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# IT'S A DEAL!

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Signing a historic deal: FMS President Randy Hardy and Premier Don Getty

By Keith Matthew and Everett Lambert  
 Windspeaker Staff Writers

EDMONTON

Alberta Metis have paved the way for Metis land settlements across the rest of Canada.

"What this deal will do is set a benchmark for other Metis in Western Canada," Federation of Metis Settlements president Randy Hardy said Wednesday.

Under the historic deal, Alberta becomes the only province in Canada to provide land for its Metis.

Members voted 77.6 per cent in favor of the deal which gives settlement Metis title to their land, an economic development package and limited self-government.

More than two-thirds of settlement members turned out to ratify the Alberta Settlements Accord in a referendum held last Tuesday. Ballots were tabulated Wednesday.

"About 100 years ago, Louis Riel died trying to protect Metis land by armed resistance," Hardy told reporters. "And roughly 50 years ago, Alberta Metis like Delorme, Brady and Norris made up in wisdom what they lacked in Winchesters."

Hardy said the deal will help alleviate the 80 per cent unemployment on Alberta's eight Metis settlements and give Metis a chance to be on the same economic level as other Albertans.

"We are very encouraged that the people said 'yes.' We've been assured of a greater say in determining our lives," he said.

The agreement will provide for \$310 million for services and economic development of the settlements over the next 17 years.

The deal includes a new act providing limited self government for Metis and gives Metis title to 1.2 million acres of land, to be entrenched in the Constitution.

Under the deal, the settlements will also gain partial control of oil and gas development and a share of resource royalties while the province retains mineral rights.

In return, the federation must agree to drop a 21-year-old lawsuit against the province for oil and gas revenues. In their suit, the Metis claimed the government withheld oil and gas royalties from their Metis Trust Fund.

But Hardy said the federation will not drop its lawsuit until the deal is signed next year.

Other parts of the deal offer a "rainy-day" trust fund of about \$140 million to help Metis children get post-secondary educations.

The deal provides for a commissioner to report to both the province and a general council of settlement members to ensure funds are properly used.

The federation has decided that 70 per cent of the money will be split equally among the eight Metis settlements with the remainder divided by population.

Hardy said the deal purposely does not include any mention of Aboriginal rights, keeping that open to future discussion. If the Meech Lake accord is passed, it would be virtually impossible to get a consensus on the issue from all ten premiers, he pointed out.

Premier Don Getty said although many detail have yet to be ironed out, cabinet has already approved the new accord in principle.

"I'm so pleased that

we've been able to move from a position of dependency to a position of independence, strength and growth in the future," the premier said before shaking hands with Hardy.

Hardy and Getty are expected to sign an agreement in principle July 1 during the 50th anniversary celebrations of the creation of the settlements.

About 5,000 of Alberta's 50,000 Metis live in the settlements, which cover about 512,000 hectares, an area about the size of Prince Edward Island.

Prior to the referendum, some residents of Paddle Prairie thought the deal was being rushed and threatened to boycott the vote.

Paddle Prairie Settlement Chairman Mervin Bellerose explained that the incident was blown out of proportion. Some members were concerned the proposal would give councils even greater powers to control membership and land distribution.

"I personally agree with this agreement. It is going to create more jobs on the settlement," Bellerose said.

Caslan settlement chairman Horace Patenaude also praised the deal.

"We can now try to catch up with (community development) after 20 years of negotiations. We can now make some progress on housing, roads and other concerns," he said.

## Consultation process concerns Desmeules

EDMONTON — Alberta Metis pledged their overwhelming support for an historic deal with the provincial government that would give them \$310 million and limited self government.

But despite the vote, some Metis still have nagging doubts and unanswered questions about the land-and-cash agreement.

"The only concern that we had at the end of it all was the consultation process. We've asked the government to extend it another six months and we haven't had a call back," said Metis Association of Alberta president Larry Desmeules.

Members voted unanimously last weekend to accept the deal if a commissioner is appointed for six months to help them understand it, Desmeules said.

The association also con-

sidered seeking a court injunction to delay last Tuesday's vote until everyone was informed about the deal.

The MAA argued that all Metis, not just those in the settlements, should be able to participate in the vote.

One of the best features of the agreement is a Metis land commission to deal with land distribution and disputes, Desmeules said, calling it a "major breakthrough."

Kikino and Caslan settlements currently have membership freezes which discourage Metis from returning to their settlements.

"One of the beautiful things about (the deal) is that the settlements are now eligible for government programs, which they were never eligible for before," Desmeules pointed out.

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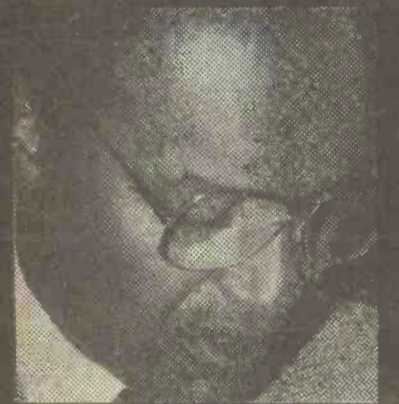


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"The (CSIS) should be investigating the RCMP. They are the ones who act like terrorists. When we had a peaceful blockade, the RCMP came in with heavy equipment and load guns. They used violent force, not us." - Fred Lennarson, Lubicon band advisor, see story on page 3

Feds scrap Native alcohol advisory group

By Jeff Morrow Windspeaker Staff Writer

OTTAWA

Under a storm of controversy, the National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (NNADAP) has scrapped its Native advisory group.

The eight-year-old research and development committee was no longer fulfilling its mandate so it was forced to close its doors June 15, according to NNADAP's health officer Carman Maracle.

The Ottawa-based National Native Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NNACADA) was responsible for collecting data from regional offices around the country concerning treatment and development for those par-

ticular areas. The data was passed on to NNADAP administration for policy changes and funding allotments.

A government-sponsored study, conducted last year, revealed that the advisory council wasn't representing the regional areas well enough because it wasn't receiving the information it needed.

Maracle says the regional offices became discouraged with the way the council was using their research and wanted a different procedure for evaluating the data.

"The results of the study showed that NNACADA was no longer providing a service appropriate for the program. They were no longer fulfilling their role," he said.

The five-member research council was estab-

lished in 1982 to help NNADAP develop nationwide policies for the treatment of Native alcohol and drug abusers.

Maracle said the primary source of information came from communities which wanted more control over how their people are treated.

He said the regional offices objected to policies because they didn't always reflect each community's concerns.

Eric Johnson, NNADAP project manager, said advisory council just wasn't useful anymore.

Because Native communities grew and their problems became more regional, it was unable to provide adequate solutions for all addicted Natives.

"They were already limited as to how much feedback they could get. They had

success in many ways but because of the disparity, all the regions wanted their own say," Johnson said.

But the problems could have been rectified with more help from the head office in Ottawa, according to the community consulting group that conducted the probe.

Consultant Wendy Roe, of Roe and Associates in Vancouver, said the council was ineffective because it was trying to design policies for all the regions without guidance from the central office.

She concluded that better rapport could be established if the regional offices communicated directly with program officials.

"The needs should be established by the regions. But what you need is a co-operation with the central

office," Roe said. "There needs to be a process set up with Ottawa where the regions can access their own clearing house of information," she said.

NNADAP is a government-funded agency run by Health and Welfare Canada.

Health and Welfare spokesman Ian Inglis, said the study provided convincing evidence for closing the research office. But, Inglis said, the program has yet to come up with an alternative way of addressing the growing problem of alcohol and substance abuse among Canada's Natives. "There's going to be a restructuring that is more responsive to community needs. We don't know how it's going to work yet," he said.

The Alberta regional director could not be reached for comment.

Gladue says women left in the dark

By Jeff Morrow Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Aboriginal women in Alberta are not being informed of what the government is doing to respect their rights as Natives, said the chairman of the Advisory Council of Treaty Women.

Regional Indian Affairs officials are leaving Native women in the dark about government policy and how it can affect them, Helen Gladue said.

She said Elizabeth Turbayne, regional director general of Indian Affairs and other regional officials have been asked to speak at the upcoming Treaty women's information workshop in Enoch at the end of June, but have not accepted the invitation.

"We want to know what they're doing. We want to know why they have these positions. We want answers," she said.

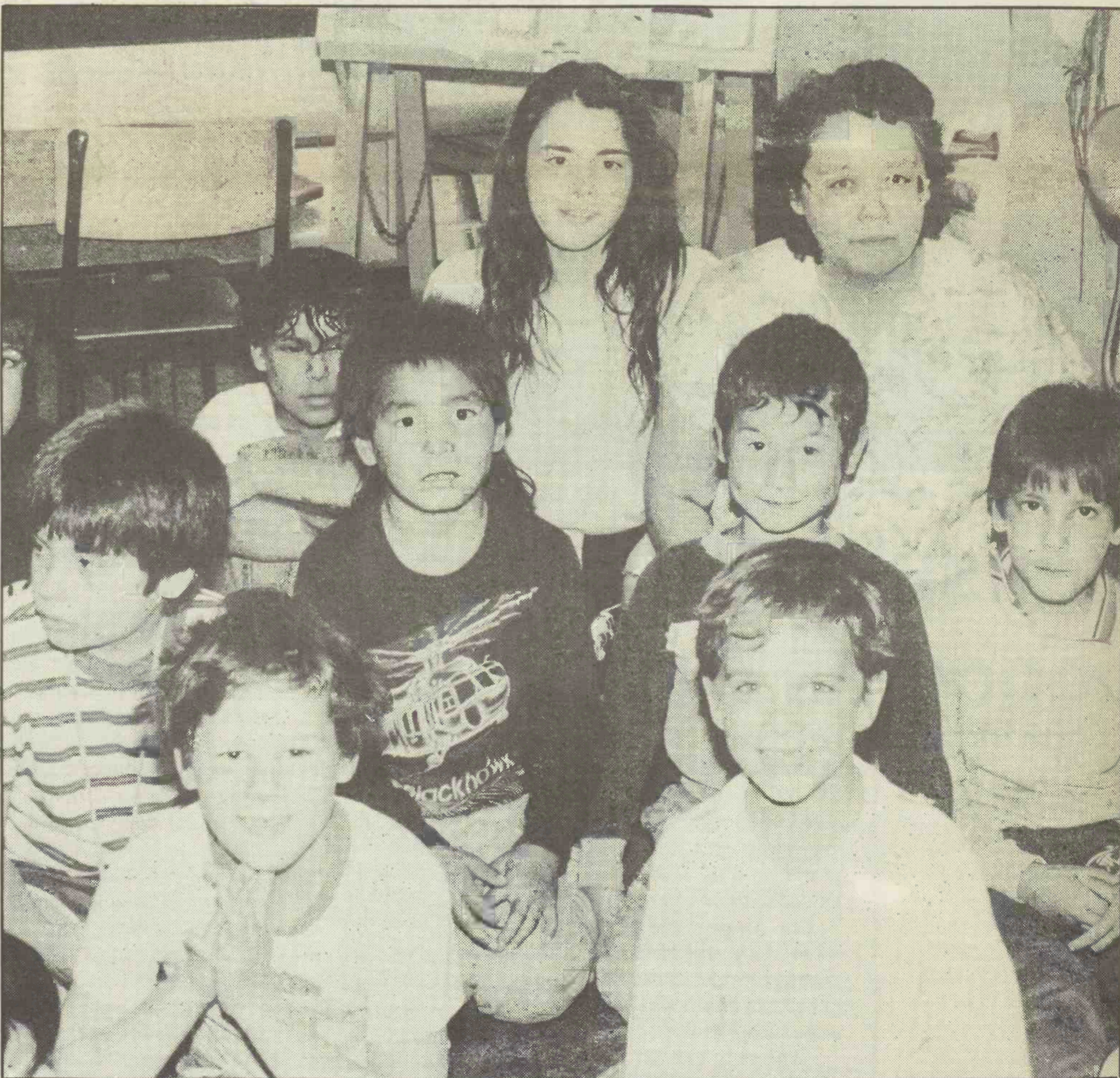
Gladue believes Treaty women should be better informed about government initiatives involving them.

A variety of Native issues will be addressed at the meeting including child care, social services, education and Bill C-31 which reinstates Treaty rights to band members living away from their reserve.

The 700-member council will hold the three-day workshop at the Kitaskinaw Elementary School from June 28-30.

For more information, contact Gladue at 447-3720.

EXPRESSIONS



BEA LAWRENCE, Windspeaker

Kids give Moyan good feeling

Teacher's aide Susie Moyan sits with some of her former kindergarten students in their Grade 1 classroom at the Norwood elementary school in Edmonton.

Moyan said what she loves best about her job with the kindergarten classes is the children.

"I also like the school's philosophy, the friendliness and the supportiveness," said the teacher who has worked at the inner-city public school for the past five years.

Aside from her teacher's-aide duties, Moyan also looks after the student-teacher relationships in her role as Native liaison

officer between the school and parents.

"I go out into the community a lot," she said, adding that she makes three to four home visits each morning.

"It gives me a real positive feeling to see that parents are accepting themselves," says Moyan who has noted a growing maturity of the adults she's seen over the past year.

Moyan moved into the city after her husband's death in 1970. She met and married Joe Moyan in Kinuso, where they raised five girls and three boys.

"My husband was originally from Frog Lake," she said.



## SPECIAL REPORT



## SPYING ON LUBICONS

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

OTTAWA

The Lubicon Lake Indian band was the target of a nationwide investigation by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) aimed at Native groups threatening violence in Canada, according to a CSIS spokesman in Ottawa.

Gerry Cummings told Windspeaker the investigation was conducted after Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak made remarks to the press suggesting his band would resort to violence if Native rights aren't respected by the government.

Cummings admitted his agency conducted a nationwide investigation of Native bands suspected of promoting violence between December and last March. But he denied CSIS is currently involved in the probe.

Band advisor Fred Lennarson isn't convinced CSIS has ended the investigation.

He believes the Lubicons, like other bands around the country, are caught up in an espionage caper manufactured by federal officials to discredit Native land claims.

Lennarson charges CSIS with tapping his office phone calls and tampering with the band's mail.

"You can hear that someone is on the other (telephone) line listening to every word," he said.

"People that we send mail to call us up and tell us it has been opened before they get it. These agencies are abusing their power. It is preposterous that the government believes the Lubicon band is a threat to its security."

Lennarson has been suspicious of an investigation for

more than four years but said it has recently become more apparent.

"This is very serious to everybody that lives in Canada. All these Natives are doing is fighting for their rights. There is no evidence that Aboriginals are a threat to Canadian society. It's apparent Native groups can not achieve proper redress in Canada with this going on," Lennarson said.

The purpose of CSIS is to research and investigate groups which have threatened the government with acts of terrorism and espionage and then to report back to the Solicitor General.

Cummings said the Lubicon band was part of the probe because Ominayak told the press last October he threatened violence and sabotage against oil companies drilling on Indian land.

The investigation was sparked by comments from Assembly of First Nations Grand Chief Georges Erasmus who said "frustrated young Natives may resort to violence if their concerns aren't taken seriously (by the federal government)."

Cummings said CSIS investigates threats made by groups with the potential for political violence, subversion, espionage and covert, foreign interference.

"The service had to get a better reading from the Native community to find out if there was that potential for violence. That's why we went to Native bands to prepare our assessment for the federal government. . . It is our responsibility to pick up the vibes if these comments are being made," he said.

Cummings would not comment on what CSIS concluded but said the spy agency is no longer monitoring the Lubicons or any other Indian band.

Ominayak, who has also accused the federal government of inciting band members to overthrow his leadership, said CSIS investigations are aimed at the wrong culprits.

"They (CSIS) should be investigating the RCMP. They are the ones who act like terrorists. When we had a peaceful

blockade, the RCMP came in with heavy equipment and loaded guns. They used violent force, not us," he said.

The Lubicon band has been at odds with the federal government for 50 years over land and treaty rights.

They have not yet reached an agreeable settlement, and Ominayak fears the federal government is using such tactics to undermine their struggle.

The Mohawk council grand chief in Kahnawake, Quebec insisted it's not just the Lubicon band that faces an ongoing struggle to reach land-claim settlements with the federal government.

Joseph Norton said government agencies like CSIS are responsible for shaping public opinion against Native rights.

"I accuse CSIS of going across the country and undermining Native bands by infiltrating and doing whatever it can to cast doubt on the credibility of Indigenous people," he said.

Maurice Archdeacon, executive director of the Security Intelligence Review Committee, said CSIS files concerning investigations of Native bands are being examined.

He said the committee was made aware of the probe after New Democrat justice critic Svend Robinson complained CSIS was investigating whether Native groups were being influenced by foreign powers to resort to violence in Canada.

It was recently discovered that the Innu in Labrador were investigated last year for their protests against the construction of a NATO airbase on their land.

Reid Morden, the head of CSIS, told the justice Commons committee last week in Ottawa that CSIS had to find out if the Innu were conspiring with Warsaw Pact countries to protest the base.

The Labrador Indians have been staging sit-ins in protest of low-level tests flights over their hunting and traditional lands.

Canada has put in a bid to NATO for the construction of an international training base in Labrador which would increase the number of flights to 40,000 a year from 7,000.





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## YOUR WORDS

# Miss World warns drugs threaten heritage

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank you Windspeaker and Mr. Zorthian for the wonderful article you presented about the gathering of Nations and Miss Indian World.

It is encouraging to discover support from all areas of the world.

I found Windspeaker to be a valuable source of information and what a wonderful informative articles it contains. Windspeaker is a great asset to the Indian Nation.

As The reigning Miss Indian World, I feel very fortunate to represent American Indians throughout the world and I will represent this position to the best of my abilities.

I look forward to attending not only some of the Canadian powwows, but also different activities and powwows throughout the world.

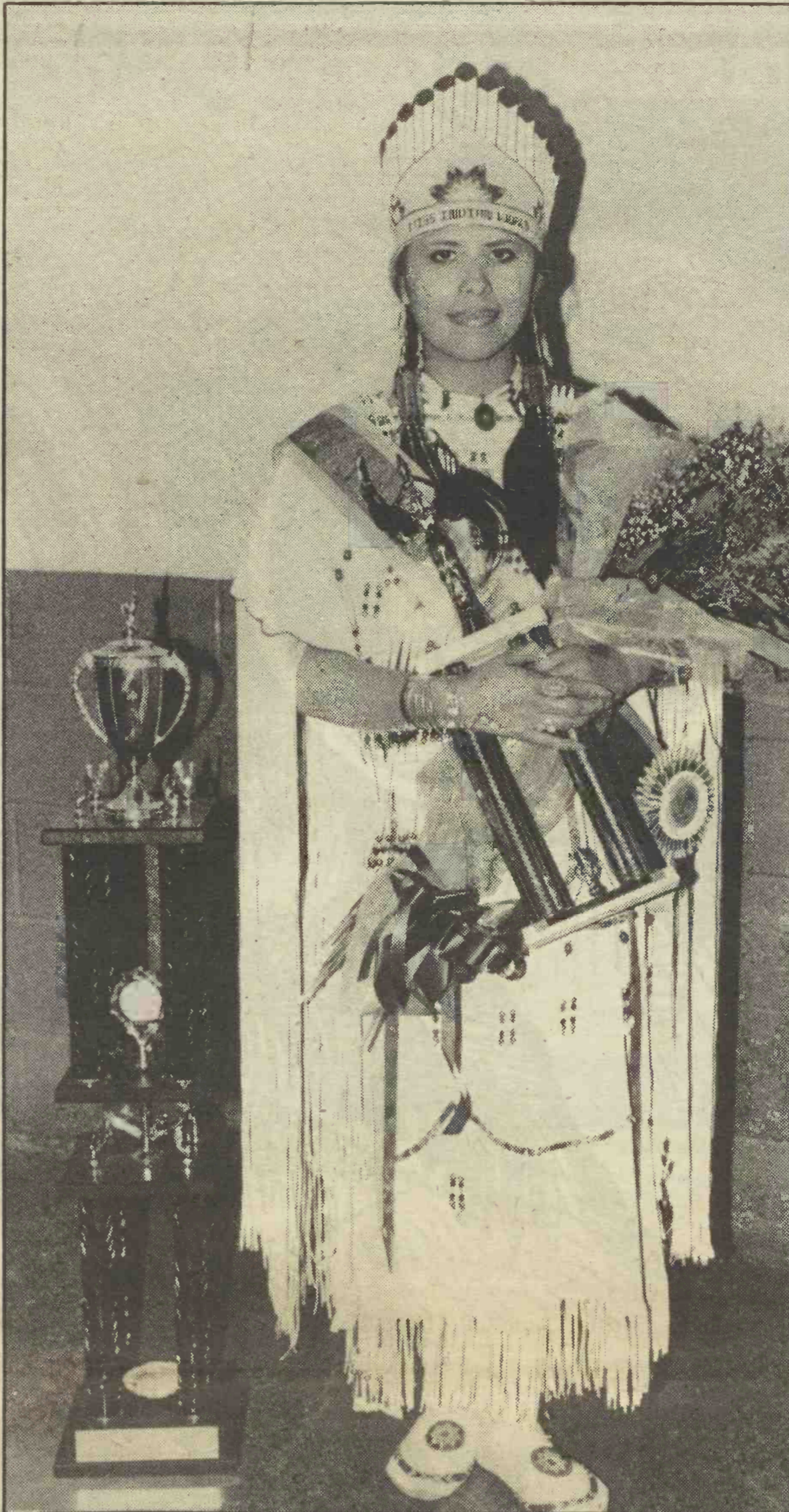
One of the major issues facing out Indian nation is our high drug, alcohol and suicide rates, along with the concerns of maintaining our heritage.

I strongly believe that these problems can be reduced by educating our youth to maintain their heritage.

Suicide rates can be lowered if our Indian youth have a goal and a purpose in life, we should encourage our youth to follow their dreams, because dreams can come true, with the right guidance and education.

We as Indian leaders must support our Indian youth by giving them encouragement, love and guidance.

How does urban lifestyle affect our traditional lifestyle? Being an urban Indian is something difficult.



Holding her own: Tammy DeAnn Billey

You must live among the white society, while maintaining a traditional lifestyle, this can be also accomplished by education.

You must learn what the white society accepts and also learns everything about our Indian traditions, but this can be accomplished if you so desire.

You must have ambition to keep your traditions alive but this

is true if you are living on a reservation or in an urban area.

In closing, I would like to say that I feel very honored in representing the Indian nation, and I will strive to promote the Indian nation with pride, dignity and honor.

**Tammy DeAnn Billey**  
"Miss Indian World"

# Pulp mills bring good

Dear Editor:

I have had the opportunity to attend the ongoing meetings that have taken place in our community concerning the proposed pulp-mill project.

I have listened and observed the reactions of our self-appointed keepers of God's green earth when they continuously harped on leaving a clean environment for their children and grandchildren.

I, too have those same concerns, so do my brothers and sisters, but in order for our children and grandchildren to appreciate that clean environment, they have to survive.

In order for them to survive, we too must survive because we have the responsibility to clothe, feed, shelter, and educate these children.

We therefore totally support Al-Pac's proposed project because of the opportunities it will create.

Something I did not hear is what alternatives these self-appointed keepers have to offer, surely we will not be able to survive on their environmental soup.

Just to add a little bit, I wonder where these keepers were when the Natives of Fort McKay and Fort Chipewyan were complaining about the Suncor and Syncrude plants in Fort McMurray. I was there and I did not hear or see anyone. You know why, because it did not affect them.

It would only affect a few Indians down the Athabasca river so who cares. So, you self-appointed keepers of God's green earth, the shoe is on the other foot now and it doesn't fit very well, does it??

Wake up and smell the roses, not the pulp mill. The pulp mill will give us an opportunity to further enhance our children's well being.

**Ernest Thom**  
Lac La Biche, Alberta

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NEWS BRIEFS

# Talking Circle theme of media meeting

By Bea Lawrence  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

LAC LA BICHE, Alta.

The Talking Circle will be the theme behind the National Aboriginal Communications Society's (NACS) third annual general meeting, to be held Sept. 10 to 17 at Whitehorse.

"Individual members will be encouraged to reaffirm and demonstrate their culture," said NACS president Ray Fox.

Fox said the theme will prompt a more traditional style of meeting which will encourage regions to become more familiar with the customs and disparities of their counterparts across Canada.

The society held a special meeting in Ottawa June 2 and 3 to reaffirm its mandate and to discuss elections and committees.

NACS members also

dealt with issue of Native broadcasters' relationship with performing rights organizations such as CAPAC and PROCAN.

Fox said the society will approach the groups and the Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB) to schedule a meeting.

He explained that the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) is currently conducting a study of Native broadcasting.

"Since CAB will be most affected by the advancement of Native broadcasters, we thought we should meet beforehand rather than airing our disagreements, or possible disagreements, in public," Fox said.

Newly-elected NACS executives are secretary Catherine MacQuarrie and treasurer Eileen Vance Duchesne.

MacQuarrie is currently the executive director of the

Native Communications Society of the Western Northwest Territories.

Duchesne is the executive director of the Ye Sa To Communications Society in Whitehorse.

Four new committees were also formed at the Ottawa meeting.

They include the Awards/Annual General Meeting Committee, the Policy and Development Committee, the Finance Committee and the Hiring Committee.

The Awards/Annual General Meeting Committee is composed of Duchesne, Ken Kane of the Yukon's Northern Native Broadcasting, Debbie Brisebois of the Inuit Broadcasting Corporation and Aimo Nookiguak of Taqramuit Nipingat Incorporated.

The Policy and Development Committee is made up by MacQuarrie, Duchesne, Ghislain Picard of the Soci-

ete de Communications Atikamekw Montagnais and Henry Wilson of Native Communications Incorporated.

This committee will also deal with a review of the NACS mandate, Fox said in a press release.

Duchesne, Brisebois and Frances Lord of the Taqramuit Nipingat Incorporated form the Finance Committee.

The Hiring Committee includes NACS president Fox, Doug Saunders of the Inuit Broadcasting Corporation and Roy Gould of the Native Communications Society of Nova Scotia.

Fox also serves as ex-officio for all other committees.

For more information about NACS, contact President Ray Fox at (403) 623-3333 or (613) 230-6244.

# Fire forces evacuation

Forest fires threatened two remote Northern Ontario communities, forcing the evacuation of about 160 anxious Ojibwas.

The Natives were flown to safety Wednesday by three Canadian Forces Hercules aircraft from the reserve near Lansdowne House, a remote community in Northern Ontario. They were evacuated after fires about half a kilometre from the town sent thick plumes of smoke billowing into their reserve.

The Natives were ferried about 360 kilometres south to Geraldton, a small Ontario resource town which opened its arms to the Native evacuees.

They joined about 400 Ojibwas from Webequie, another northern community, who had been evacuated earlier.

Volunteers set up makeshift dormitories at the town arena and Roman Catholic parish hall, gave out hundreds of sleeping bags and cooking meals for the evacuees, many of whom only speak Ojibwa.

Fire fighters believe the blaze started in a garbage dump near the local sawmill, one of the first buildings to burn. No injuries were reported.

# Minister rebuffs Sarcee

WINDSPEAKER PHOTO FILE

Defence Minister Bill McKnight refuses to meet with southern Alberta's Sarcee Nation to settle a dispute over a clean-up of the band's reserve.



Defence minister: McKnight

The Sarcee claim CFB Calgary has failed to clean up tonnes of spent ammunition from land southwest of Calgary, which it leased from the band since 1913.

But McKnight denied the Canadian Forces have breached the agreement signed in 1985, which lets the military use the 1,500 hectares as a firing range. McKnight confirmed the band has asked for a meeting but said the dispute should be handled by an independent third party.

The Sarcee also claim it is owed \$700,000 from the Department of National Defence (DND) for outstanding rent and as payment for the cost of hiring experts to survey the land.

The band is threatening to blockade a reserve bridge used by CFB troops June 30 unless its demands are met.

# Cops to study culture

Lethbridge city police officers will take training this fall to beef up their understanding of southern Alberta's Native cultures.

Police commission chairman Walter Stewart and chief Terry Wauters said the move was made after the police shooting of a Blood Indian outside a local tavern a couple of months ago.

The city's police commission and the Native liaison committee plan to study relations between Natives and police.

An inquiry into relations between the Blood Indian band and Lethbridge police and RCMP resume next week in Stand Off.

# Inquiry called one-sided

An inquiry into the brutal stabbing of a young Indian woman has been one-sided, said the head of a Native women's group.

Joyce Courchene, executive-director of the Indigenous Women's Collective of Manitoba, said the inquiry has focused solely on police testimony.

The first three days of testimony into Helen Betty Osborne's slaying by Manitoba's Native justice inquiry heard about RCMP officers efforts to crack the case. It took 16 years to bring the case to trial.

The Cree student was stabbed with a screwdriver 56 times in the face, head, neck, chest and back before her nude bloody body was left in the snow near the shore of a frozen lake.

# Pulp mill vice prez: Delays could be costly

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Alberta-Pacific will have a heavy price to pay if construction of its proposed \$1.3-billion pulp mill is delayed, said the company vice-president.

George Jackson said the cost of building the kraft pulp mill in Alberta's Athabasca region would become "enormous" if provincial and federal debate over jurisdiction postpones development after August.

Plans for the pulp mill were announced last December. It was scheduled to be completed in 1991.

A federal environmental review committee will be conducting its own study of forestry projects in Alberta, it was announced this month.

Under the provincial-federal forestry agreement, the Alberta government has jurisdiction over development.

Alberta Environment Minister Ralph Klein has threatened to take the federal government to court if it intervenes. But Klein said he will wait until Ottawa indicates how much it wants to be involved in the studies.

Jackson isn't sure Alberta-Pacific can wait that long.

"If we don't get foundation in the ground by

August, we've missed this year. If there are delays we could be forced to re-negotiate. It could be a substantial amount," he said.

He said Alberta-Pacific is committed to building the mill but it will be forced to renegotiate if construction is delayed until next year.

"The banks won't wait. We'll have to go back and reassess. We just can't sit and wait until we make up our minds to build," he said.

Ray Robinson, chairman of the federal review committee, is concerned the proposed pulp mill, said to be the largest of its kind in the world, will adversely affect Indian land and national parks.

In April, the federal gov-

ernment halted construction of the \$120-million Rafterty-Alameda dam in southern Saskatchewan after a successful court challenge by environmental groups.

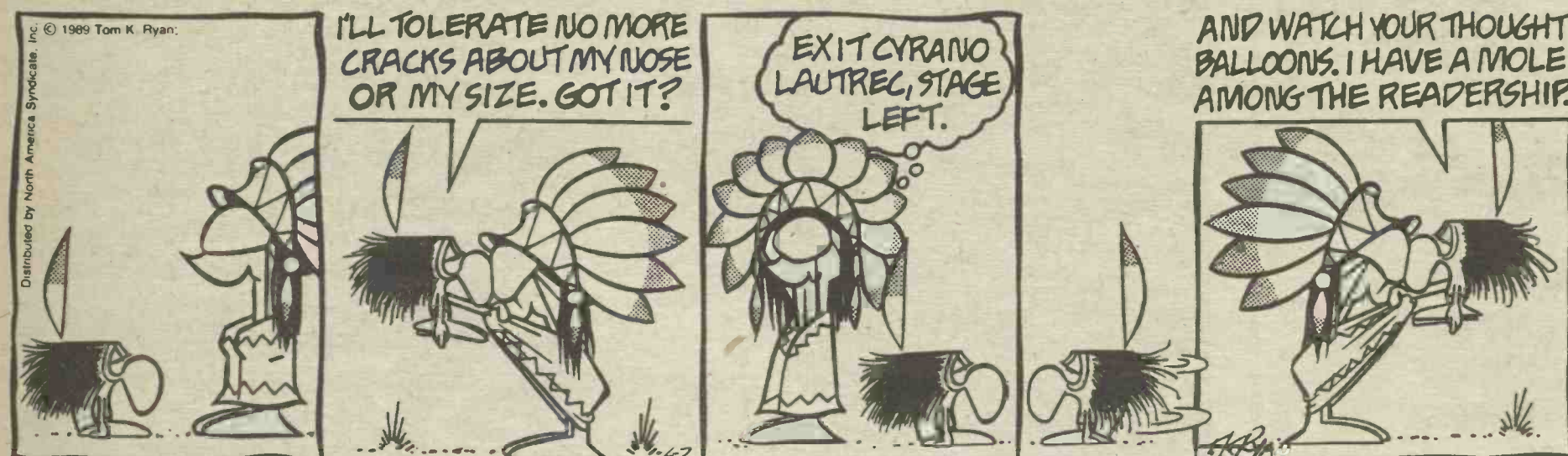
The provincial government appealed the decision to delay the project. The appeal was overturned in a Saskatchewan federal court Thursday.

Concerned citizens and environmentalists in Alberta charge that the federal and provincial government have not conducted proper environmental assessments for the proposed mill.

They are demanding the federal government step in to conduct independent assessments on forestry projects here.

# Tumbleweeds

By Tom K. Ryan





GRASSROOTS

# Metis children's service to expand

By Heather Andrews  
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

The Metis Children's Services Society has signed an historic agreement to expand its services to Metis children throughout Alberta.

And Alberta's Deputy Minister of Family and Social Services is optimistic the move may help prevent future tragedies similar to the suicide of a 16-year-old Metis foster boy last month.

"Perhaps the recent tragedy in Grande Cache will never be repeated," Stan Remple told the soci-

ety's annual meeting last Saturday.

Wayne Moberly of Grande Cache hanged himself in the basement of his foster parents' home May 30. It was his seventh residence since Social Services took him from his natural home at the age of nine.

"To work towards self-government, you first must have the necessary information," Remple said. "And we need to consider the children of today, not plan exclusively for the children of the future."

Although 21 Native social workers have graduated from Alberta Social Services

courses since 1986, Remple said more Natives are still needed in the field.

Society president Ralph Bouvette agreed provincial control of Metis children's services "will assist in the intervention and attempt to prevent the Richard Cardinals and Wayne Moberlys from continuing to happen to our Metis people."

Cardinal, a 17-year-old Metis boy, hanged himself in the backyard of his foster home. He had been in 28 foster homes and institutions before taking his own life.

His tragic death sparked a provincial inquiry which recommended more Native

participation in the placement of foster children.

"We are tired and weary of history repeating itself as evidenced by the recent suicide of Wayne Moberly," he states in the society's annual report.

"I personally don't feel that this has to happen and we will pursue new and challenging methods of addressing these concerns," he added.

Bouvette said he is pleased the society, which assists Alberta Social Services with the care of Metis children, will now work to help youngsters across the province.

Bouvette, Metis Association of Alberta president Larry Desmeules and Metis Local 1885 President Stan Plante signed an agreement last Saturday to bring child-care and family services to all Alberta Metis.

The president said he did not have any statistics on how many children and how much money will be needed to expand services.

For the past four years, the society has worked only with Metis youth from the Edmonton area. In Edmonton alone, about 40 per cent of the children in provincial care are Metis.

Earlier in the day, Bouvette was re-elected to another term as president.

Executive-director Carolyn Pettifer reported that numerous workshops, cultural awareness social func-



Carolyn Pettifer

tions and educational tours were staged by the society last year.

The society also participated in special job re-entry programs for Metis and the second National Metis Child Care Conference in Winnipeg.

## Business Careers

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## GRASSROOTS

# Dene students need city boarding homes

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Hello family, friends, fans and neighbors.

Hope you all had a wonderful and prosperous week.

**Assumption:** Native Education Councillor Alexis Mercredi is calling on Edmonton residents to accommodate boarders in September.

Mercredi who was in the city recently, has already found four homes but needs at least 10 residences.

The councillor is looking for boarding homes in the city for the Dene Tha' high school students who will be relocating to continue their education. These students are all between 15 to 20 years old.

Residents should ensure their homes are close to nearby high schools. All city districts will be considered.

Interested parties should contact the Dene Tha' Band office at 321-3774, or the school at 321-3940 to reach Mercredi.

**Lac La Biche:** Canadian Executive Services Organizations (CESO) consultants Ernie Williams and Haig Lewis were recently awarded plaques by Metis Local 2951 for their generous work over the last two years.

"The two became involved with the union in 1987, when they were requested to help to develop a potential housing project," Metis Local 2951 president Emil Cardinal said in his letter.

Cardinal says they have also worked on a number of other projects, some just getting under way.

"It has been through their work and the support they have given the executive board that we feel we have been able to accomplish so much," said the president, who hopes to continue working with the consultants in the future.

A plaque was also presented to CESO consultant Katherine Wall by Local vice-president Leonard Cardinal in appreciation for her work since 1988.

"I would like to add that all CESO consultants are retired



## DROPPIN' IN By Bea Lawrence

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business people who volunteer their services to promote and extend the economic and social growth and well-being of the Natives in Canada," he concluded.

**Doll Competition:** First-prize money of \$1,000 will be awarded to the winner of the 1989 Alberta Native Handcrafted Doll Competition

which is sponsored by the Alberta Indian Arts and Crafts Society (AIACS) in Edmonton.

Cash prize awards of \$500 and \$250 will be given to the second and third place winners respectively.

All producers from Alberta are invited to enter even if they have never made a doll before.

Dolls must be handmade; no plastic pieces are allowed. Eligible materials include hide, nylon, wool, wood, hair, paper mache, cornhusk, porcelain, and fur.

Dolls can be any shape, size and must be offered for sale.

All winning entries become the property of the AIACS and those receiving awards and honourable mentions will

be exhibited at various locations.

The deadline for all submissions is August 4 at 4:00 p.m..

The society encourages you to enter early to be part of this exciting competition.

**Wabasca/Desmarais:** In an effort "to teach the young people there is more to life than alcohol and drugs," the Bigstone Cree Band has planned a horse and wagon trail ride for its young offenders, aged 18 to 19 years old.

The young offenders' trip is funded by the Native Council of Alberta said Carl Yellowknee, a bylaw enforcement officer for the band who is riding with the group on the trip July 5-15.

About 35 people, including the elders and counsellors who are accompanying the young offenders, will make their departure from elder Eric Auger's residence, said Yellowknee.

Community members are most welcome to come along, says Yellowknee, who has been working with the local RCMP, probation officers and the Slave Lake Family Community Support Services organizations to establish such outings.

The bylaw enforcement officer said they plan to meet on the reserve June 27 to finalize the trip's itinerary.

Until next week folks, ... smile!



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GRASSROOTS

# Mother of five proud grad

By Diane Parenteau  
*Windspeaker Correspondent*

ST. PAUL

Mother-of-five Lorraine Houle was proud to receive her Bachelor of Arts degree at the Blue Quills graduation ceremony June 17.

Houle began her schooling in 1976, taking a one-year secretarial training course. The following year, she completed a public administration certificate program which counted as a year toward her BA.

She spent two years at Blue Quill and one year at the University of Alberta taking general arts courses.

Houle is the mother of five children; 19-year-old Bernadine, who is attending her first year of university, 18-year-old Colleen, 14-year-old Jolene, nine-year-old Justine and seven-year-old Jordache. She is married to Eugene Houle.

Lorraine admits it wasn't always easy but support from her family and the strength she draws from her Native heritage has helped see her through.

"Now we are starting to get back into sweatlodges. It inspires me to come back (to school) and really work," Houle said. "I need that spiritual aspect."

The culture shock of transferring from the Blue Quills program to the U of A campus last year was difficult for Houle, but she relied on the Native students' services group for support.

"I think what is really rewarding is that my kids are now thinking about university. They talk about what they want to be after university," she noted.

"We can come home (to the reserve) and participate in ceremonies and when we go back, participate at the university."

Lorraine plans to continue her studies with a Master's degree, possibly in education.

"My boys are looking forward to both participating in these ceremonies and going to university.

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Proud moment: Houle family

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FEDERATION OF METIS SETTLEMENTS

## Windspeaker Pull-out Section



# The Formation of Alberta's Metis Settlements

FEDERATION OF METIS SETTLEMENTS

During the late 1920's, the Metis people in Alberta began organizing to improve their economic and social conditions. The first meeting of concerned Metis took place among Fishing Lake residents in 1928. A number of Metis who were living on a forest reserve in the area had learned that they would be forced out of the area these people planned to ask the government to set aside a portion of the reserve land for them to live on. In 1930, they asked Joseph Dion, an educated non-treaty Indian who was teaching school on the nearby Kehewin Indian Reserve, to help them organize and articulate their concerns. He agreed to assist them and was soon working full-time for the improvement of Metis conditions, not only at Fishing Lake, but throughout northern Alberta.

The eventual outcome of Dion's efforts was the formation of L'Association des Metis d'Alberta et des Territoires du Nord-Ouest, now known as the "Metis Association of Alberta." The Association was formally established at a meeting held in St. Albert in 1932. At this founding convention, which was attended by Metis from all over northern Alberta, The first Executive Council of the Association was elected. Its members were as follows: J.F. Dion, President; Henry Cunningham, 3rd Vice President (replaced by Peter C. Tomkins in 1933); James Patrick Brady, Treasurer. Prior to being elected all of these men were already deeply involved in working toward improving the situation of Alberta's Metis.

The intention of the Metis Association was to pressure the government into taking action to improve the conditions of the Metis people in the province. Its aims were to convince the government to set aside land for Metis settlements, to provide education for Metis children, to provide medical treatment for the Metis, and to issue free hunting and trapping permits to the Metis people until land was set aside for them.

The provincial government responded to the pressure asserted by the Metis association by appointing a three-man commission to investigate the problems of Alberta's Metis people. The Half-Breed Commission, also known as the Ewing Commission was headed by Justice A. F. Ewing and was appointed in December, 1934, to investigate the health, education and general welfare of the Metis people.

Throughout Alberta, meetings were held in Metis communities. Hearings were also held in Edmonton where spokesmen of the Metis Association, medical doctors, clergymen, and politicians spoke on the Metis situation. Malcome Norris, Speaking for the Metis Association, stressed the the Metis' major problem was their lack of education. If the Metis could become better educated, he argued, they would be more capable of improving their situation. He also told the Commission that the health conditions of the Metis were extremely poor, cases of scurvy and tuberculosis were common among the people. He pointed out that this situation was probably due to the Metis' living

conditions; most of the Metis lived on road allowances, along the boundaries of Indian Reserves or in abandoned houses. Norris argued that the provision of settlement and education and health services was the solution to the Metis problem. E. L. McIntyre, a physician, reported that incidence of venereal disease and tuberculosis, he reported affected 90% of the Metis people. Bishop Guy of Grouard testified that 80% of the Metis population were completely uneducated. He felt this situation was due to their semi-nomadic lifestyle. He also commented that the health standards of the Metis were deplorable due to poor nutrition and lack of money to pay for medical services. In general, The hearings presented the Commission with a pitiful picture of the Metis' situation in Alberta.

On February 15, 1936, The Ewing Commission submitted its report to the government. In the report, the Commission indicated that it recognized the Metis' need for assistance. But it pointed out that, due to the Canadian economic situation at the time, an elaborate and expensive project could not be conceived of. It concluded that the setting aside of land for farm colonies was the most feasible solution to the Metis' problem. The Commission therefore, recommended that packages of land be set aside for voluntary settlement by Metis people and that educational and health services be provided for each settlement. Those Metis who moved into the settlements would support themselves through hunting, trapping, fishing and farming. Gradually the Metis would become experienced farmers and, eventually make their own living solely from agriculture. A government department would be made responsible for administering the colonies; a Supervisor employed by the government department, would be placed on each colony and a Council of local residents would be formed on each settlement also.

The Commission's report emphasized the positive effect of the allocation of settlement lands would have on the general living conditions of the Metis. The Commission did not, however perceive the positive effect it would have on the cultural aspect of the Metis' situation. Prior to the investigation by the Ewing Commission, the Metis had not really been recognized as a unique cultural group in Alberta. The act of establishing land colonies specifically for the Metis would reinforce their identity as a distinct people. The



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Commission saw no future for the Metis culture and expected the colonies to bring about the assimilation of the Metis into the rest of Alberta society. The formation of the land colonies would, however have the opposite effect on Metis culture. As well as providing the Metis with land on which they could take up residence and make a living, the settlements would provide the Metis with an opportunity to live in communities composed entirely of Metis people.

In 1938, the Government of Alberta passed the Metis Rehabilitation Act, now known as the Metis Betterment Act. According to the Metis Betterment Act, if Metis people formed Settlement Associations in various parts of

northern Alberta and adopted a common constitution that outlined how the Settlements would be run, the government would set aside areas of land for settlement by the Associations. Under the Act, lands for Metis settlement were established at Big Prairie (Peavine), Kikino, East Prairie, Elizabeth, Fishing Lake, Gift Lake, and Paddle Prairie; settlements were established at five other locations but they have since been discontinued. Under the Act, the government defined "Metis" as "a person of mixed white and Indian blood having not less than 1/4 Indian blood;" Indians and non-treaty Indians, as defined under the Indian Act, were not considered to be Metis.

The Metis rehabilitation Branch, now known as the Metis Development Branch, was established to administer the settlements and provide social services to the settlers. Following the suggestions made by the Ewing Commission, a local Supervisor was the main contact person between the Settlement, the Metis Branch and other government departments. Council of local residents were also elected on all the Settlements.

With the introduction of the Metis Rehabilitation Act in 1938, Alberta became the only province in Canada to reserve lands for occupation strictly by persons of mixed Indian and non-treaty ancestry.

Article courtesy of the Alberta Federation of  
Metis Settlements



FEDERATION OF METIS SETTLEMENTS

## Peavine boomed from farming

**Peavine Metis Settlement:** Located in the High Prairie Region, the settlement can be reached via Highway 2 and 749. The settlement covers 203,113 acres and has a population of 388.

Peavine settlement was established in 1939.

Its first settlers were Reid Johnson and the Beaudry brothers - Joe, Sid and Ned - who played a major role in helping to establish the settlement.

It is estimated that there were 69 Metis people who first settled there including the Cariffelles, one of the first families.

Traditionally, the people were involved in logging, fishing, hunting and trapping which was their main source of income. Metis people also worked in the sawmills.

The first school was

built in the early '50s with two one room classes.

In 1951, the Beaudry brothers went out to bring more settlers into the area after fears that the settlement boundaries would be lifted by the provincial government.

People like Pete Cunningham and Fred Albert Sr. who had 33 children from two marriages, helped boost the population to present-day levels.

For two decades from 1956 to 1974, agriculture boomed and became the main occupation in the settlement.

In the 1970s, a recreation centre was built in the settlement.

Today, there are quite a few homes with running water and power, services which residents fought to get.



## Bellerose, Harvey found East Prairie

**East Prairie Settlement:** Located in the High Prairie Region, 20 kilometres off Highway 2, the settlement covers 80,606 and has a population of 402.

East Prairie colony officially became a settlement in 1939.

At that time, the only settlers in the area were the family of Charlie Bellerose and the elderly George Harvey.

Other families began settling into the area after 1939, including the Augers, L'Hirondelles, Norbert Andrews, and Solomon Johnston.

In 1945, the first school and teacherage was built by volunteer help from residents in the settlement.

Housing, like other Metis settlements, consisted mostly of log cabins with sod roofings and little or no flooring, although a few people lived in lumber shacks. The first standard, modern day house was built by Maurice L'Hirondelle in 1959, although like every other home where was no electricity or running water.

To travel, people used teams of horses and wag-

ons because there were no developed roads.

In the early years, the settlers lived off the land, making their living by farming, trapping, and seasonal work and later by logging timber. For food, most of their meat came from hunting moose and deer and farm vegetables.

Major changes to the colony came in the completion of a Highway 2 and a steel bridge in 1967, which solved the problem of crossing the river for many residents.

A new school was built by High Prairie School Division in 1962.

In 1969, a major development occurred when a power line was built in the settlement and some houses, for the first time, were hooked up for electricity.

In 1971, a community vocational centre was built that provided adult vocational training courses, followed by the construction of a community hall in 1976.

Economically, the settlement today is involved in farming, forestry and game ranching.

Source: East Prairie Metis

## Paddle Prairie largest area

**Paddle Prairie Settlement:** Located near High Level, Alberta and can be accessed via Highway 36. The settlement covers an area of 403,027 acres and has a population of 1087.

The Paddle Prairie Settlement was begun in 1939.

The Metis in this community sit on the largest Native land tract in Canada with 400,000 acres of land

The area is a hotspot for sub-surface resource activity.

Agriculture, housing and education have also improved dramatically since 1938.

Like other Metis at the time, the Paddle Prairie Metis lived in log houses, often shacks that were flimsily held together.

The main source of income consisted of farming and logging.

Today, the area's economy is consists of farming, logging and various business ventures.

With the completion of the highway in the 1960's, electricity and power also arrived but in many areas there is still no running water

Life has changed on the settlement a result of many long years of hard and dedicated work by the community.

## Gift Lake old hunting and trapping ground

**Gift Lake Settlement:** Located in the High Prairie Region, it can be accessed via Highway 2 and 750. The settlement covers 207,273 acres and has a population of 552.

As early as the 1800s, Metis people were hunting and trapping in the Gift Lake area.

Visitors to the area often exchanged gifts which is how the community got its name.

The Metis settlement of Gift Lake was created in

1939. There were 32 families living on the settlement in 1940.

Fishing was the mainstay of the community and ten months after the settlement was established Atikameg Fisheries was established. By 1945, the young settlement, had its co-op, a fish plant built at Atikameg.

When the fishing was over, they would go trapping. As settler Noel Lamouche would say: "Our

grocery store was the bush."

There were also some Metis who farmed, worked in sawmills and were mink ranchers.

Log houses were the norm with old wood stoves for heating and cooking. Later, people built modern frame houses.

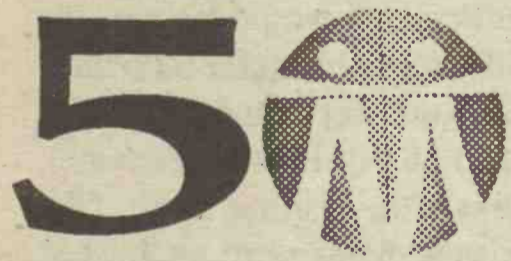
Like other settlements, the first school was built by the residents in 1945, the materials paid through revenue from their fish co-op.

In the late 50s, the settlement entered the electronic age with radios appearing in homes and in 1962 Ernie Anderson set up the settlement's first tv set, using a one-and-a-half horsepower plant for electricity.

Today, economically the settlement is involved in forestry, farming, commercial fishing and various business ventures.

Source: Mud Roads and Strong Backs: The History of the Metis Settlement of Gift Lake.

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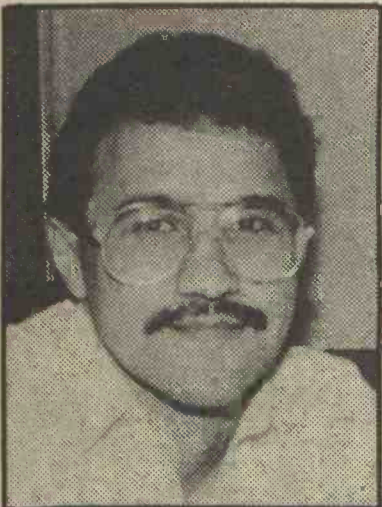
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# On The Road...

An 8-page Regional Profile of the People of the Lac La Biche & Athabasca Area

PULL-OUT SECTION

## Kikino set for 50th celebration

The Metis Settlements of Alberta are gearing up for a birthday party at Kikino Metis Settlement June 30 to July 2.

1989 is the 50th Anniversary of the Metis Settlements in Alberta.

The Metis Settlements were established in 1939, following the passing of the Metis Betterment Act in 1938.

The Act enabled the setting aside of land after the Ewing Commission of 1933 reported on the living conditions of Alberta Metis.

Today, there are eight Metis Settlements spread across Northern Alberta: Buffalo Lake, East Prairie, Elizabeth, Fishing Lake, Gift Lake, Kikino, Paddle Prairie and Peavine.

Four others (Marlboro, Touchwood Lake, Cold Lake, and Wolf Lake) have been closed down by Provincial Government.

The 50th Anniversary Celebration will start with a parade on Friday afternoon featuring floats from each of the Settlements and some from communities surrounding the Settlements.

The highlight June 30 will be the multi-cultural performance which will feature the traditional dances of different ethnic groups.

The White Braid Society of Edmonton and the Wasquesan Cultural Society Dancers of Driftpile will perform traditional Indian dances while Les Bles D'or Society of St. Paul will do the dances of France. Also featured will be groups performing Scottish, Ukrainian and Metis dances.

The slow-pitch tournament will also get under way on Friday with local teams playing the first two games. An old time dance and fireworks display will round off Friday's events.

Saturday's events will start with a pancake breakfast. Competitors in slow-pitch, horseshoes, jackpot rodeo, and the king and queen contests will go on throughout the day.

The slow-pitch tournament will feature two teams from each of the eight Settlements in a single knockout tournament, with the team that goes through the competition undefeated being declared champion. If time permits, players from the losing teams will form an all-star team to challenge the champions in a special exhibition game.

Horseshoes will be played in three categories - mens, ladies and mixed-doubles, there is no limit to the number of entries and all age groups will be eligible to compete.

Kid's games and a puppet show will be put on for children up to 12 years of age.

The Jackpot rodeo will feature the traditional rodeo events such as bareback riding, saddle bronc, calf roping, bull riding, team roping, barrel racing as well as novelty events such as wild horse racing, wild-cow milking, donkey, riding, and mut-ton busting.

Settlement cowboys will be competing for trophies, bragging rights and whatever cash they decide to throw in the pot in a winner take-all situation.

The king and queen contests will comprise timed events

such as firestarting, tea-making, bannock-making, log-sawing, nail-pounding, and log-throwing.

The event that is expected to attract the most attention is the Metis triathlon. The Metis triathlon will be a severe test of stamina, with the first leg being a three mile canoe race, the second leg a three mile run and the third leg being a four and a half mile horse race.

Teams can have a minimum of three and a maximum of four people. A shorter course has been planned for the ladies and junior men's and ladies teams.

The Metis triathlon combines canoeing, riding, and running skills in a tribute to the modes of travel of the early Settlers. It also a test of endurance and adaptability-attributes the pioneers of the Metis Settlements had to have in order to survive.

The Metis triathlon symbolizes the long hard road of Metis Settlements in the past 50 years.

The evening activities will be highlighted by a talent show featuring the singing, jigging and fiddling talents of the Metis. A banquet and dance will cap Saturday's activities, with the main course being roast buffalo.

The Prime Minister of Canada, Brian Mulroney and Don Getty, the Premier of Alberta have been invited to attend the Celebrations. Confirmation has not been received whether both or one of the dignitaries will attend.

Finals in all events will be held on Sunday with an awards presentation and closing ceremonies to bring the 50th Anniversary Celebrations to an end.

## Dancers get audience involved

By Everett Lambert  
Windspeaker Correspondent

KIKINO

Tammy Thompson is part of the well-known Kikino Northern Lites Dance Club.

Twenty-year-old Thompson, a grade twelve graduate, dances with the group which was started in this Metis settlement in north-central Alberta.

Northern Lights is managed by Gerald White along with the help of his wife Georgina.

They travel far and wide performing traditional Metis dances from the Metis National anthem - the Red River jig - to the duck dance.

Traditionally, this latter dance was used by Metis men when they were out to woo a mate.

If you're going to watch this group, you better be

ready to participate in the show.

Commentator Gerald just loves to pluck innocent unsuspecting members out of the crowd and give them a first hand taste of Metis culture.

They yank you on to the floor and you quickly find yourself competing in a jigging contest. So if you've never jigged before, you just might find yourself getting a crash course in Metis culture.

Recently, the group returned from eastern Canada, where they performed at the Better-Living Centre at Exhibition Place in Toronto.

A huge powwow was held as part of the event and Native arts and crafts from Indigenous people across North and South America.

The group is presently discussing possible trips to New York and Germany.



Spreading Metis traditions: The Kikino Northern Lites



# On The Road ... Lac La Biche & Athabasca Area

EVERETT LAMBERT, Special to Windspeaker



Lost his brother to cancer: Paul Gladue remembers

## Ex-trapper mourns

By Everett Lambert  
Windspeaker Correspondent

### CALLING LAKE

From a quarter of a mile off, I could see an old man waiting on the road.

With a slightly-crouched back and a bit bow-legged, his silhouette told me he was a Native elder.

I pulled over and asked him where he was headed and he pointed to the south end of the Calling Lake community.

He said his name was Paul Gladue and explained that he was waiting for a hearse to transport his late brother, Raymond Cardinal, for burial. He had passed away at the age of 46 of cancer.

Paul said he was on his

way home to have a meal. He needed to strengthen himself so he could sit up through the night for his brother's wake - a way many Native people bury their dead.

He doubted whether he could sit up all through the night, but he hoped to stay up until three or four in the morning.

Once we reached his place, he invited me in and he continued to talk about his brother.

He recounted how he was a trapper most of his life, had no schooling and could not read or write.

Raymond Cardinal left behind a very large family.

As Paul sat on his couch, he stared into the corner with a faraway look in his eyes.

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# On The Road ... Lac La Biche & Athabasca Area

EVERETT LAMBERT, Special to Windspeaker



Trying to bring people together: Rec men Joe Bourkue and Robin Reid

## Caslan rec busy

By Everett Lambert  
Windspeaker Correspondent

### CASLAN

Robin Reid says recreation at this Metis settlement is just a-hoppin'.

Reid, who works with the recreation department, says local people are looking forward to ball season with an assortment of teams for young and older people alike.

A car raffle is helping to raise funds for the ball teams and its proceeds will be shared between the community and the Alberta Ball Association.

Also on the agenda is a camping trip in Banff planned for Aug. 14 - 20 that will include stops along the way to tour Fort

Edmonton, the Calgary Tower and other points of interest.

Reid says the recreation department is still looking for other sponsors while Social Services is sponsoring 90 per cent of the trip. They are hoping to take about 50 youth on the trip and 25 adults.

The community also hopes to start up a horse-shoe league which is becoming a popular sport on the settlement. With 20 people signed up, playoffs are planned for August.

A recent picnic on the settlement "worked out really well," says Reid.

Such events have a positive effect on people, he noted. "We're trying to bring people together," he said.

The recreation department is also discussing the possibility of building a youth centre. While it would not be a rehabilitation centre, it would involve such things as crime prevention and counselling, says Joe Bourkue.

Another new development in the settlement is a newsletter called The Bulletin which recently put out its first edition, produced by Raylene Joe.

Another event of the summer will be the upcoming 50th anniversary celebrations of the settlements to be held June 30 - July 2 in Kikino.

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## On The Road ... Lac La Biche & Athabasca Area

# Cardinal speaks out on mill

EVERETT LAMBERT, Special to Windspeaker

By Everett Lambert  
Windspeaker Correspondent

### CALLING LAKE

The approach leading up to Francis and Rose Cardinal's house is a long one.

Their house is nestled in a backdrop of northern Alberta spruce in this small Metis community, about 140 km north of Edmonton.

As I walk towards the house, camera and notepad in hand, a middle-aged Metis man says, "Awus, we're going to be in the paper now."

So begins my visit with the Cardinal family of Calling Lake.

Stepping on to the back patio, Rose and her daughters usher me into the house where 60-year-old Francis Cardinal sits.

He reminds me of an old chief sitting in a grand old tipi, a well-respected man.

Married to Rose, his wife of 20 years, the Metis couple have brought up a very large and successful family.

One of the boys, Mike, was one of the first Metis people elected to the Alberta Legislature in April. He represents the Athabasca-Lac La Biche riding.

Another son will be getting married on July 15, right in their backyard as the whole family prepares for a wedding.

Two of their daughters - Gladis and Clarice - are attending the University of Alberta. Francis says he's

happy and proud that so many Natives are attending post-secondary institutions.

He's also proud of the many Native people who are speaking out for Native rights.

Reflecting on a recent pulp mill rally which took place in the nearby community of Prosperity, he recalled some Native people "got up and talked for Native people."

"Instead of always listening to white people, it's good to listen to Native people speak once in awhile," he says, with a defiant smile.

In his area, a planned \$1.3-million pulp mill by Alberta-Pacific has everyone throughout the region talking about its pros and cons.

Francis, who has spent many years in the sawmill business, welcomes the mill into the area. Currently looking for work, he sees the mill as an opportunity for employment.

However, he has a guarded optimism about the project. He wants the environment left unharmed and wishes he knew more about the possible effects on land and water in the area.

One question he wonders about in particular is the effluent drained into the river from the mill.

Francis says he wants to know how far down river these leftover fluids flow before they dissolve.

However, when he asked this question to people



Mill brings jobs, but may harm environment: Francis Cardinal

involved with the mill, he says no one gave him an answer.

Francis feels the public should have respect for the environment and the animals which populate it.

For instance, he thinks families - Native families included - who hunt moose should shoot only two moose a year, a good way to conserve the moose population.

"Maybe in five years time, we won't have any moose," he says.

He also feels trappers should not be allowed to trap such animals as lynx at all in order to bring the population back up to a safer number.

"They only took two lynx this year from this area anyway," he said.

As my visit ends, his

generosity shows as he offers me some food - a common courtesy extended to guests in most northern Native communities.

"You speak Cree?" asks Francis.

"Upsis," I say.

"Meetsuh, Don't be shy," he says.

After some "lazy man's" stew, rhubarb pie and tea, I bid the Cardinals goodbye.

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# On The Road ... Lac La Biche & Athabasca Area

EVERETT LAMBERT, Special to Windspeaker

## Wood gathered to smoke hides

By Everett Lambert  
Windspeaker Correspondent

### CALLING LAKE

This certain stretch of road between this backwoods village and the nearby centre of Athabasca is not particularly colorful on a cloudy day.

So when I drove by a group of elders huddled around a bright yellowish-brown tree stump, I wondered what in the world they were doing.

Approaching them, I saw that they were gathering semi-rotten pieces of the old spruce tree stump.

As the elderly women tended to the work at hand, an older gentleman estimat-

ed the stump to be about 100 years old.

The elder man's wife, Margaret Gambler and her friend Mary Jane Piche worked quietly at their jobs, treating the wood almost as if it was rare.

It didn't take long for them to soon gather a couple sacks full of wood.

I asked the older man what they were going to use the wood for.

"Smokin' hide," he replied. The moist spruce wood is burned and used to tan hides to give them that special smell.

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Gathering from nature's supermarket: Margaret Gambler, Mary Jane Piche and an unidentified man

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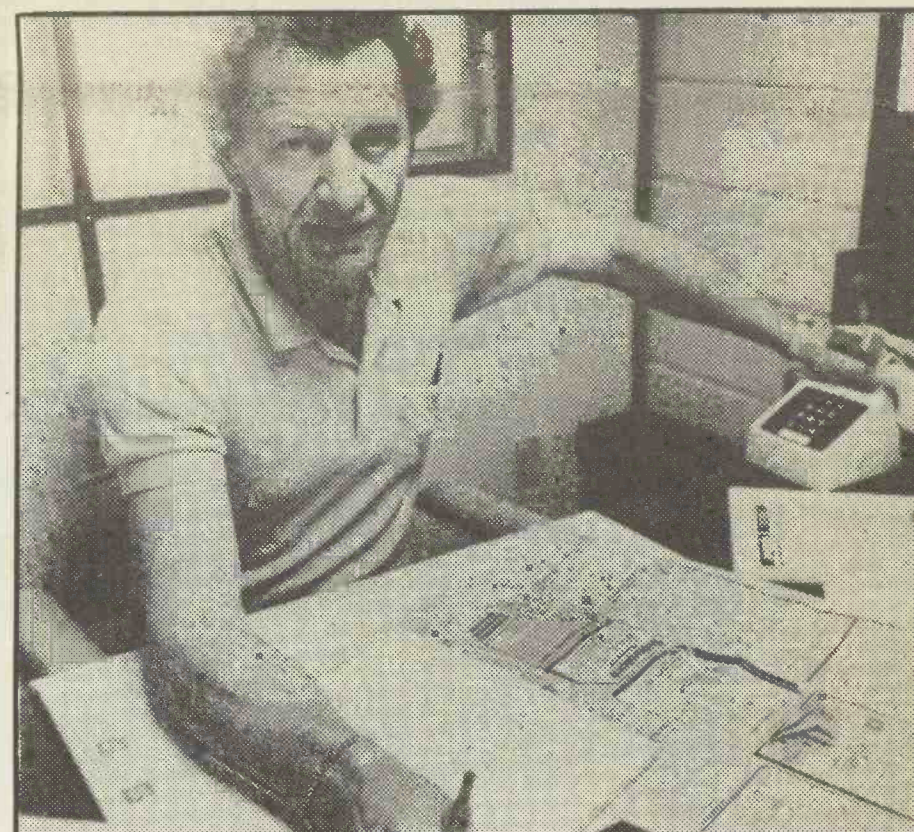
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## Community radio offers big variety

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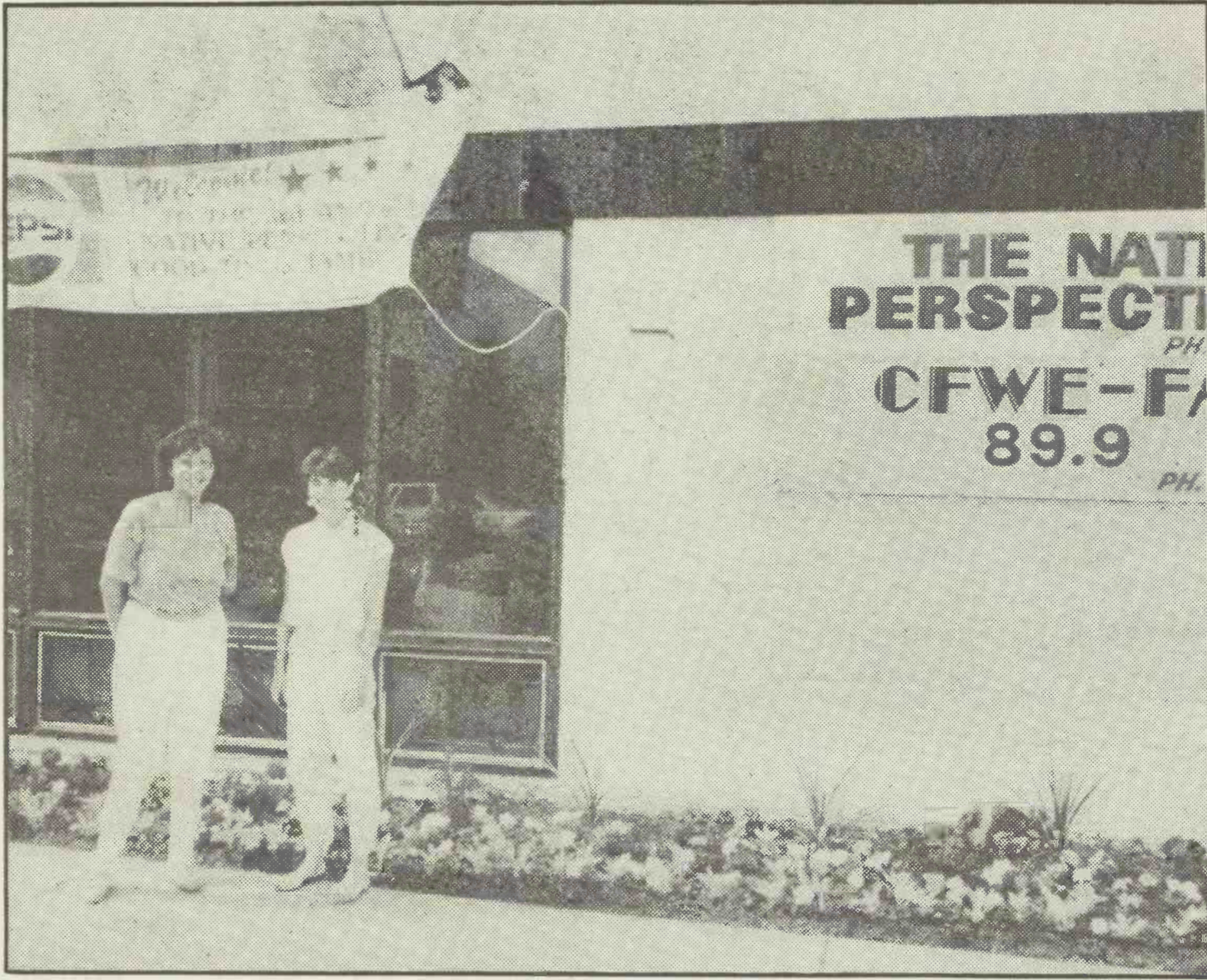
On the air since August 1987, CFWE's format includes country music during the day, and rock and roll during the evening. On Sundays, a variety of music is played, including easy listening, Christian rock, jazz, and classical.

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Entertainment over the air waves: Radio staff Karen White and Joan Hinz

## Radio serves Natives

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Although content of the program varies from day to day, a strong news base is regularly featured in both English and Cree. Interviews, community reports, public service announcements and commentaries on Native issues are also included.

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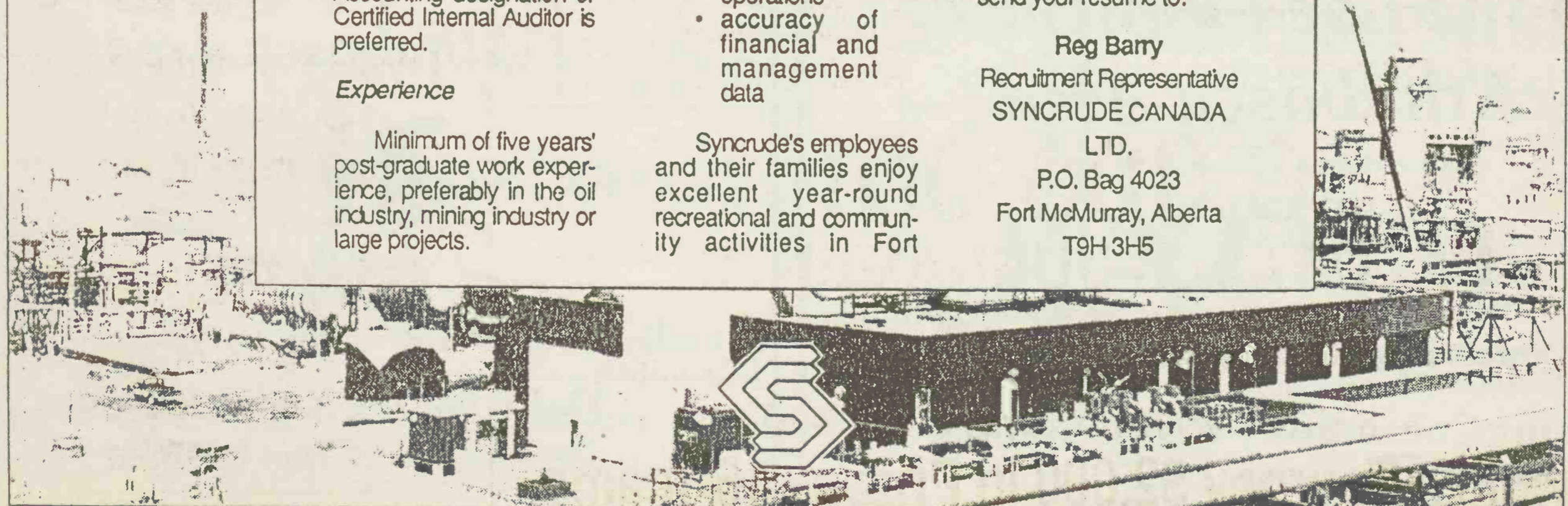
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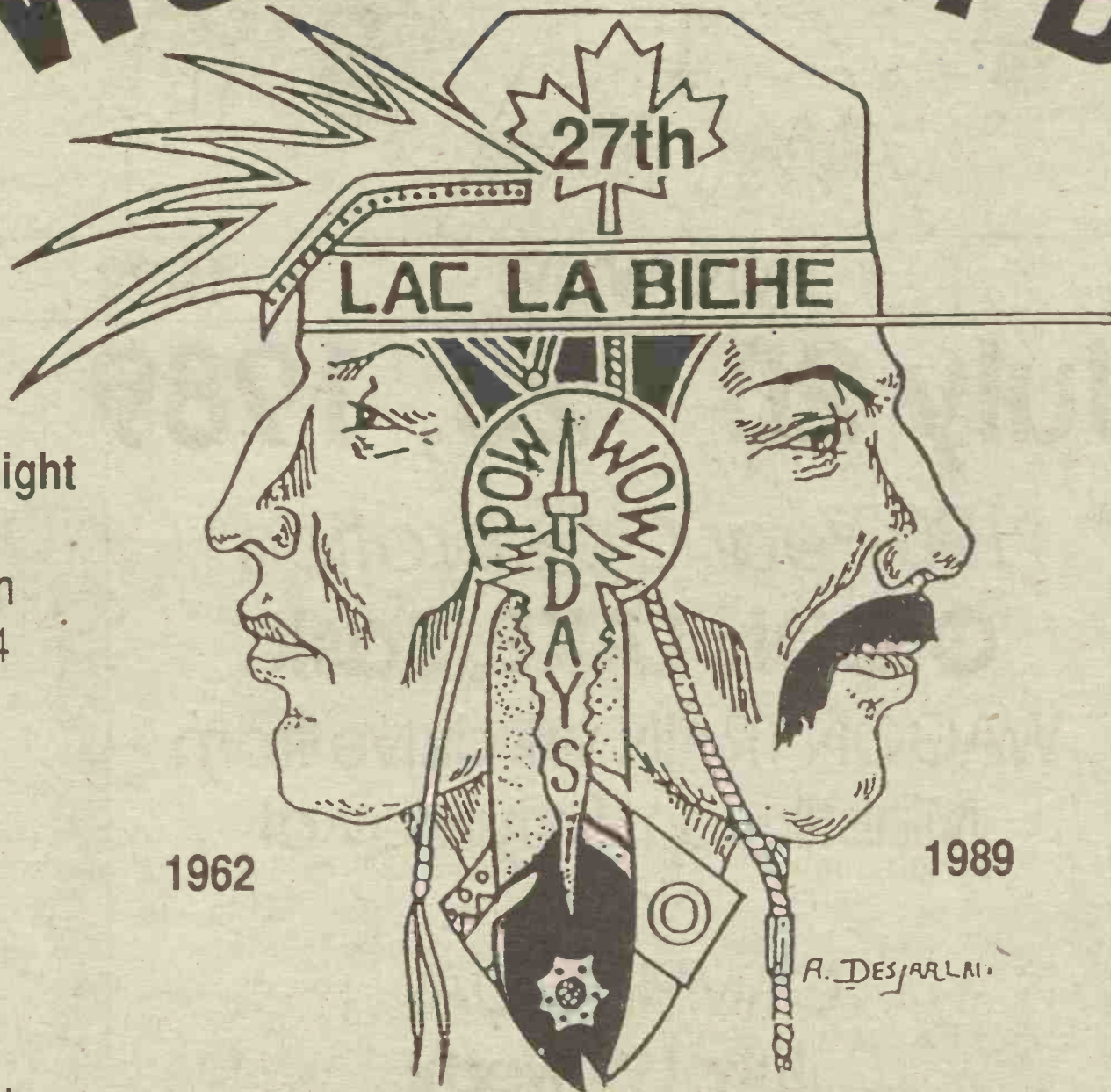
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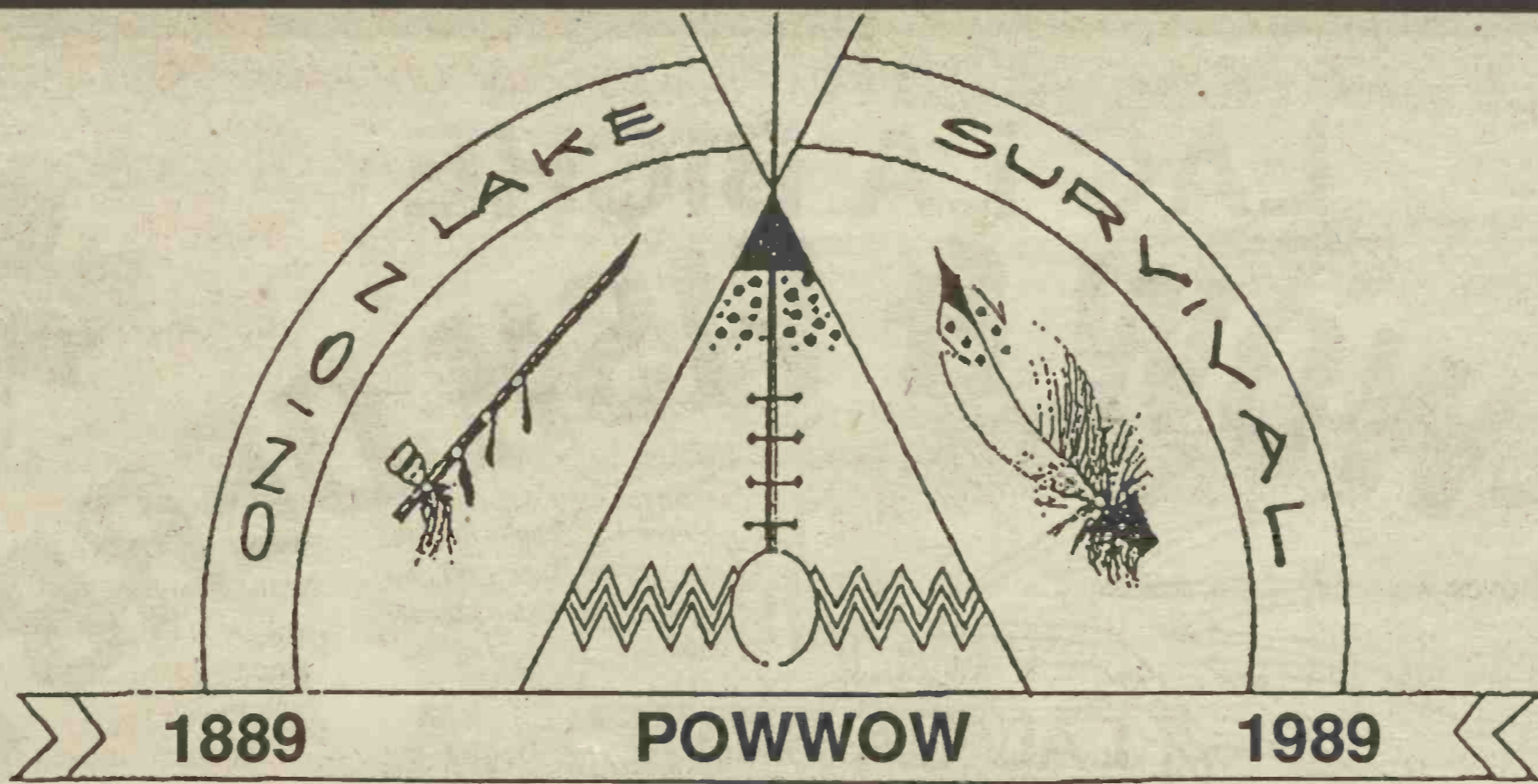
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# Kikino pioneers brave open prairie

**Kikino Metis Settlement:** Located near Lac La Biche and can be reached via Highway 36. The settlement covers 110,720 acres and has a population of 844.

Kikino Settlement was established in 1939, although Metis people have been living in the area for 150 years.

Although initially called Goodfish Lake Colony, residents renamed it Kikino in 1941.

The first settlers to arrive in Kikino were faced with the prospect of building a new home and community on the open prairie that surrounded Lone Pine Lake. Many lived in tents while their log homes were construct-

ed. Wood stoves were the only source of heat and without electricity the only source of light was candles or coal oil lanterns.

There were three Metis family living in the area when the settlement started but by 1940, 28 families had completed their homes and another 24 were under construction.

A one room school was built in 1941 by residents and a community hall was built in 1952. In 1963, schoolchildren began being bussed to Lac La Biche. Adult education courses began in 1968.

Jobs were difficult to find. Many of the residents worked at sawmills, others farmed or worked outside

the settlement.

Conditions improved over the years with better transportation allowing residents get outside jobs and take advantage of government training programs.

There are no large businesses on the settlement but in 1981, an innovative proposal to bring buffalo from Elk Island national park, and raise them on the settlement provided residents with an inexpensive source of meat and income.

Services to the community improved after completion of the highway in 1963. Telephones arrived in 1967 and electricity the following year.

*Source: Our Home: A History of Kikino Metis Settlement*

# Fishing Lake builds school, church first

**Fishing Lake Settlement:** Located near Elk Point and can be accessed via Highway 646. The settlement covers 63,360 acres of land and has a population of 532.

Fishing Lake Settlement was begun in 1939.

A church and one-room schoolhouse were the first buildings built by settlers.

When the Second World War broke out, the settlement was officially three months old and many residents went to war.

Following the war, life was much the same a

decade before: hunting and trapping in the winter, picking rocks in the spring, haying in the fall, and working for white farmers south of the North Saskatchewan.

The first houses on the settlement were one-room shacks made of logs with sod roofs and flour sacks used as windows. The first frame house went up in Fishing Lake in 1958.

Horse-drawn wagons were the main transportation but the '50s brought the automobile which changed settlement life dramatically.

As well, the years

1968-70 saw the arrival of television, electricity and telephones at Fishing Lake. Now many homes have electric pumps for running water, electric stoves and propane heating.

Cattle farming has now become popular in the '70s and '80s with a co-op forming in 1981. Breeding horses has also become popular, selling them as saddle horses with 200-300 now on the settlement.

*Source: Tired of Rambling: A History of Fishing Lake Settlement*

# Roads modernized Elizabeth

**Elizabeth Metis Settlement:** Located 30 km southwest of Grand Centre. Access to the Settlement is by way of Highway 887. The settlement covers 93,890 acres and has a population of 550.

Elizabeth Metis Settlement was formed in 1939.

The first settlers lived in tents while building log houses. The community pooled their resources together to build Elizabeth settlement's first school shortly thereafter.

In its earliest days, people lived by hunting.

Some fished while others picked berries. During the winter, trapping and selling furs was the main source of income. The women tanned deer and moose hides and made moccasins to sell.

From 1946-48, a sawmill operated in the settlement. One year later, a new school was built.

The settlement received a timber lease in 1950 but in the '50s many of the residents searched for work outside the settlement.

With the improvement

of roads in 1965, residents began to travel further to shop, do the laundry, find entertainment and get jobs.

Frame houses were built in 1965 with government assistance and in 1975, the settlement took over its own housing program. In 1971, electricity was hooked up and in 1973 telephones were put in.

Today, the settlement is still involved in farming and various business ventures.

*Source: Elizabeth Metis Settlement*

# Caslan set aside for veterans

**Caslan (Buffalo Lake Settlement):** Located near Boyle and can be reached via Highway 663. The settlement has a population of 809 and covers some 86,000 acres.

The land comprising the Caslan Metis Settlement is legally part of Beaver River Metis Colony #7.

It was land originally set aside by the government for Metis veterans of World War II.

In 1950 a small number of Metis people became interested in settling in that region and most of the early settlers moved onto their land after the provincial government approved the establishment of the settlement in 1951.

By 1960, approximately 96 families lived in the

settlement.

Homes usually consisted of log building, consisting of one room and heated by wood-burning stoves.

In 1952, a school was built by residents. It was also used for weddings and funerals.

To support themselves, the settlers relied on farming, hunting and trapping as well as cutting and selling wood. They also fished to help support their families.

Women in the settlement also found work - acting as midwives delivering babies.

The '60s brought difficult times. Farming, trapping, hunting and fishing could not bring in enough income and many Metis began working as labourers

or on railway crews off the settlement.

The provincial government helped remedy the situation by providing cattle to settlers and Caslan residents became farmers.

Subsidized frame housing began appearing in 1960 and the settlement school was closed permanently in 1964 and schoolchildren began commuting to Lac La Biche.

A recreation hall was built in 1968.

In recent years, government housing and employment programs and development of local industry have encouraged Metis to have a more positive outlook for the future.

*Source: The Life and Times of The Metis: A History of Caslan Metis Settlement.*

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# 82 students honored at Blue Quills graduation

By Diane Parenteau  
Windspeaker Correspondent

ST. PAUL

A tipi frame in the centre of the gymnasium towers over the hundreds in attendance. At the stairway leading to the stage, an arch is decorated with tanned moose hide and eagle feathers.

These traditional symbols together with the streamers and balloons of more contemporary times reveal the cultural mix of people gathered together for

the 15th Blue Quills First Nations College Annual Graduation Ceremonies June 17.

This year, 82 students were honored for achievements in university entrance programs, management studies, social services worker programs and Bachelor of Arts degrees.

"Today we have proud families and proud children," the President of the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College Dr. Oliver Brass said in a speech. "The children are proud of us when we succeed."

"All across Canada, Indian people are emerging...the day of the Indian has come," Brass said.

Director of the post-secondary programs Larry Kaida expressed pride in the number of graduates who completed their courses despite financial cutbacks at the institution last year.

"This year again, we have demonstrated we can do the impossible. We have here today 25 per cent more graduates and that was done with 30 per cent less funding," Kaida said.

Each graduate in turn,

class by class, was called on to the stage to receive his diploma or certificate.

Elder Henry Gadwa presented each graduate with an eagle feather.

The graduates stood together on stage with arms linked together or holding hands.

During the ceremony, they were filled with mixed emotions; the pride in what they had accomplished and the fear of leaving the familiar surroundings of Blue Quill.

Graduates recalled their struggles to overcome racial and language barriers. They remembered braving snowstorms on early winter mornings and returning

home after classes to a sink-full of dirty dishes.

"Sometimes we'd get down, but we made it," graduate Wayne Jackson said triumphantly.

Management studies student Ruby Houle summed up the feelings of many graduates when she said: "Time has brought us together in friendship and trust."

This year, three women were presented with Bachelor of Arts degrees from Athabasca University.

Evelyn Makokis accomplished the astounding feat of completing the four-year program in just three years, setting a new academic record at Blue Quills.

"All of those tears late at night have been worth it," Makokis said during her acceptance speech.

As each group paraded off the stage through the tipi, the McGilvary Drum Group from Saddle Lake played the honor song.

Saddle Lake Elder Louis McGilvary presented the Bella McGilvary Memorial to six deserving scholars.

Bella McGilvary received her Bachelor of Arts diploma in February, 1988 from her hospital bed in Two Hills.

The award was given to those students who displayed the drive and determination that she epitomized.

## New Lubicon group to raise awareness

By Carolyn Pogue  
Special to Windspeaker

EDMONTON

A coalition of Albertans has formed to support the Lubicon struggle and continue to pressure the Canadian government for a just land-claim settlement.

The group met in Red Deer June 10 at the Sunnybrook United Church to discuss strategy and to pool knowledge and resources.

Members of the group are concerned that the Canadian government has made no progress with the band in their 50-year land-claim dispute.

They are worried the public is unaware that a settlement has not yet been reached.

Plans are under way to mark October 15, the anniversary of the day a blockade was erected at Little Buffalo.

It is hoped that demonstrations will be held October 20, the day RCMP arrested several band members and supporters who held the barricade.

The coalition is made up of representatives from Friends of the Lubicon, the Committee against Racism, the Edmonton Interchurch Committee on the North, the United Church, Oxfam, women's groups, church groups and organized labor.

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## Low on funds

# White Braid struggles

By Bea Lawrence  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

The White Braid Society is scrambling for funds to stay alive, says the society's treasurer.

The financially-strapped society learned last Tuesday they will only receive \$500 in provincial grants this year, said John Morneau-Gray.

Organizers applied for \$26,000 from the province eight months ago to keep the society afloat for another year, he said.

"I came down to earth rather quickly," Morneau-Gray said after receiving the news. "We'll retreat, we'll hold up. We just won't be able to function at anywhere near the same capacity without major funding."

Earlier, the Secretary of State turned down the society's grant proposal because the federal government emphasis is now on lan-

guage retention rather than ethnic culture, Morneau-Gray explained.

President Martha Campiou-Zarutzky is worried about the future of the society, which is saddled with a \$10,000 operating debt.

Campiou-Zarutzky said the society will begin a fund-raising drive to keep above water.

"I'm not a quitter. We still have our hopes up," she said.

The society has been self-sufficient for the last three years, Campiou-Zarutzky said.

Last year, it's operating budget was only \$121,000, with about \$8,000 donated by the Alberta government and about \$3,000 raised through fund-raising bingos, performances and private donations.

However, the society has been suspended from the Fort Bingo Association. They plan to meet with bingo officials Saturday.

In May, the society was

forced to move from new offices at 10006 149 St. to Campiou-Zarutzky's residence.

The White Braid Society preserves and promotes traditional Native culture through dance performances, arts and crafts demonstrations and sweetgrass and pipe ceremonies.

Last year, the White Braid Dance troupe gave more than 250 performances, including appearances in London, England and Turkey, where they were the first Canadian dancers to compete in the Turkish Radio and Television Children's Festival.

And Campiou-Zarutzky is adamant the dance troupe will carry out their summer itinerary as planned.

"We just finished hosting the North Country Fair at Kinuso last weekend. The next major function we're committed for is the celebrations for the 50th anniversary Metis Settle-

ments of Alberta at Kikino," she said.

The dance troupe also has an invitation to perform for the bishop in Lac St. Anne, Edmonton's Native Heritage Days games in August and the Edmonton Folk Music Festival at Gallagher Park, July 29 to August 12.

Morneau-Gray plans to stay on without pay as the society's treasurer and office co-ordinator.

"I would really like to see the society go on. It's changing. There are new ideas and new people. I refuse to go away," said Morneau-Gray, who has been with the group five years.

"I've seen youths grow up to become professional dancers. I don't want to walk away from it. Our programs have been helping youth, theatres and performing arts members," he added.



No quitter: Martha Campiou-Zarutzky

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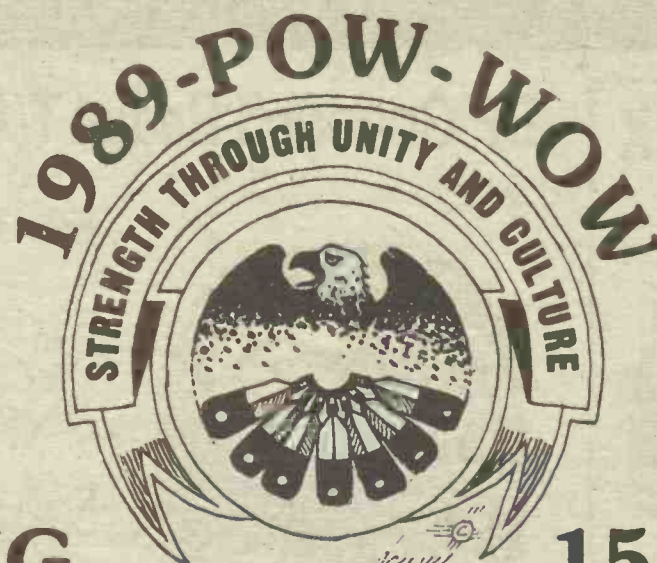


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GRASSROOTS

# Fraser empathizes with Natives

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

The recently-appointed chairman of the Alberta Human Rights Commission, believes there's a strong comparison between his own life-long struggle against racial injustice and that of the Native Canadian.

Fil Fraser views the plight of the Alberta Indian as being similar the black American who fought to overcome discrimination in the U.S. South of the 1960's.

Fraser, a black, says Natives are at a point in Canadian history where they can fashion social change and build an awareness for Native rights.

He says he wants to be a part of that change.

"It's a personal priority of mine to address where Native people fit into society," Fraser said.

"I can see enormous progress already. I can see a rebirth of traditions and values in the Native communities. They are getting back

in touch with their pride the same way the blacks did in the American South," he says.

Fraser, 57, credits the new wave of traditional values on the high-profile Native leaders who have made their marks in white society.

He notes the Native community has not produced a leader as dynamic as Martin Luther King to guide their struggle for equality.

But Fraser believes a change in attitude of Albertans is imminent as long as Natives work individually with the Alberta Human Rights Commission (AHC).

"Native people are starting to become players in society. They have come a long way. But we have to establish a relationship with them. I don't think they know how we can help. It's our business, and we should let them know," he says.

The former broadcaster and film producer says his days growing up in racially-clouded Montreal helped him develop a deep-rooted sense of racial injustice that

could prove valuable to his current position.

"When someone called me a black when I was a kid, I was afraid. Now I'm proud," he said.

Discrimination also followed Fraser as he made his way through Western Canada.

He recalls being refused an apartment by a Saskatchewan real-estate agent in 1963.

"I remember not being rented an apartment because I was black. I know what it's like to be discriminated against in that way," Fraser says.

He fought the landlord and won his case using Saskatchewan's Human Rights Act.

Fraser says the law can be effective in protecting the rights of minorities if they can learn to use them properly.

The primary function of the Alberta Human Rights Commission is to investigate charges of discrimination against minorities in the workplace and at home.

Under the Human Rights Act, no one can deny rent-

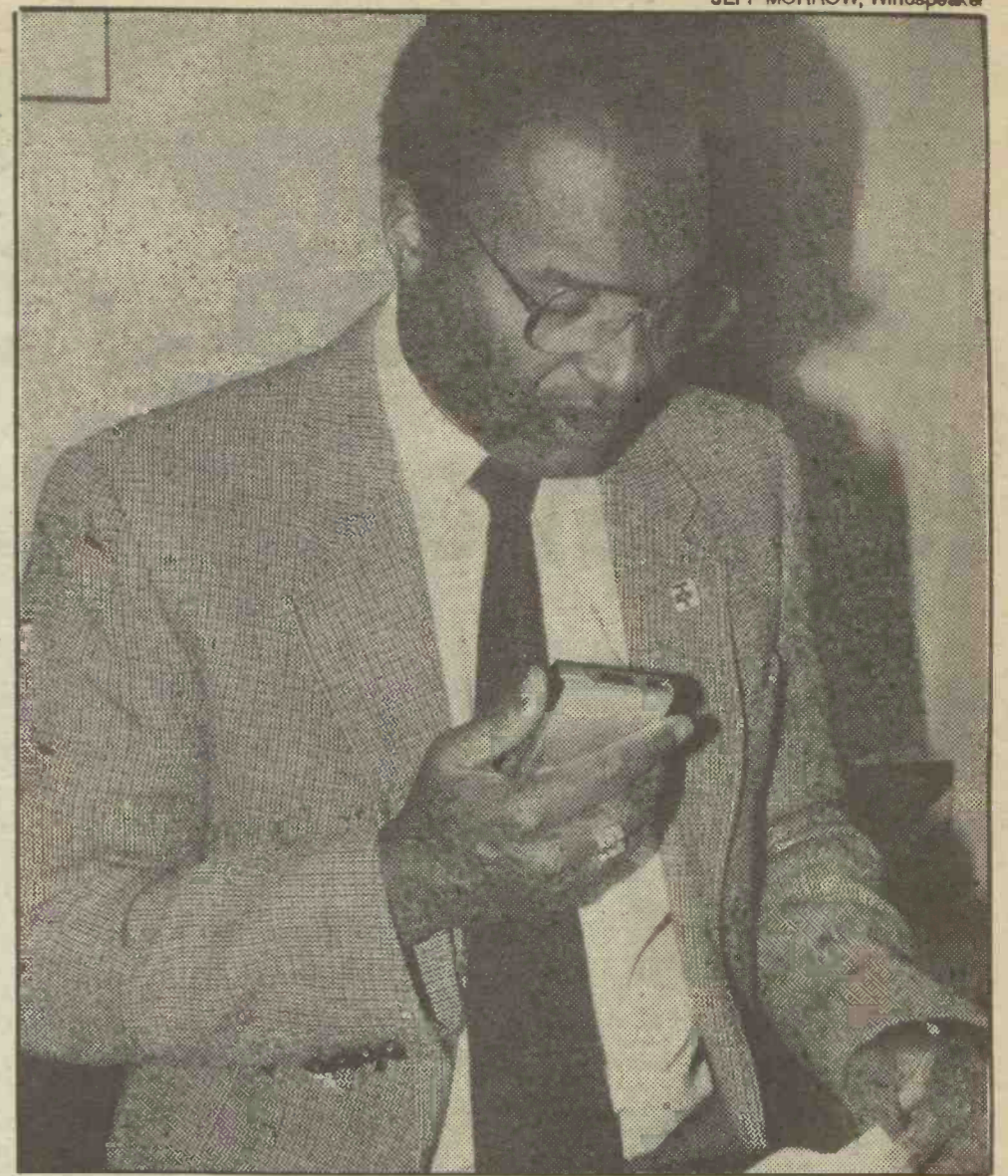
ing or leasing on the bases of race. A complaint has to be made to the commission before an investigation can be done and it brought before the Alberta Legislature for review.

During his 38 years of experience in communications, Fraser has concentrated on the development of cultural and human rights.

In 1987, Fraser was appointed to the Canadian Multicultural Council and in 1985 he was presented with a AHC award for his contributions to human rights.

He is a former director of the ACCESS radio network and founder of the Banff Television Festival.

Fraser praises Canada for the success it has achieved in changing the views of society since he was a boy,



Righting human-rights wrongs: Fil Fraser

but says there is still a long way to go before equality among races is achieved.

"We have to make people recognize there are laws against discrimination and why they are laws. Behavior

is changing, but changing attitude is another thing. People have to understand, if you are going to be a civilized society, you have to treat everyone the same," he says.

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# Lefthands pay tribute to Australian cowboys

By Keith Matthew  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

## EDEN VALLEY RESERVE

The Lefthand family of this small Stoney reserve was the host of a rodeo held June 16-17 to pay tribute to eight Native cowboys who ventured to Australia 50 years ago to promote the Calgary Stampede.

The original group of eight southern Alberta cowboys consisted of: Joe Young Pine (Blood), Jim Starlight (Sarcee), Joe Crowfoot (Blackfoot), Edward Onespot (Sarcee), Frank Manyfingers (Blood), John Lefthand Sr. (Stoney), and Douglas Kootenay (Stoney).

Bearspaw Chief Una Wesley dedicated the Eden Valley Rodeo Arena and Agriplex in the name of Johnny Lefthand Sr.

Lefthand, Manyfingers and Onespot are the only living cowboys from the group. Both Lefthand and Manyfingers were on hand

to take part in the festivities.

Manyfingers says the cowboys left Vancouver in 1939 by ship for Sydney. The trip took 25 days at sea.

"It was a good trip," said Manyfingers. "I enjoyed the trip but I never got a girlfriend," he said, with tongue firmly planted in cheek.

The 75-year-old cowboy says they made a scheduled stop in New Zealand which he remembers fondly.

"We looked all over in New Zealand. They have a good zoo," he said.

The trip was planned to promote the five tribes of Treaty Seven in southern Alberta and the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede.

Manyfingers did quite well at the rodeo Down Under, winning the all-around cowboy title and placing fourth in steer riding. It was the only stop for the group, who headed home after the event.

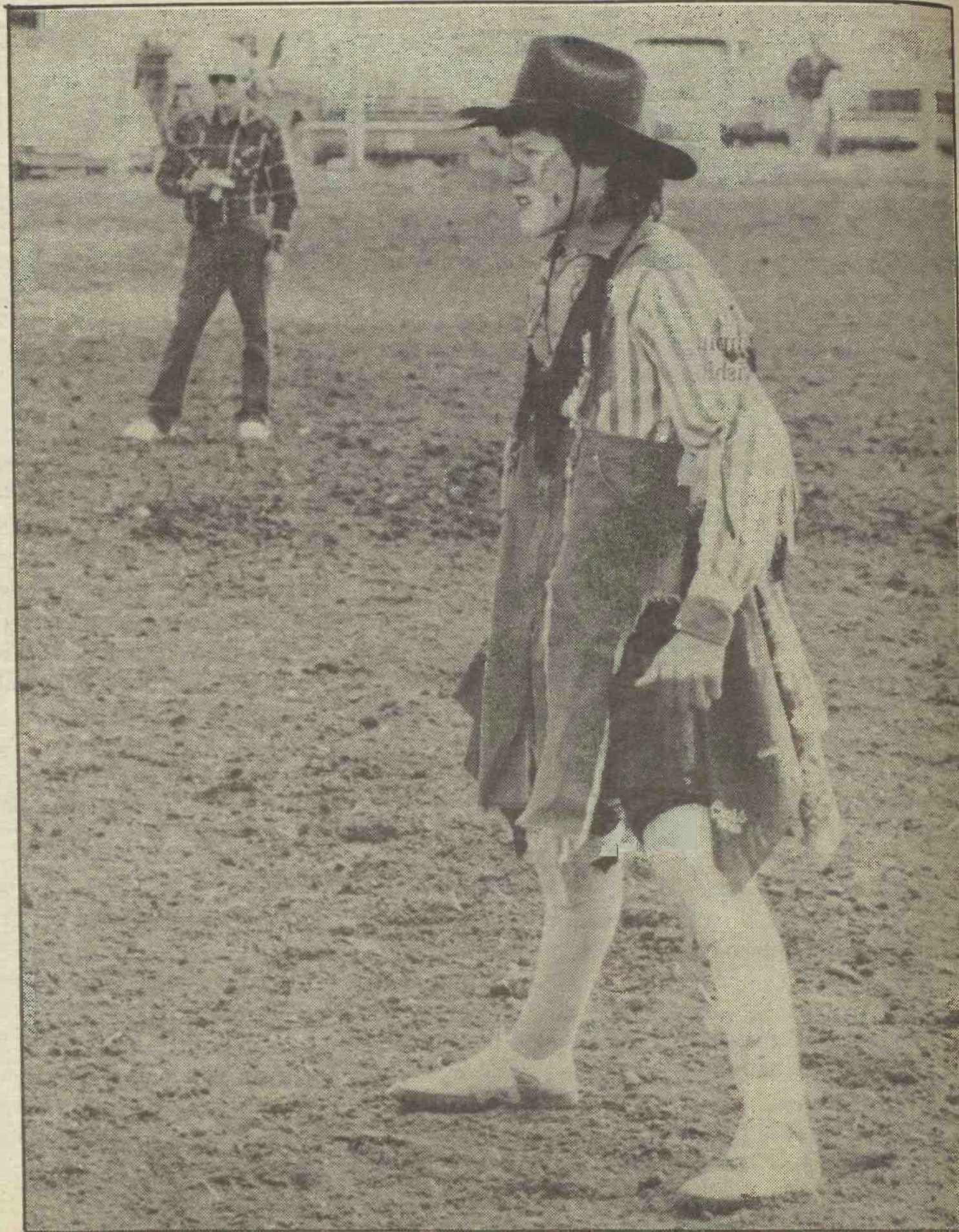
According to Manyfingers' daughter Gerri, the

cowboys had their work cut out for them soon after arriving in Australia.

At that time, there were no rodeos in Australia so when they arrived, they had to build corrals and rodeo facilities. They raced against time to train the animals for the rodeo, scheduled to start after they arrived.

Lloyd Chalifoux Jr. won top honors for boys steer riding. George Montour placed first in bareback riding. Tom Dixon won the top award for best calf-roper and Sheldon Twigg was named best bull-rider.

Other winners included Steven and Robert Bruised-head for team roping. Lewis Little Bear took the top bronc riding title. Myron Eagle Speaker won the title as best steer wrestler. In senior barrel racing Sandra Lefthand took the title and in junior barrel racing Melissa Okeymow walked away with top prize.



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## SPORTS &amp; LEISURE

# Native women's fastball deja vu

Well, it's official. Summer is here as of June 21.

Warm weather brings back memories of camping out and going salmon fishing on the Fraser River back in my home province of B.C.

The feeling of camping beside the river is indescribable. Listening to the sound of rushing water and sleeping under the stars are feelings which can't be matched.

We would wake up about 3 a.m. and walk down to the river because the salmon would start moving up the river about that time. You could see the dawn breaking over the mountains and hear the wind whistling softly through the trees.

Those are the moments, as you grow older, that become more precious with time. That is what summer means to me.

**Saskatoon:** Oh-oh. There are now two groups offering to host the Native women's fastball championships.

However, Erla Cote of Brandon (phone (204) 855-2536) assured me the one set to go with the men's championships Aug. 5-7 in Winnipeg is the real ladies championships.

The other "official" tourney will be hosted by the Saskatoon Indian and Metis Friendship Centre July 22-23 at the Gordie Howe Park in Saskatoon. There will also be a men's tournament at the same time.

The entry fee for both tournaments is \$400. Prize money for both tournaments is the same: first \$3,000; second \$2,000; third \$1,000 and fourth \$500.

The entry deadline for both of the tournaments is July



## SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Keith Matthew

14. Send a certified cheque or money order to the Saskatoon Indian and Metis Friendship Centre at 168 Wall Street, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7K 1N4.

For more information about this tournament, phone (306) 244-0174 and ask for Elaine or Norris.

**Edmonton:** Ex-CNFC Recreation Director Gordon Russell dropped by the Windspeaker office to tell me about a trip which he is planning for next year.

He will be taking an all-Native women's fastball team to the Pacific Western fastball tourney in Honolulu, Hawaii Aug. 11-13 next year.

The team is open to girls 20 years of age and under.

Gordon has an impressive itinerary planned for the team. Besides Hawaii, the team will be playing in next summer's North American Indigenous Games in Edmonton in July before leaving for Honolulu.

On the way back the team is scheduled to play in the North American Indian Athletic Association's fastball championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Whew! I get tired just thinking about all of that travelling.

Gordon says he will be having tryouts for the team next January. For more information about this team, phone Gordon at 456-1039 or send a letter expressing your interest and past fastball experience to 1523-124 Street, Edmonton, Alberta.

**Louis Bull:** Goodfish Lake's Bad Company proved once again how they earned their name when they took the title for Louis Bull's fastball tourney this past weekend.

They beat a combination of players from Sarcee and

Hobbema who went under the team name of Holly Jay and the Hollies in the final game 5-3.

Only three womens' teams took part in the tournament. On opening day, Goodfish Lake Bravettes showed up to play Bad Company but walked off the field and drove home after warming up.

Tourney director Kara Currie said that the Bravettes didn't offer any sort of an explanation about why they didn't want to play in the tournament. She was mystified as to why they would do something like that.

In men's action, Lasso Construction of Lac La Biche beat Hobbema Spirits 5-4 in the final game to win the eight-team tournament and the \$1,000 prize money.

Tournament Director Mel (Gooch) Bull said the final day went off as planned and the weekend was capped off with a thrilling final game.

**Enoch:** Indian Lakes Golf Course was officially opened June 19 and yours truly got a lesson in golfing from none other than Wetaskiwin Member of Parliament Willie Littlechild.

Also in our golfing party was Enoch band councillor Clifford "One-putt" Ward and CFRN's sports announcer Al McCann.

Boy, oh boy, can those guys play. It was a pleasure to play with such a good group of guys, too. They are all winners and just being in the company of Willie was an experience just by itself.

The guy is extremely charismatic and you can tell that he is a born leader just by the support he was giving to the players in our group.

That's all for sports this week. We'll catch you sports fanatics on the rebound.

As we say in Shuswap country, putucw (it means so long, not goodbye).

## First Annual Bruce & Delphine Gladue

### MEMORIAL

### Mixed Fastball

### Tournament

### July 14-16

### Enoch, Alta.



**\$1,000 — 1st Place**

**\$250 — Entry Fee**

Minimum 3 Females

### Deadline for Entries July 7

For More Information Contact:

Mike Gladue 451-2870 (Days)

Evelyn Marchand 456-2480 (Evenings)

No Division Players

## 3rd Annual Buffalo Golf Classic

WIN Golf Approved

August 5-6, 1989

Wolf Creek Golf Course

Ponoka, Alberta

- \$100 entry fee per person
- \$60 entry fee for juniors
- Tee-off time 9am Sat. & Sun.
- Novelty Prizes for each hole on the first day
- Top 40 Qualify for Championship after first day
- Awards
- Barbecue and Dance on Saturday night

For Further Information:

Calvin at 585-2648

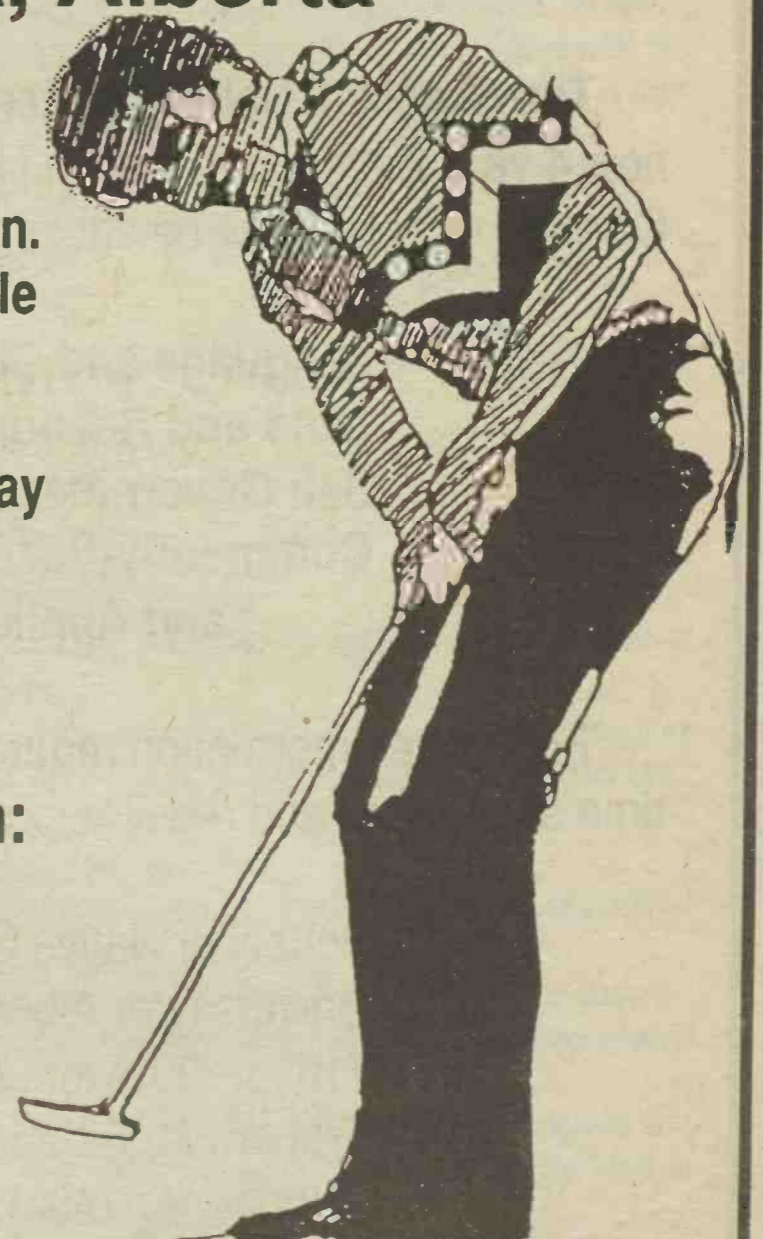
Carla at 783-2771

Herb at 585-4059

Pat at 585-2111

Or send entries to:

Buffalo Golf Classic, Box 355, Hobbema, Alberta T0C 1N0







Box 1740  
HIGH PRAIRIE, ALBERTA T0G 1E0

Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council  
has the following job opportunity

## Director of Child Welfare

The Director administers and supervises the Child Welfare Program for Regional Council on behalf of the nine Member Bands. The Director would be involved in negotiations with Provincial and Federal Organizations budgets and would assume legal responsibility as delegated under the Indian Child Welfare Program.

### Qualifications

The individual must have a Masters' Degree in Social Work (or equivalencies) and experience in the delivery of Child Welfare service, community development, management, financial administration, and personnel supervision. The individual must have the ability to work and communicate with Indian Communities.

### Salary

Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Send resume to: Jack Patterson, Executive Director  
Box 1740  
High Prairie, Alberta T0G 1E0

Deadline for applications: July 7, 1989 at 4:00 p.m.



University of Alberta

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## School of Native Studies

The School of Native Studies is pleased to announce the new 4 year Bachelor of Arts in Native Studies Degree Program. Courses of study may be chosen from the following areas:

- Language and Culture
- Land and Resources
- Self Government
- Community-Based Research  
and Applied Skills

For further information regarding entrance requirements, time schedules, and registration procedures, please call:

School of Native Studies  
University of Alberta  
11023 - 90 Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta T6G 1A6  
Telephone: (403) 492-2991

Deadline for applications is June 30, 1989



## Computer Systems

Our head office located in Edmonton is in the process of expanding its operations. To complement the upcoming acquisition of the latest UNISYS mainframe computer, we have immediate openings for several individuals to join our team of computer systems professionals. Experience with COBOL is essential for all positions. Experience with UNISYS MAPPER is desirable.

### Systems Analyst

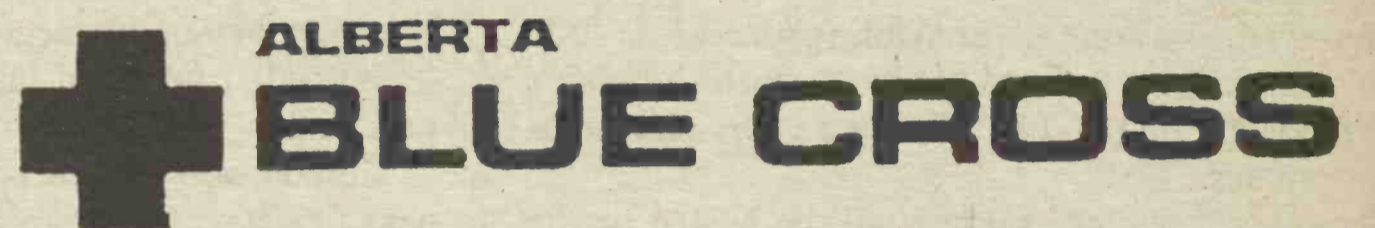
The successful candidate will have 1-5 years' experience demonstrating proven application development in a mainframe environment. Familiarity with relational data bases would be an asset.

### Programmer Analyst

The successful candidates will have 1-7 years' experience with a mainframe preferably UNISYS. Strong COBOL backgrounds is essential. Familiarity with 4th GL packages and micro computers would be an asset.

We offer a comprehensive benefit package and competitive salary. Please forward your resume stating desired position and expected salary to: **Personnel Officer, Alberta Blue Cross, 10025 - 108 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1K9**

Employees at Alberta Blue Cross enjoy a smoke-free environment.



## Communications Assistant

Alberta Blue Cross seeks an individual to produce a monthly employee newsletter. Further duties will include assisting with the production of brochures, advertising campaigns and proofreading. You will also maintain the Blue Cross library, which includes a photo library.

As the ideal candidate, you possess one to three years' experience in the field of communications. A diploma or degree in communications, public relations or journalism would be an asset. Writing and layout skills are essential, as is knowledge of Microsoft Word, Pagemaker and photography.

If interested, please forward your resume and two writing samples to: **Personnel Officer, Alberta Blue Cross, 10025 - 108 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1K9**

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## Group Insurance Underwriter

A career opportunity is available for a dynamic individual who is looking for growth opportunity in our expanding Underwriting Department.

This individual will be responsible for preparing and insuring the accuracy of financial reporting.

Assistance with methodology related to benefit plan costing and computer systems development will be required.

A background in the insurance industry would be an asset.

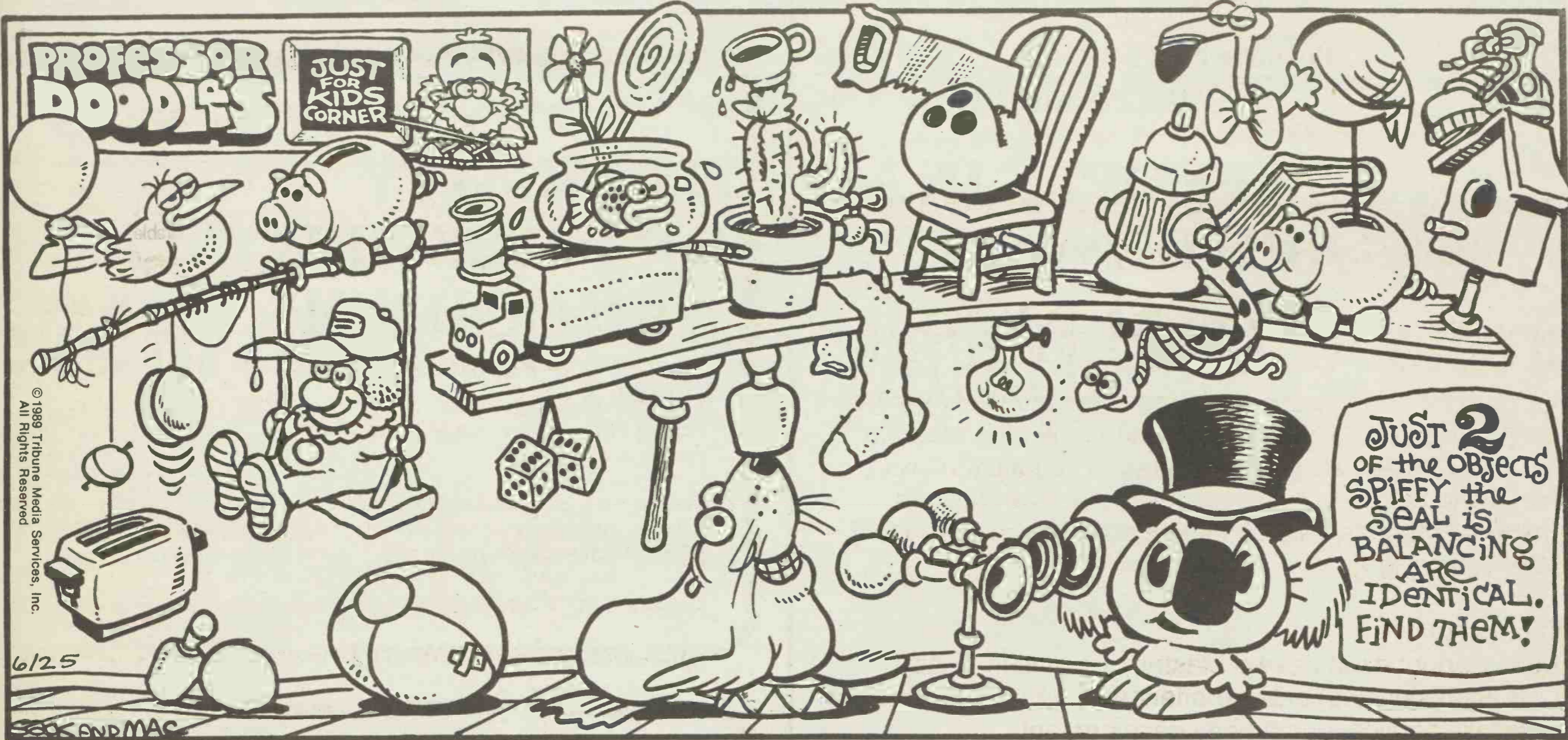
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ACTIVITY PAGE



**WEIRD BUT TRUE...**

MALE ELEPHANT SEALS INFLATE THEIR TRUNK-LIKE NOSES TO IMPRESS EACH OTHER - ADULTS CAN WEIGH UP TO FOUR TONS!



SEALS ARE PINNIPEDS, WHICH MEANS "FIN OR WING-FOOTED." AND CIRCUS SEALS ARE REALLY SEA LIONS.

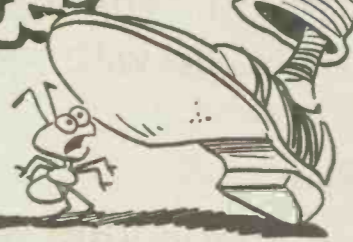
**DRAW IT!**

MY WALRUS IS MISSING TUSKS.




**Send me a Riddle**

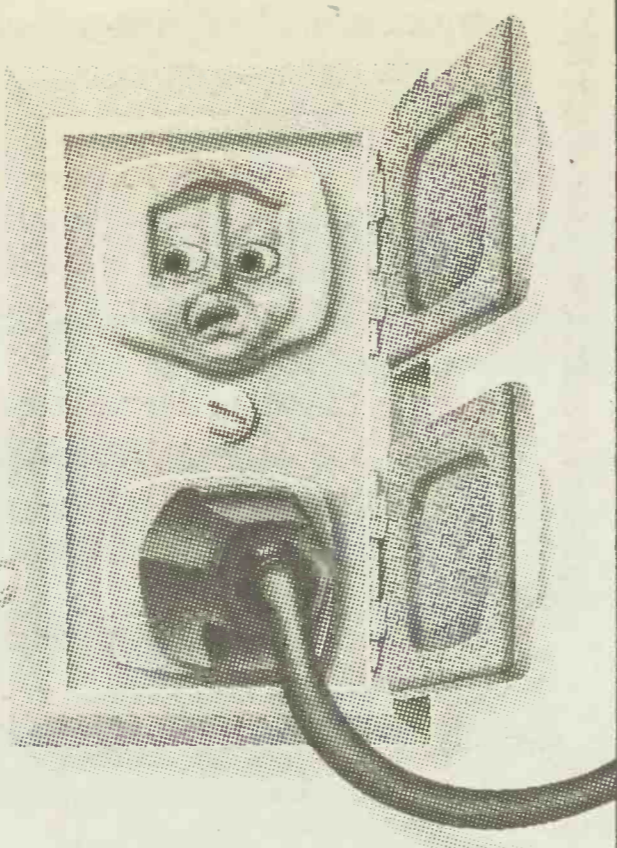
Q. WHAT TV SHOW DO ANTS HATE?  
A. M\*A\*S\*H.  
PATRICK DONALDSON, MINNEAPOLIS, MN



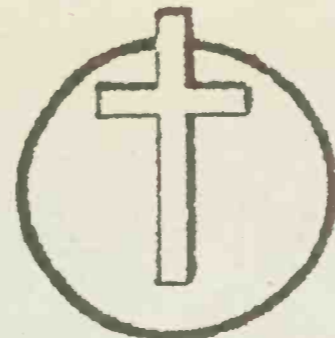
Q. WHAT KIND OF POLICE CUFFS DO ROOSTERS USE?  
A. HEN-CUFFS.  
APRIL TOY, CORNING, CA



Could danger be lurking in your lawn?



When working with electrical equipment outdoors, use only a CSA approved outdoor extension cord. For safety, it should have a three-prong, grounded plug and a flexible, yet durable, neoprene covering - like the cord you see plugged in. Next time you're reaching for an extension cord about the yard, remember that indoor cords are definitely out. For more information on home electrical safety, call or visit your local TransAlta office.



**St. Andrew's Catholic High School**  
High Prairie Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 56 Box 789, High Prairie, Alberta T0G 1E0 Telephone (403) 523-4603

St. Andrew's Catholic High School will feature:

- 1. A student-centered school**  
Based on Christian values, family-like atmosphere, caring, respect, faith, hope, love and joy.
- 2. Personalized education-Teacher Advisor**  
Each student is assigned a Teacher Advisor who takes a personal interest in his programs, school life, checks progress, helps set goals, assists in career planning and reports to parents.
- 3. Personalized Independent study**  
Learning units will be developed for all programs with a variety of learning activities to accommodate individual learning styles. This will be supplemented by small group learning (discussion, seminars, sharing) and large group learning (assemblies, guest speakers). Role of the teacher is to provide the necessary guidelines, timetables, direction and structure to ensure the students progress at their optimum rate.
- 4. Continuous Progress-Self Pacing**  
Students move through the program at their own rate of continuous progress, flexible timetabling, students take ownership for their learning.
- 5. Advancement by Competency**  
A.B.C. or Mastery learning, must complete the unit, pass the test with mastery 70%-80% before they advance to the next unit.
- 6. Using Technology**  
Computers, word processing, distance learning, audio visual.

**Why the A.B.C. Approach**

1. Allows us to build on our strengths; ie. personalized, caring, faith.
  2. Accommodates the individual learning styles and learning rates of students. Students learn at different rates, and at different comprehension levels.
  3. Students need to be more active learners. Students need to learn how to learn, and how they best learn. Students become responsible for their learning and prepares them for "Learning for Life". We need to provide the time, space, facilities, activities for students to pursue learning.
  4. It is a positive approach-facilitates success, excellence, enrichment.
  5. Allows a small high school to offer a wide range of programs. Facilitates distance educational learning.
  6. It is more efficient-allows the faster students to continue their progress, no waiting for the class, allows other students to work at a slower pace and master the topic. Teachers can direct several different programs in the centre at the same time.
- Students must become self disciplined, responsible workers. High achievers: progress at a faster rate. Goal oriented students: prepare for university and world of work and trades; want to develop their potential; serious about education; students who want to learn.

**St. Andrew's School Grade 10 Registration**

Mr. Robert Cushon Chairman  
L.T. Remillard, B.A., M.E.D.



# Canada Post Corporation

Postal services are changing in rural Canada. Here's what many municipal leaders who have seen the change are saying about it:

## "PEOPLE IN MY COMMUNITY ARE BENEFITING FROM THIS NEW POSTAL SERVICE. IT'S GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY."

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JANICE BUSH - Reeve  
Wilno, Ont.

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HAROLD F. CHAPPLE - Reeve  
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CLAUDE PICARD - Councillor  
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...and there are many more municipal leaders\* who agree and have endorsed this new service!

\*We apologize to those municipal leaders whose names we could not include here due to lack of space.

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