outstanding monies that had been owing to us," he said.

That included \$194,000, which the Assembly of First

Nations has agreed it owes the IAA.

Meanwhile, Louis said a lawsuit dating back to 1982 filed by Bill Cash of England has been settled out of court for \$31,000.

Louis said the matter, which related to unpaid hotel and food bills, had been "ignored by the association until now."

Louis said he'll continue to streamline the IAA.

"Deficits will become a thing of the past and will no longer be the debilitating concerns they once were."

Commission called for



Roy Louis

Indian Association of Alberta president Roy Louis has repeated his call for a royal commission into Native hunting, fishing and trapping rights.

Indians are "always left at the bottom of the totem pole in terms of rights," he

said.

"We want to be at the top of the totem pole," Louis told Windspeaker.

The Assembly of First Nations recently made a similar request for a royal commission.

Louis said he first made that request quite some time ago.

The commission would help Ottawa understand the treaties signed with Indians, he said.

"We are unique. We are not a special interest group," he said.

A royal commission would identify the rights and privileges of 42 Indian nations in western Canada, said Louis.

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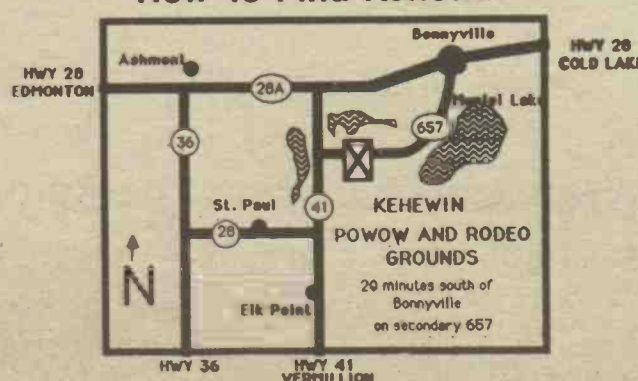
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BREAKING NEW GROUND

Education unsatisfactory:

Native school kids pulled

By Gary Gee
Windspeaker Staff Writer

GRANDE CACHE, Alta.

Native parents from four communities near Grande Cache are pulling up stakes and taking their kids out of the town's school division.

About 41 Native children, mostly elementary students, attend Grande Cache schools and their tuition is paid by Northlands School Division.

Since 1968, the children have been bused to the schools but many parents have been unhappy with the arrangement and the kind of education their children are receiving, says parent spokesman Dave MacPhee.

MacPhee, who is the district representative for six Native co-operatives surrounding Grande Cache, said parents in the communities of Susa Creek, Grande Cache Lake, Muskeg and parts of Sheep Creek voted recently to

build their own school to educate their children, with funding from Northlands School Division. By September, two one-room school portables will have been built in Susa Creek.

MacPhee estimates that in the past 21 years, only seven Natives have graduated from Grade 12 in the school system.

"We're not at all satisfied with the education system when you have seven graduates in 21 years. The biggest percentage of our kids drop out in elementary school," he said.

For the Native communities, the move to have schools in their own community is the first step on the road towards having a full-fledged school and a local, autonomous school board run by Natives.

They have also received assurances from Northlands that a Cree language teacher will be hired which parents felt was needed in the Grande Cache school system.

Jeff Chalifoux, superintendent for Northlands School Division, predicted there is a 90 per cent chance that the communities will have a local elected school board come the next municipal election in October. Meanwhile, the communities will establish a local school committee that will have representation on the board.

Chalifoux said the board was approached by the communities in 1987 to start their own school.

"The board is of the feeling that kids come first. If they're not getting back the best education possible, then we have to look at alternatives. We have to provide, to the best of our ability, an education where kids can learn."

But Robert Leetch, secretary-treasurer of the Grande Cache school division, says Native students are getting the same kind of education as other stu-

dents in their school system.

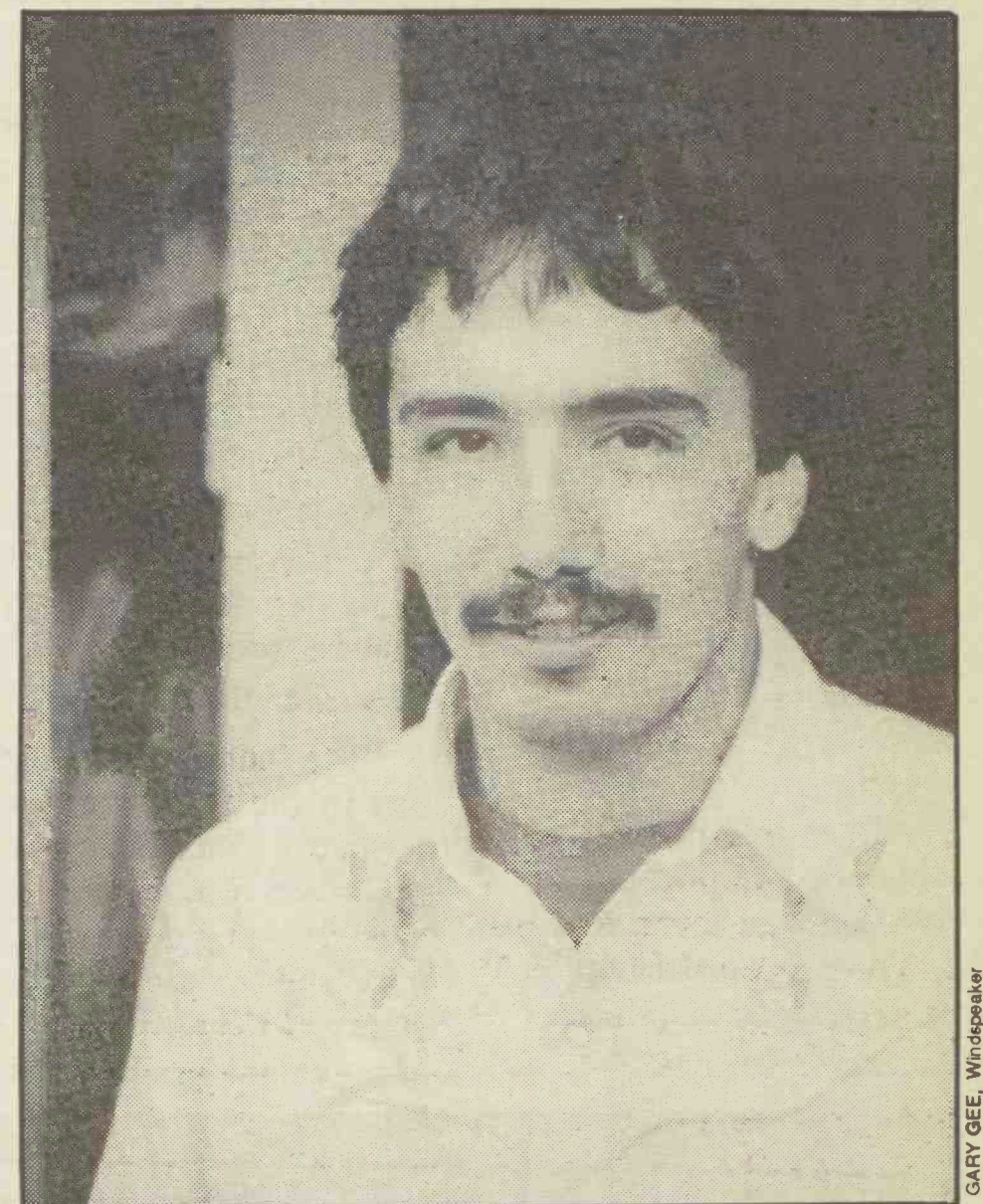
"The number of (Native) students graduating from our schools are equal if not better than students attending other districts," he said.

Leetch said it is up to parents to decide whether Grande Cache school division programs meet their expectations, adding that at least one Native family wants their children to attend school there in the fall.

"We have an excellent record in relation to the education of our children," he said, noting that high school achievement levels are higher than the provincial average.

He said the change in schooling by local Native students is not an issue for the school division.

"It's Northlands school division and they have the option as they see fit what they do with their children."



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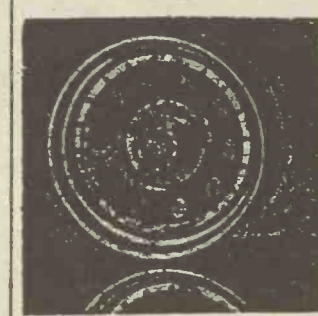
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OUR PEOPLE

Nature inspires Metis artist

By Jeanne Lepine
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Art has always played a major role in Brian Clark's life.

With a lot of hard work and his natural ability, the 38-year-old Metis from Waterways, Alta. is a successful professional artist today.

After completing 40 sculptures the government commissioned him to do for the Stanley Cup champion Calgary Flames, Clark has

taken a well deserved holiday in British Columbia.

Clark sees the government commission as a stepping stone to greater success.

Much of his inspiration for his work comes from time spent in the bush communing with nature.

"Because of my respect for nature, I like to show lines and movement in my work," Clark said.

"I always enjoyed hanging around in the bush and my work is a strong indication of this," he said

As a youngster, Clark was preoccupied with hockey, art and played in a band.

Coming from a family of four brothers and three sisters, life was not always easy. The outdoors was his secluded heaven.

Alone in the bush, he is able to identify with movement, creation, music, and silence, which all contribute to his art.

"I don't pre-plan my work, it just happens. I let the shape of the stone guide me," Clark said.

While he worked for 16 years as an electrician in the oil patch, he spent his spare time painting, drawing and print-making.

Five years ago, he started carving wood.

The self-taught artist soon began working in soapstone, marble, alabaster and jade. In fact, Clark goes through two tons of stone every year.

Working out of his home, his studio is full of stone, tools, and tables covered with a thick layer of stone dust.

In the studio, Clark wears a respirator mask to breathe.

"Stone in the raw shape, really stimulates me. I go through about two tons of stone a year since I got started," he said.

However, Clark is adamant that no one gives him the added pressure of watching him at work.

"I'm probably really dangerous to be around when I'm working. It is not uncommon during the intensity of my work to see tools flying, dust, a lot of smoking, plus a few choice words," he said.

Two years ago, he quit his job in the patch to work full-time as an artist. At first, his carvings were mainly traditional representations of Alberta animals.

Clark then began abstract carving by carving on the backside of his animal carvings. After he was happy with an abstract piece, he convinced one of his dealers to display it. It sold within three days.

Clark feels good about his art and sees it as an expression of his close relationship with nature.

"The starving artist syndrome is something I hear about, but don't relate to it. I keep busy. Once I finish a piece I don't just sit there waiting for things to happen. I get on the phone and start networking, and start a new piece," he said

Much of his time is spent on the phone making new contacts and keeping in touch with old contacts in the art world.

Ed Broadbent, David Suzuki, Stephen Lewis, and

the Duke of Edinburgh are among the famous who own Clark's work. His sculptures sell for as much as \$5,000.

Every aspect of Clark's life involves art and he wouldn't have it any other way.

As a hard-working volunteer, Clark was instrumental in creating the We Can organization, with the concept of helping emerging artists.

With others help, he was able to secure a 22,000-square-foot studio with a ten-year lease. It is used by amateur artist as a gallery, a work area and an office for networking with the art-buying public.

After hearing the lunch program at Ben Calf Robe School was in danger of being discontinued, Clarke raised money through the sale of his donated art pieces to keep the program.

The sale of one of his pieces brought in \$4,000 which he donated to the University of Alberta for medical research.

Ducks Unlimited, Crime Stoppers, Kinsmen Fight Child Abuse are only a few of the organizations that have benefitted from Clark's generosity.

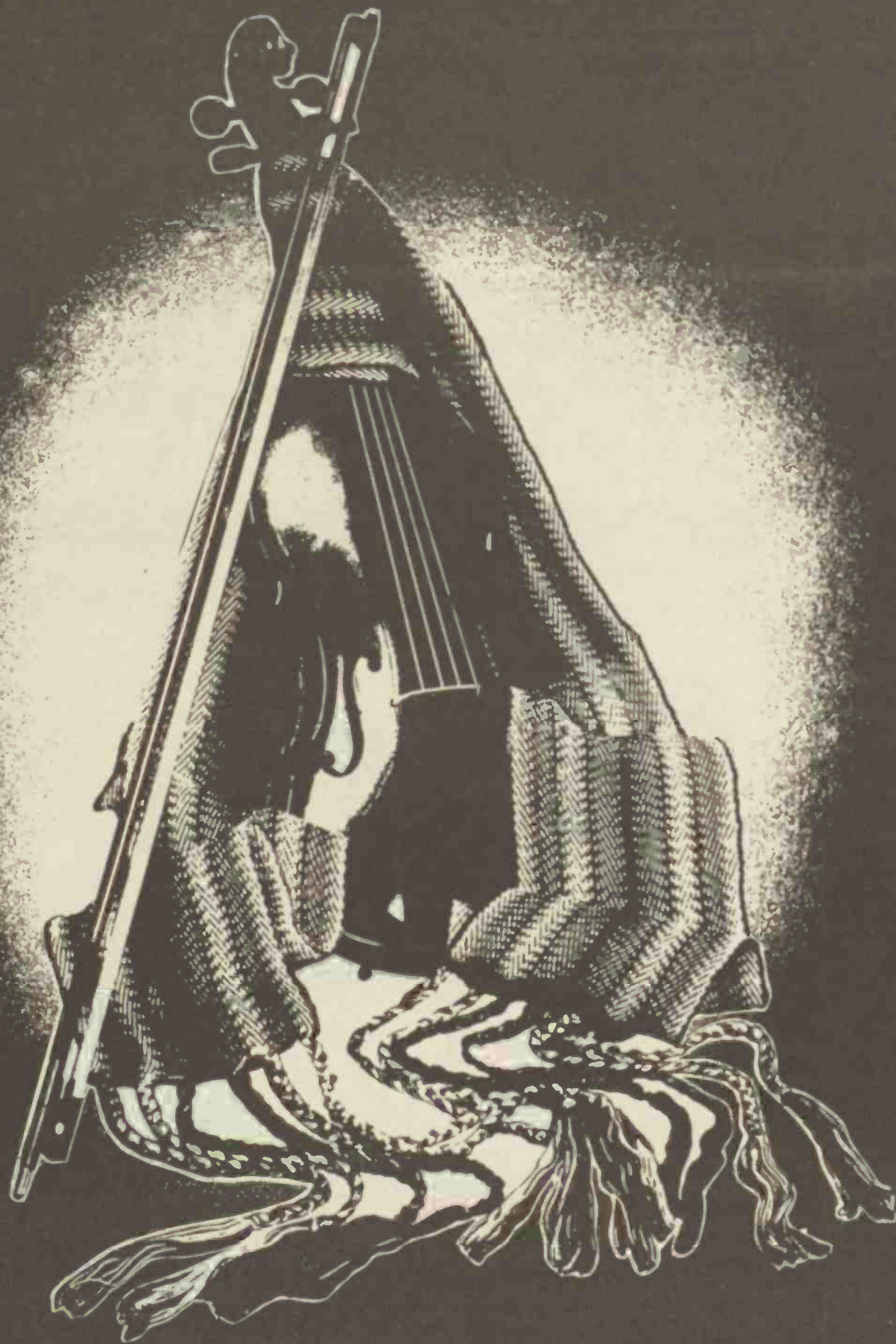
The father-of-two sees his volunteer work as a means of broadening his horizons. Contributing to society is an important part of his life.

"I have the best of two worlds, being a Metis," he said.

And even though Clark is on holidays, he is already planning for a fund raiser to be held in the fall for the Glenrose Hospital Children's wing.



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Chief joins panel

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Fort McKay Chief Jim Boucher has been appointed to a seven-member review panel to study the environmental impact of the proposed Alberta-Pacific pulp mill near Athabasca.

The new committee will unite representatives from the federal and provincial governments to determine how the \$1.3-billion project will affect the area.

Boucher believes the Alberta government is taking a positive step toward including Native concerns in its decision-making process.

"We are interested in knowing how people really feel about it (the pulp mill)," he said.

Boucher was a member

of the OSLO (Other Six Lease Holders) Application Review Committee and was co-ordinator of the Air Quality Board in Fort McKay.

Other members of the review panel are Mike Franchuk, of Wandering River, and Ron Epp and Alan Hunter, of Athabasca.

Their alternate members are Edgar Koehler and Jeanette Plante, of Athabasca; Bob Duncan, of Fort McMurray; and Dave McArthur, of Lac La Biche.

The federal representatives have not yet been named.

The announcement of joint-government review committee comes in the wake of wrangling between the provincial and federal environment departments over jurisdiction of the environmental assessment study.

OUR PEOPLE

Native designer joins women's panel



Native-inspired designs: Many Fingers' fashions

By Jeanne Lepine
Windspeaker Staff Writer

CARDSTON, Alta.

Being a widow with five young boys to raise is challenge enough for anyone and Geraldine Many Fingers has met the challenge in more ways than one.

Today, she is a successful fashion designer and owner of Many Fingers Designs in Cardston.

And recently, Many Fingers was appointed to the Alberta Advisory Council on Women's Issues.

In her early days, Many Fingers used to go the Salvation Army to buy used clothing. She would tear apart the clothing, wash it and use the material to make new designs for herself and children.

In winter, she would buy men's winter coats and remake them for her boys and herself. She would add leather or fur trimming, creating her own designs.

This was the beginnings of her career as designer.

"When anyone would ask me where I got our coats, I would tell them Woolco, because I was ashamed to tell them where I really got them," Many Fingers said. "Later on, I began to sew for friends and other people."

Many Fingers soon became the top seamstress in the Lethbridge area.

"A friend asked me to do a fashion show for the Lethbridge Community College of the clothes I had

made. That was in 1981. The show proved to be a success," she recalls.

Many Fingers was soon being asked to take part in fashion shows for the Edmonton and Calgary Chamber of Commerce, trade shows and Native events.

Her recent show at the Calgary Stampede was well received. She was approached by a German buyer and given an order for 100 traditional style jackets and coats.

With her latest business deal, she will have to contract out some of the garments to neighboring reserves with skilled labor.

Many Fingers' fall collection features contemporary Native American designs borrowed from traditional pottery, basketry and weaving.

But she welcomes the chance to venture into other areas.

She creates jackets and coats from her choice of material, Pendleton of Oregon and Hudson Bay blankets of Montreal. Her coats and jackets range in price from \$200 to \$450.

Her Native-American designs have gained world recognition with buyers from throughout North America and Europe.

Due to increased sales, the business is expanding, forcing Many Fingers to hire another seamstress. She now employs three seamstresses.

In her latest line, she features denim combined with leather and art work appliques.

"The art is a modern concept of local Blackfoot designs. The art work is done to give a feeling of story, a message. The art is not necessarily done in traditional colors," Many Fingers said.

At the '88 Calgary Winter Olympics, roughly half of 80 coats on display were sold.

She found that Olympic visitors were like those who attend the Calgary Stampede. They didn't want to spend a lot of money, but wanted to take home a small souvenir of their trip.

Many Fingers enjoyed the worldwide exposure the Calgary shows gave her.

"I don't like to compete with traditional Indian clothing or at traditional gatherings," she said.

Although she likes beadwork, she seldom works it into her latest designs. Beading has been done for hundreds of years, she says, and she may incorporate it into future designs.

Many Fingers turned down a substantial business grant from Indian Affairs, saying she would prefer to rely on her own business savvy and ask for help if she really needs it.

With her recent recognition, she may need the business grant if she decides to manufacture in greater volume.

Many Fingers has honed her business sense by working for 19 years in the Blood Indian band administration.

She worked as economic

development coordinator for the band. In the position, she helped entrepreneurs plan and prepare business and funding proposals.

Later, to aid a study on battered women, she initiated the southern Alberta Handicapped Society on the Blood reserve.

She was also the driving force behind a variety of job creation programs for Native people.

With an upcoming expansion, Many Fingers will keep involved in the designing and cutting of fashions, but is looking for a partner to take care of marketing and management.

"There's a lot of enthusiasm about Native-American clothing creating marketing opportunities for my clothes," she said.

In addition to her role as a designer, Many Fingers is the coordinator for Indian News Media.

Recently, she was chosen from more than 100 Alberta women nominated for the Alberta Advisory Council on Women's Issues.

Her demonstrated interest in women's issues and her Native background were contributing factors to her appointment, Women's Issues Minister Elaine McCoy said.

As a new advocate for Alberta women, Many Fingers is concerned by the difficulties many single parents on reserves face in collecting maintenance payments.

Day care on reserves would allow single mothers to use other social services

available to them, she said.

Shelter for abused women is another concern she wants to address.

The message she would like to give women, from her position on the council, is that it is important for the young people to finish their post-secondary education.

"It is easy for anyone to go into business today, but it requires a lot of hard work and long hours to stay in business," Many Fingers said.

There are many federal and provincial grants available for research and Many Fingers encourages women to take advantage of these.

In addition to her busy schedule, Many Fingers was a member of the Alberta Human Rights Commission and the Chinook Economic Developers' Association.

Raised on a ranch with a large family, Many Fingers can't recall ever washing dishes.

Instead, she acted as her dad's right-hand man in the fields, haying, seeding and looking after cattle.

Being involved with hard work and long hours is still part of her life.

Her five sons are now grown with homes of their own except Dorin, 17, who graduated this summer.

Kirby, 27, who studied political science at the University of Lethbridge, is now a Blood band councillor.

Colin, 24, is an apprentice carpenter in Lethbridge.

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Crowds expected at Lac Ste. Anne

By Gary Gee
Windspeaker Staff Writer

LAC STE. ANNE, Alta.

It has been touted as the largest gathering of Native people in Canada.

Organizers expect more than 25,000 people, mostly Native, to attend the annual Lac Ste. Anne pilgrimage beginning July 22.

Thousands of worshippers from across Canada and the United States are expected to gather on the southern shores of Lac Ste. Anne Lake for five days of prayer and rejoicing at one of Canada's holiest shrines.

The annual pilgrimage to the tiny hamlet, 30 km west of Edmonton, has been taking place for one hundred years now.

For Native people, the trek is a spiritual odyssey which is the most significant event of the year for them, according to Father Jacques Johnson, director of Oblate of Mary Immaculate, the Catholic religious order organizing the event.

"It's a very special occasion of peace, joy, and

togetherness. Native people have a sense this is a place where they can really come together as one."

The first voyage to Lac Ste. Anne 100 years ago was started by Father Jean-Marie Lestanc when 400 worshippers originally gathered in a field on the edge of the lake.

The centennial will be celebrated with a special mass July 26. The Day of the Feast of St. Anne will integrate Native symbols such as the drum and Sundance with communion.

In the evening, a drama production called The Way of the Cross will depict the life of Jesus followed by a candle-lit mass.

One important ceremony, says Johnson, is the blessing of Lac St. Anne lake on July 25 in which worshippers wade into the lake to pray for healing.

"It is one of the attractions of Lac Ste. Anne. They believe the lake has healing powers," said Johnson.

Worshippers will also participate in the veneration of the relic of St. Anne, the patron saint

who, by tradition, is considered the grandmother of Jesus Christ.

"It's very significant. People come and kiss it (the relic). They see St. Anne as the grandmother of Jesus and also their grandmother," explained Johnson.

He says the event will attract people from all the Western provinces and the northern United States.

Native people who will make the farthest journey will likely come from the isolated communities of Snowdrift and Delta in the Northwest Territories.

A group from Laloche, Saskatchewan decided to walk 800 kilometres to the event. Johnson says they started June 4 and are expected to arrive July 24.

Most of the people will set up camp in a large 30 hectare field near the lake.

"We have a large field that can accommodate several thousand people more than last year, so we're not concerned about space," said Johnson.

Johnson, himself, has attended the pilgrimage for the past 15 years.



Blessing of the lake: Lac Ste. Anne

"It's an awesome experience due to the fact that it is so spiritually powerful. It's quite overwhelming," he said.

He says most of those

who come have been preparing all year for the pilgrimage "to meet God and meet friends."

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OUR PEOPLE

Chief Chonkolay may step down



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Harry Chonkolay

By Dana Wagg
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEEMA, Alta.

Assumption Chief Harry Chonkolay, saddened by his own band's attempt to

remove him as chief, says he may step down if the price is right.

"I don't understand. I don't do anything to the band. And I will say anything for the band. When I had to get something for the band, I would look for it," Chonkolay told Windspeaker.

"I don't know why but God he knows. I don't understand why people don't like me," he said in an interview at the annual assembly of the Indian Association of Alberta in Hobbema.

The Dene Tha' band plans to hold a referendum Aug. 3 to decide whether to oust the chief, according to band councillor Warren Daneis.

The 81-year-old chief said he can't afford to step down unless the band offers him an attractive pension. At a minimum, he'd like his \$36,000 annual salary matched.

But he'd prefer a higher amount since out-of-pocket expenses like long-distance telephone bills take a good chunk out of his salary, he said.

"Forty (thousand) would be pretty good," he said. "They have to help me. I

have no money," he said, admitting he was trying to negotiate a financial agreement.

"That's why I don't quit. I had to work.

"I'll stay there yet about four months maybe," said Chonkolay, who sounded like a man with a broken heart.

"I don't know why I work too hard for nothing."

He conceded he was angry and disappointed with the band's move.

Chonkolay was one of 74 Canadians appointed to the Order of Canada June 28. As Canada's longest-serving chief, he has served as Dene Tha' chief since 1938.

He was instrumental in convincing Ottawa to create the Assumption reserve. Later, he helped obtain a school and a nursing station for band members.

About 1,100 Dene Tha' now live on the reserve, about 700 km northwest of Edmonton.

Chonkolay said his opponents, who claim he doesn't speak or understand English, want him out because of his age.

"He's getting old, he's no good. That's what (they) said.

"I'm old now. But still I tried to help the people. But no, people don't want me. I don't know why; I don't understand," he said.

"He looked down on me. I don't feel good."

Chonkolay said he was told by a Department of Indian Affairs official not to quit.

Gerry Thronson, director of lands, revenue and trust for the department, said the matter is one for the Dene Tha' band and Chonkolay to resolve.

He said he's told Chonkolay "until he dies or resigns, he remains chief.

"Unless he resigns, we have a problem if anyone else is selected," he said.

"If he decided to resign and the band decided there was funds for a pension, we would react positively," Thronson said.

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LOOKING BACK

IAA honors war veterans

By Dana Wagg
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEWA, Alta.

Joe Cardinal learned to respect his Indian heritage fighting for Canada in the Second World War.

"For years I believed I was no good, that I wasn't level with anybody else. Over there, on the battlefields, I learned I was just as good as anybody."

Cardinal, of Saddle Lake, was one of more than 60 Native Alberta war

veterans honored by the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA) last Tuesday in Hobbema.

Since Native veterans haven't been properly recognized, the IAA board decided to host a recognition banquet at the annual assembly, association president Roy Louis said.

The veterans served Canada in the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War.

One Vietnam veteran also attended the banquet.

Thirty-two Native veterans went to Vietnam; there are only eight survivors.

Marianne McDougall, wife of the late Chief McDougall who served in the First and Second World Wars, received a standing ovation.

Veteran Charlie Roasting from Hobbema, who served in the Second World War and in Korea, said he was "honored" to be able to address the assembly.

"Today I can stand side by side with anybody regardless of color," he said.



Joe Cardinal
Cardinal said he felt honored at the IAA banquet for the first time since returning from Germany.

He is proud to be an Indian, he said. "I'm not going to give my color away. It can't come off. My mind is set. I'm an Indian."

"I'm a baldheaded Indian but I'm an Indian at heart; that's what counts," said Cardinal.

He admitted to being scared when he arrived overseas in London, England. He recalls he felt like turning around and going home.

Being an Indian in a dominant white culture "scared me the most," he said.

Afraid to eat his Native food and live the Indian lifestyle, he lived on fish and chips.

Despite the uncertainties of war on the battlefield, Cardinal said he was given direction that gave his life purpose.

"When I was fighting overseas on the battlefield I was told where I was going today, what was going to happen today," he said.

In Native communities "we don't know where we're going. We don't know what's happening today or what's going to happen

tomorrow. That's a very bad situation," he said.

"We don't communicate enough. Some of us don't even communicate enough with our children," said Cardinal.

Reaching for goals takes determination, discipline and a willingness to sacrifice, he said.

"If we have that, everything will fall in place. It won't fall in place immediately, but it (eventually) will," he said.

Cardinal said the Indian community is tearing itself apart.

"We are fighting amongst ourselves. We are pulling each other down. I hope, by education, we will solve that problem."

The Department of Veterans' Affairs helped most Canadian veterans, who returned from the wars. Only a few Natives who served were offered the same benefits as other veterans.

The Wetaskiwin Legion formed a color guard at the Tuesday night banquet and a piper honored the veterans as they entered the banquet hall.



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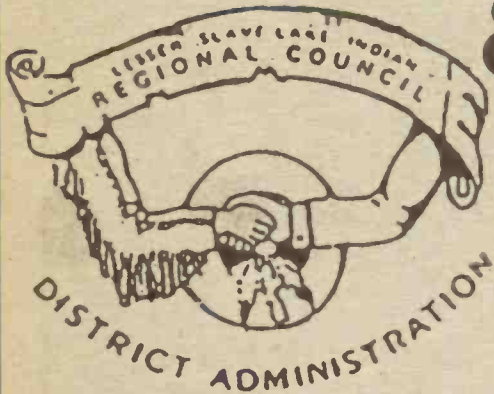
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SPORTS & LEISURE

Cowboys vie for top spot

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Correspondent

MA-ME-O BEACH, Alta.

When it's your turn on a bronc named Tonto or a bull named Three Moons, then you can bet your silver buckle, you're at an Indian rodeo and the ride won't be an easy one.

Such was the case at the Northern Alberta Native Cowboy Association (NANCA) rodeo, held at Ma-Me-O Beach July 15-16.

Cowboys from across the province vied for top spot in each event to take home the winning purse and add to their points in the all-around rodeo standings.

Both are important considerations if they hope to make the finals this November in New Mexico.

Bull-riding is exciting but when you have bulls supplied by the Roasting Cattle Company, then you know your in for a rough ride.

Even rodeo announcer Allan Buffalo called the animals "crazy."

Trevor Parenteau won

the bull-riding event with 71 points.

Others life Wayne Crane of Hobbema fell by the wayside, flung aside by a bull and kicked.

Riders like Jerry Whitebear and Allen Buffalo tasted the dirt while losing the eight-second battle against a 2,000-pound Seminole and Bear Trap.

Just one other rider shared the spotlight with Parenteau. Ernie Jimmy, from the Thunderchild reserve, received a 71 on Hoadley.

On both days, rodeo clown Jimmy "Crash" Roasting was kept busy keeping bulls away from downed riders so they would have time to escape to safety.

At the other end of the Pigeon Lake reserve recreation grounds, chuckwagon races took place but most of the attention focused on the rodeo itself.

In the bareback event, Hobbema's Kurt Buffalo took first place with a 66 while Tony Buffalo from

Hobbema captured the saddle bronc with 65.

Hobbema's Melton Louis won the steer wrestling competition with a time of 5.43 and the team-roping contest was taken by Joey Kootenay and Art Wildman in 7.02 seconds. Both cowboys hail from Morley in southern Alberta.

The junior steer-riding event went to Lloyd Chalifoux of Ponoka and Terry Littlechild of Hobbema, both with a 67.

However, in true cowboy tradition, the flip of a coin decided that Chalifoux would wear the silver-buckle award.

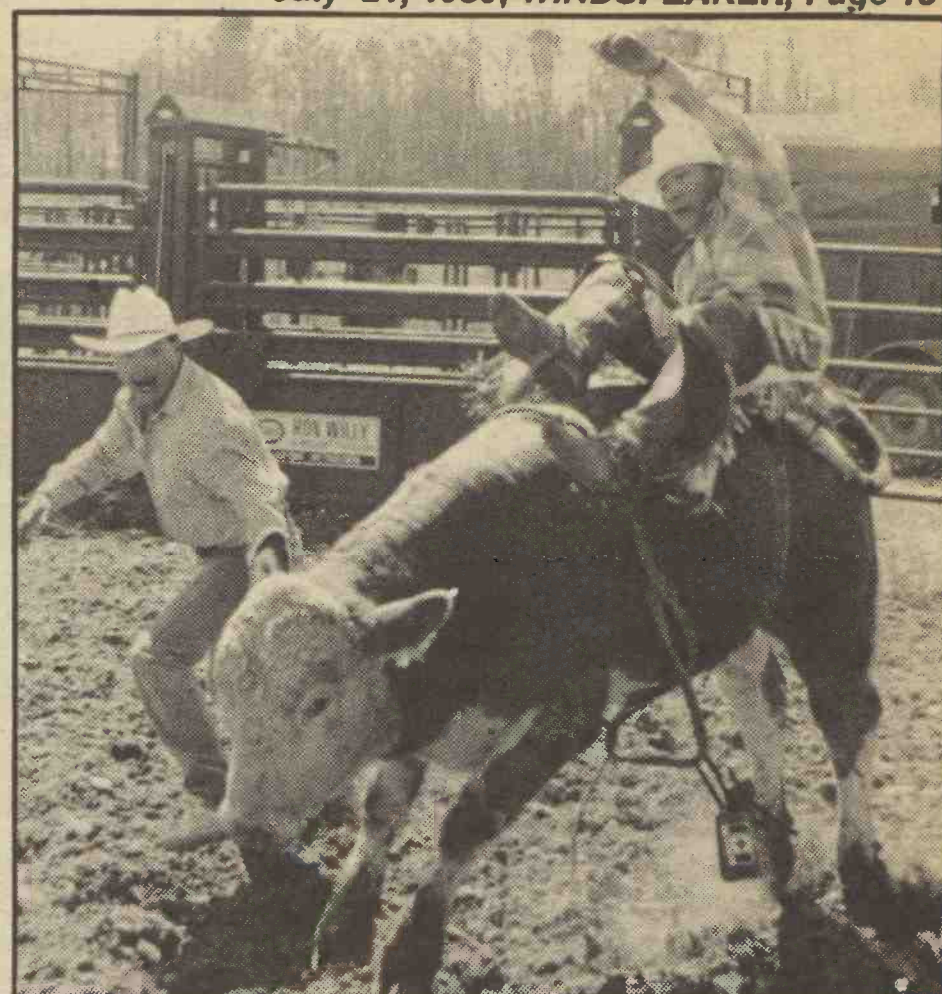
Leslie Roasting roped his calf in 14.05 seconds to win the calf-roping competition.

Roasting, a cowboy from Hobbema, also helped out as a pick-up man, making sure cowboys got off their broncs without harm.

The junior barrel-racing title went to Nicole Chalifoux of Ponoka with a time of 16.95 and the senior's title went to Sandy Buffalo with 15.91.

And although some of the cowboys will likely be nursing sore muscles, Ma-Me-O Beach rodeo was an unqualified success.

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Like father, like daughter

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

MA-ME-O BEACH, Alta.

Butch Deschamps has

been a cowboy all of his life.

At last weekend's rodeo at Ma-Me-O Beach, Deschamps competed in the

team-roping event.

Meanwhile, at the other end of the arena, his partner and six-year-old daughter Haley Deschamps was

competing in the junior barrel-racing competition.

The small Deschamps was only three seconds off the pace of the leader.

When you grow up in a rodeo family, like Deschamps children have, rodeo becomes part of everyday life. It becomes second nature.

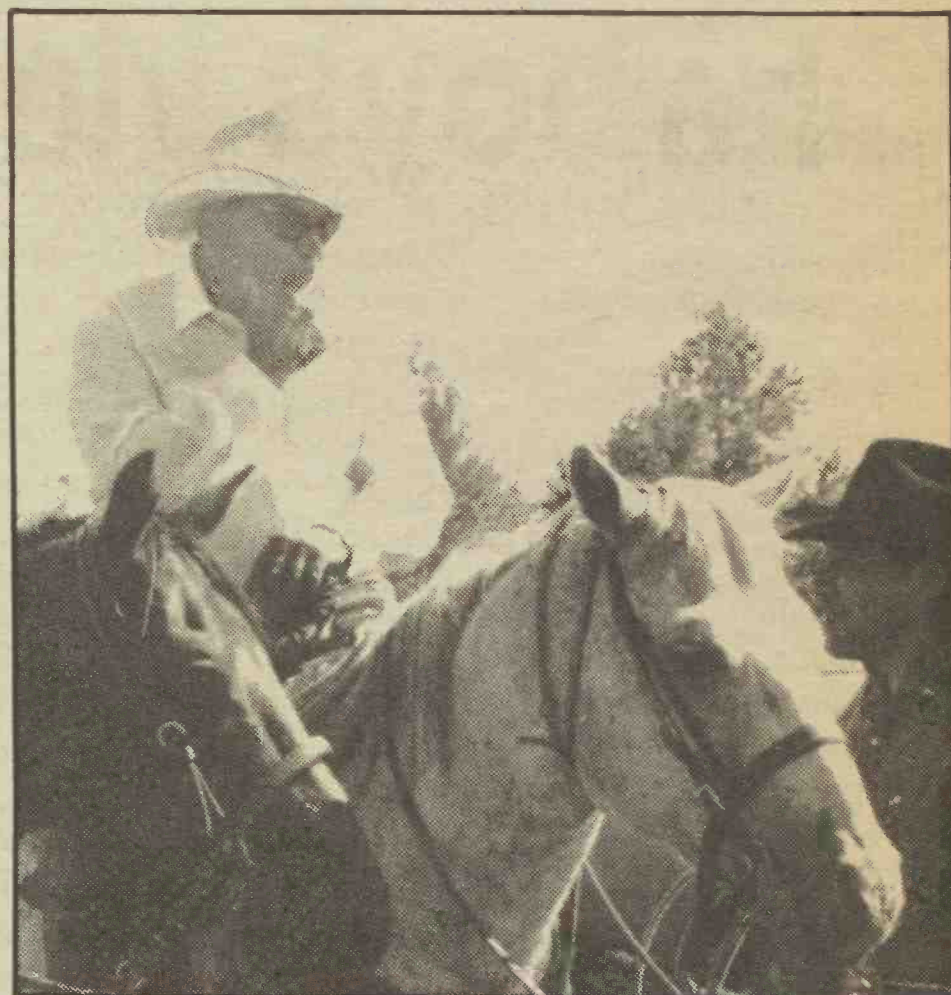
"I can't remember when I first started to rodeo. But I do know riding horses and cowboy life, I learned when I was just knee-high to a grasshopper," Butch joked.

The same is true for his daughter. Haley started riding when she was only four years old.

Butch is the proud father of three girls and all of them compete in barrel-racing. His two boys, Joey and Virgil, also compete in team-roping and bull-riding.

Butch admits that his biggest joy in life is watching his children compete in rodeo events.

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And how about little Haley?

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her way. And her father hopes someday cowgirls like barrel racing champion Sandy Buffalo, of Hobbema, will have to ease their horses aside to make way for a new champion, Haley Deschamps.

Butch contends cowboys like himself don't simply fade into the sunset like they do in Hollywood movies.

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SPORTS & LEISURE

Chalifoux king of cowboys

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Correspondent

MA-ME-O BEACH, Alta.

Lloyd Chalifoux is the king of the cowboys.

At least in the eyes of his two children he is.

Nicole, 13, and Lloyd Jr. 14, travel the circuit with their father sometimes, taking in three rodeos in one weekend.

Sort of reminds you of the Cartwright family in Bonanza doesn't it?

However, the elder Lloyd likes to think of them as the Wild Bunch.

"This weekend, we'll be in competitions at Kehewin, High Level and Stand Off," said Chalifoux, who enters team-roping events.

"You find a lot of cowboys will attend more than three rodeos in three days, sometimes five. Many of them do it to get their points up in the standings. The more rodeos you attend as a contestant, the more points you can get."

At the Ma-Me-O Beach rodeo last weekend, he didn't place in his event but he is full of pride when he

talks about his two children who did a little better than their dad.

At the rodeo, Nicole won the junior barrel-racing event and Lloyd Jr. took the steer-riding competition.

So far this year, Nicole has won three barrel-racing events and has place in all others she has entered.

"Nicole learned how to ride on a 17-year-old horse," Lloyd Sr. said. "She still rides it in competition. But he's slowing down now. It's about time we got her a younger horse."

Lloyd Jr. has been riding steers for two years and says he owes it all to his father. With his silver buckle win at Ma-Me-O Beach, he has won four events so far and loves every minute of rodeo life.

"My dad taught me how to ride horses, ride steers and I team rope with him also. I eventually want to saddle bronc," Lloyd Jr. said.

The senior Chalifoux is no newcomer to the rodeo world.

In his younger days, he recalls he rode bareback and saddle broncs but "after

awhile the bumps and grinds of rodeo life catches up to you.

"My back hurts and my knees are not what they used to be. I pretty well stick to roping events now," Lloyd said.

The Chalifoux family takes pride in their rodeo skills. Both teenagers have learned the art of riding horses, have attended roping schools and, at one time, both Nicole and Lloyd Jr. rode steers.

"They had a bet going to see who would last the longest riding steers. As you noticed Lloyd Jr. is still riding steers," his father jokes.

The family have roots at the Metis Settlement of Paddle Prairie but now live in Ponoka.

Lloyd, a singer and guitarist, plays in a country band called Indian River.

But his first love, like his children Nicole and Lloyd Jr., has to be rodeo.

"I encourage my kids all the time. When I was a kid, I was never encouraged. So it is important to me to have my children involved."

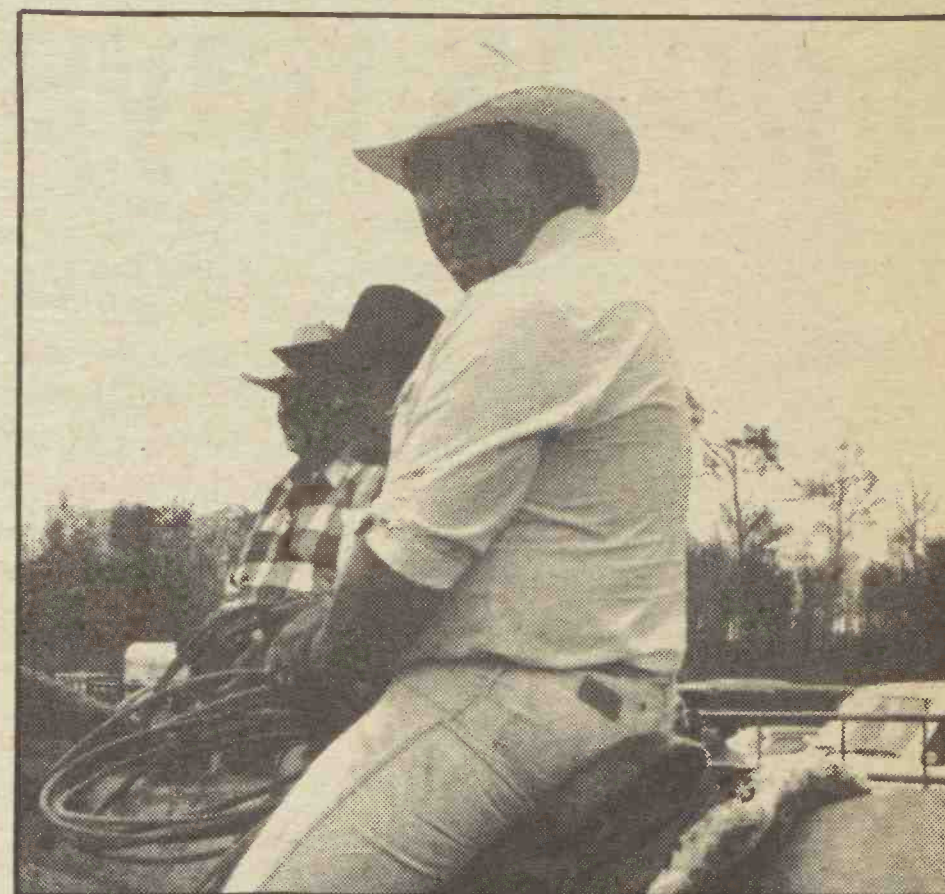
One other person who, in

Lloyd's words, is the "most encouraging" in his life is his better half, wife Corrine.

"I have to give her most of the credit. She is always 100 per cent behind the children, always there for them," he said with pride.

The Cartrights? Not a chance.

They're the Chalifoux family, riding four abreast into the east gate of the rodeo grounds. They're the Wild Bunch, ready to take on another rodeo.



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Deadline: September 1, 1989

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Little Red River Cree Tribe
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THE CREE
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SPORTS & LEISURE

Sports days at Alexander a success

By Lyle Donald
Windspeaker Correspondent

ALEXANDER RESERVE

It was a full weekend agenda, as the Alexander band hosted their annual

Sports Days July 14-16 at their recreation grounds.

There was everything from fastball and slowpitch to chuckwagon and chariot races and even a rodeo, sanctioned by the Lakeland Rodeo Association.

In the fastball tournament, the host team, the Alexander Tee Pee Crawlers had to split the \$1,500 championship money and trophy with the Driftpile Swingers.

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Office Manager
Tallcree Tribal Government
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927-3727

Closing date: July 31, 1989.

pitcher of the Swingers, will be coming into his third decade of chucking, and he still looks just as fast as he did back in the late sixties, when he was playing for the old Peavine Rangers.

Another celebrity who took part in the weekend fastball tourney, was N.H.L. tough guy Craig Berube, of the Philadelphia Flyers, who pitched for his home town of Calahoo.

Hobbema teams walked away with the slowpitch tournament as the Hobbema Rockets flew by the Hobbema Traders 11-3 in the "A" final and the Hobbema Little Cree-ations took the Sucker Creek Try-outs 10-4, in the "B" final.

Ernie Arcand, of the Alexander Pitbulls, said the slowpitch tourney started with a little bit of confusion but once things got going it

turned out to be a good tournament especially with the calibre of teams that showed up. He also offered his apologies to anyone who may of got mixed up in that confusion.

Sorry folks but we could not get the results of the Rodeo or the Chuckwagon Chariot races as the person taking care of this event started his holidays, and was not available with the results.



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