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AFN chief warns of possible violence

BY DOROTHY SCHREIBER
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EDMONTON

Aboriginal people may take violent action if Canada does not begin to take Native issues across the country more seriously warns National Chief Georges Erasmus of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN).

Erasmus issued the warning after being elected for a second time as AFN

national chief during an annual assembly held in Edmonton from May 31 to June 1.

"Canada, we have something to say to you. We have a warning for you. We want to let you know that you are playing with fire," he said in an emotionally charged acceptance speech.

"We may be the last generation of leaders prepared to sit down and peacefully negotiate our concerns with you. If you do not deal with this generation of

leaders and seek peaceful solutions then we cannot promise that you are going to like the kind of violent political action that we can just about guarantee the next generation is going to bring on you."

He told about 700 AFN observers and delegates at the assembly that time is running out and "our people are not going to sit on the sidelines much longer."

The national chief stated aboriginal people are no longer willing to put up with

second class education systems, substandard housing and having to "virtually beg to add an inch to our reserves."

"We need to be taken more seriously... we can't have the minister of Indian Affairs say no every time we come through the door."

"If you don't take us seriously then things are going to deteriorate very, very quickly because we are going to get much more assertive."

Erasmus cautioned that

most Native people are under the age of 18 and that the young are impatient. He also noted there is a resurgence of warrior societies springing up across the country.

Erasmus leads an organization which represents about 375,000 Indian people across the country.

Election results: The election held on the second day of the assembly saw Erasmus, former president of the Dene nation, win a clear

majority — 60 per cent — 235 out of 391 votes cast. He says with the re-establishment of a working relationship with Alberta chiefs and getting his organization's \$3.6 million deficit under control the AFN has a renewed sense of strength.

Alberta candidate Leroy Littlebear of the Blood tribe received 96 votes and Steven Point from Chilliwack, B.C. received 60 votes. □

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Residents return home after fire threat

BY KEITH MATTHEW
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ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE, Alta

Over 600 residents from the Sunchild and O'Chiese reserves breathed a sigh of relief when they were allowed to return to their homes on May 30 after a forest fire causing over \$1 million in damages raged past their community.

According to forestry spokesman Greg Anderson, "No houses or buildings have been burnt, as far as we can determine." However, Chief Tom Bigchild says he lost a variety

of things to the fire which ravaged the land surrounding his home on the Sunchild reserve. Bigchild says he lost a barn which contained around 3,500 bales of hay, a travel trailer, a portable sawmill and a deck of about 500 logs.

Bigchild said the people of Rocky Mountain House were very good about helping his people. "They help us out, them and Indian Affairs. They are trying to help us in any way they can. They are really good people. Some of the people couldn't take a thing (during evacuation)."

The sudden evacuation order caught most of the residents off guard. One of the elders from the O'Chiese reserve, Mary-May Strawberry, brought only the essentials, "I brought all of my hides — moose hides, deer hides, three tents and one tipi." She added she didn't like having to stay in Rocky Mountain House.

Forestry officials took the elders and Chief Theresa Strawberry on a May 27 tour of the reserves before the roadblocks were lifted and fires were still smouldering. In heavily wooded areas the fire reduced the forest to a burned off waste in which nothing will grow for years.

The fire had passed within fifty feet of some of the residences and in one instance a fire had burned along the fire guard erected behind a house. Chief Strawberry was concerned that the heavily wooded areas contained "a lot of deer and moose" and that

they would now be gone.

The total area burnt was 8,300 hectares or 20,000 acres. According to forestry spokesman the total cost of the blaze has not been added up but the final tally "will exceed \$1 million."

The town of Rocky Mountain House put up all the fire refugees in hotels, motels and other makeshift accommodations. The Rocky Native Friendship Centre accommodated all evacuees for two days before the town took over feeding and housing them.

Coordinator for the town was Pat Lister who said, "Rocky Mountain House Peace Time Emergency Measures Plan was implemented on Wednesday night (day of the evacuation) but wasn't put into action until Friday morning."

The total cost of feeding the relocated evacuees and lodging them is about \$11,000 and will be picked up by Indian and Northern Affairs which has an agreement with municipalities to cover all of the costs associated with disaster relief.

In all, the stranded evacuees spent five and a half days anxiously awaiting word as to whether or not the fire had consumed their houses. But some of the stranded reserve residents signed up for fighting the fire and there were up to 90 men on the fire lines.

Overall, there was no loss of lives and losses of personal property were kept to a minimum by the efforts of the firefighters and Alberta Forestry. □



SAY CHEESE, SIMON!

Those three words were all it took to get little Simon Quintel, 3, to smile for the Windspeaker camera at the May 29 track and field meet at Desmarais. For more coverage of the athletic event see pages 10 and 11. Photo by Lesley Crossingham

Mother protests death

Inquiry may be held

EDMONTON The Fatality Review Board will decide whether a public inquiry is needed into the recent death of a six-year-old Cree girl at a meeting in June.

The chief medical exa-

miner's office is expected to present the board with a letter written to Attorney General Jim Horsman by the deceased child's mother, Pauline Alook, who claims more could have been done to save the only child. Daughter Tara Alook died

of a brain hemorrhage April 12 at the Royal Alexander hospital.

The hospital's medical vice-president, Dr. George Allin, denies they are at fault and insists an inquiry is not necessary.

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ACROSS OUR LAND

Mohawks block road in protest

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NATIONAL

Mohawk Indians, some carrying rifles, blockaded a main road through their

reserve June 1 to protest a raid by 200 armed RCMP officers who arrested 17 band members and seized \$450,000 of cigarettes they say are being sold illegally.

Band members built barricades and even dumped a

truckload of gravel across Route 132 to protest the raid which they called an "invasion" of their sovereign land.

When news of the raid was announced at the Assembly of First Nations

annual conference in Edmonton, which had been attended by Mohawk Chief Joe Norton, many delegates expressed shock and dismay. A resolution to support the Mohawk nation in its fight against the

government "invasion" received unanimous support.

Norton, who had made an impassioned speech on the first day of the annual conference decrying the poor living conditions and poverty on Indian reserves, hurriedly left for the airport saying he had to return to his people.

However, Mohawk Elder Billy Two Rivers told the media the raid was "illegal" and that the reserve had every right to sell the cigarettes RCMP seized from about six stores on the reserve.

"I now have word that my people have blockaded a road south of the reserve and will not let the traffic through...and it won't end there. We are going to blockade the St. Lawrence waterway," he said.

Two Rivers pointed out that the Kahnawake reserve is sovereign territory and, as such, was not under the jurisdiction of Canada customs nor is it subject to sales taxes. "We have the Jay Treaty that allows the free movement (for status Indians) across the U.S. border."

After hearing of the raid AFN Grand Chief Georges Erasmus said his organization was aware "two months ago that the RCMP could come in anytime and their choosing this time (when an annual conference is being held) is too coincidental."

Two Rivers agreed with Erasmus saying that it was ironic that 200 members of the RCMP raided his reserve only one day after Erasmus warned the Canadian public that if aboriginal rights are not recog-

nized, they may face the prospect of violence by the next generation.

"I can see a time when people start saying 'let's not hurt ourselves by internal violence, by hitting your wife and child do it to somebody white,'" said Erasmus the previous day.

However, Two Rivers pointed out that the Canadian government may not need to wait for the next generation as his band and others will start asserting their own jurisdiction.

"The Lubicon are already getting ready to do that and the Bear Island band in northern Ontario is getting ready to do that...we all have to start telling these people (the government) that we're not going to take it any more."

Two Rivers compared the Indian treaties to a landlord who has a lease with a tenant but cannot evict the tenant when he refuses to pay the agreed rent.

"What do you do then? You throw that guy out and we have to realize that our treaties are not being respected by the government, they are not keeping up their end of the bargain, so we must take our land back."

At press time, the road block located south of the reserve on Route 132 had been manned by members of the band all night. Members of the band were armed with shotguns and the police announced a machine gun had been set up on a bridge.

However, the roadblock was lifted June 2 after negotiations between Chief Norton and government officials opened in Ottawa. □

Alberta chiefs warm up to Assembly of First Nations

BY DOROTHY SCHREIBER
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EDMONTON

Alberta Indian leaders say they are willing to re-establish a working relationship with the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) after having stayed away from the national organization for the last three years.

Alberta chiefs walked out of an AFN meeting three years ago, breaking ties with the national body over its stand on Bill C-31 — legislation which put an end to a discriminatory section of the Indian Act which stripped Indian women of their status when marrying non-Indians.

But during a recent AFN general assembly held in Edmonton Indian leaders from Alberta announced they would establish an informal working relationship with the organization.

Gregg Smith, president of the Indian Association of Alberta, says the move does not mean Alberta chiefs will abandon the Prairie Treaty Nations Alliance which is a group of western chiefs who split away from the AFN during the first ministers' conference on aboriginal rights.



Renew old ties: Gregg Smith and Georges Erasmus

"The PTNA is still alive. There is no discussion with respect to dissolving that organization. It is a forum as well. If the chiefs so wish to use that forum along with the Assembly of First Nations they will do so."

Smith says it is not an "either/or situation" but concedes that the PTNA has been "totally unrecognized" by the federal government and... "that is very frustrating."

He adds, "What we've always wanted in this province is one voice and one national body to represent us all."

During an Alberta caucus 20 of Alberta's 42 chiefs attending the AFN assembly appointed Lawrence

Courtoreille, who is vice-president of Treaty 8 of the IAA, as an interim vice-chief to the AFN.

The appointment came on the second morning of the general assembly just hours before the election of Georges Erasmus as national chief.

In re-establishing communications with the AFN Courtoreille says he will re-introduce Alberta positions on Bill C-31, and treaty issues and determine whether or not there is support for these positions from both the national body and other member groups across the country.

Although the chiefs want to establish a good working relationship with the AFN,

Courtoreille says they are cautious.

"I made it very clear to the (Alberta) chiefs if I find that there's no understanding or sense of trying to understand (then) we have the option of opting out again."

During his acceptance speech re-elected National Chief Georges Erasmus told the assembly he welcomed the Alberta chiefs with "open arms — the assembly and chiefs have missed you in the last three years."

In a later interview Erasmus said he has been trying for the past two years to re-establish communications with the Alberta chiefs. "We will be much more effective for their involvement. We will be stronger. They will be stronger."

Courtoreille's appointment as vice chief to the AFN will be ratified at the IAA annual assembly which will be held the first week of July.

At an IAA all-chiefs meeting held a week before the AFN assembly the Alberta leaders passed a motion allowing leaders to deal with any organization of their choice. □

Voters to influence Saskatchewan political scene

BY TERRY LUSTY
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SASKATCHEWAN

Trouble has been brewing in Saskatchewan over last summer's highly controversial decision to dissolve the Association of Metis and Non-Status Indians of Saskatchewan (AMNSIS) and create a totally separate and distinct organization to represent the province's Metis population.

The vote, 86-51 in favor, came at AMNSIS's annual assembly last July 24 at Batoche. The vote also stated that the new organization would not recognize nor include non-status Indians as had been the case previously. The name chosen for the new society is a resurrection of the former one, the Metis Society of Saskatchewan (MSS).

Allowances were also

made at last year's assembly for the existing executive members to retain their positions until May of '88, but it now appears that past president, Jim Sinclair of Regina, is unwilling to release any hold that he had on the association over the past two decades.

According to MSS interim chairman, Clifford Laroque of Regina, when a February meeting in Prince Albert established the MSS as directed at last July's assembly and installed him as its chairperson, AMNSIS took the matter to court.

On March 16, says Laroque, the courts ordered an investigation to determine who represents Saskatchewan's Metis. Touche Ross Ltd., chartered accountants, was appointed as the investigator.

Laroque maintains the problem runs deeper than it appears on the surface



Wants reinstatement: Jim Sinclair

because budgets have been frozen and debts of at least \$70,000 have been incurred by AMNSIS. The court order, he adds, also requires a referendum but is also threatened because MSS cannot use any of the \$240,000 grant from Secretary of State (SOS) because

the money is on hold. Laroque says \$80,000 of the money is earmarked for the referendum but it can't be touched.

The position taken by SOS, says Laroque, stems from a meeting that Sinclair had with them and "he's been successful at freezing

the funds.

"What Mr. Sinclair did on core funding," complains Laroque, "is threaten them (MSS-AMNSIS) with liquidation." He adds that affiliates such as the Gabriel Dumont Institute and the Native Alcohol Commission "are all being threatened" as well. These, he contends, may all go down the drain.

The matter is slated to come to a head on June 25 when a provincial vote by Metis and non-status Indians is to be conducted. Saskatchewan has about 120 polls. One thing the vote will accomplish, boasts Laroque, is to "give everyone the opportunity to speak to the issue" with the votes being the final word.

To ensure that ineligible voters do not sneak in at the polls, scrutineers who know most of the people

will be used and a self-declaration will have to be signed as well, explains Laroque.

When asked by Windspeaker why Sinclair would even consider trying to block their efforts, Laroque says, "His bottom line is he wants to be reinstated (as president)."

He further charges that Sinclair is trying to treat the issue as a leadership concern but that is purely camouflage. "The issue is separation," he states emphatically. "Why does he not do the honorable thing...step aside and let things be?" he asks.

In the meantime, says Laroque, MSS is sending letters to SOS minister, Lucien Bouchard, to at least support the upcoming Batoche events scheduled for the latter part of July and early August.

Jim Sinclair was unavailable for comment. □

CLOSE TO HOME

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Lubicon chief: Bernard Ominayak

Lubicons get ready to protect land

BY DOROTHY SCHREIBER
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PROVINCIAL

The Lubicon Indian band will be setting up passport controls along key points on roads entering their traditional territories in an effort to assert jurisdiction on 10,000 sq. km they claim as their traditional lands.

And they will be aided by representatives of European support groups who are now preparing to join the Lubicon people in an effort to resolve their 48-year-old land claim dispute with the federal government.

The move to assert jurisdiction will likely occur within the next two months,

says Chief Bernard Ominayak.

Once they assert jurisdiction the band will determine who is allowed into the area until "they're (government) prepared to deal with us as owners, that's what we are."

"This has dragged on for too long...we've got to bring it to a head," said Chief Ominayak during an interview at an Assembly of First Nations meeting held in Edmonton last week.

However, the Cree chief says violent action will not be initiated by the band but he concedes the situation could get out of hand.

"It's going to depend a whole lot on what the other side is going to do — how great a force they want to

use. If they challenge us I can see things may get out of hand but at the same time we're not backing down."

However, the Europeans are not the only group who are preparing to join forces with the Lubicon people. Labor leaders, aboriginal leaders and church groups are willing to travel to the site to support the Lubicon move.

Mohawk Elder Billy Two Rivers supported the Lubicon action saying his band has also taken similar action after the RCMP raided the Kahnawake reserve June 1, arresting 17 band members. "We've got to stick together on this one and we've got to tell the government we're not

going to take it anymore."

Two Rivers said his band will be participating in civil disobedience and may even close the St. Lawrence waterway. "We support the Lubicons in their fight and we want all aboriginal people to pull together and get our land back."

Ominayak met with legal advisors June 1 to map out a strategy to respond to the federal action taken against the band and Alberta. The federal government launched a lawsuit against Alberta and the Lubicon band May 17 in an attempt to force a resolution to the land claim.

However, a band advisor said they are unable to comment at this time on the outcome of the meeting. □

Indian ombudsman to work with hospitals

BY ALBERT BURGER

Windspeaker Correspondent

SLAVE LAKE, Alta.

Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council (LSLIRC) has established a position of treaty health services officer with "ombudsman type responsibilities...as the issues and concerns surfacing appear to require an informal system of problem solving."

Regional council grand chief Frank Halcrow of the Grouard Indian band says, "We have made initial contact with the 10 hospitals within our member-band areas and will be working hard with the administration and hospital boards of each hospital in developing a constructive working relationship for the benefit of the patient and the delivering agency."

Hospitals include Central Peace General in Spirit River, Fairview General, Valleyview Health Centre, Peace River Hospital Complex, Sacred Heart Health Centre in McLennan, Slave Lake General, Grimshaw-Berwyn and district, Queen Elizabeth II in Grande Prairie, Beaver Lodge Municipal, and High Prairie Regional Health Complex.

Acting executive director for LSLIRC Jim Badger says the position as well as a Cree interpreter who began work at the High Prairie Regional Health Centre (HPRHC) in April, "is largely a result of an inquiry conducted by Alberta Indian Health Care Commission (AIHCC) last year."

So many complaints had surfaced over what Indian

people consider poor treatment, medical service, and attitude of front line staff at hospitals that member-bands pressed LSLIRC to request the inquiry.

The treaty health services officer, is according to Halcrow, "to ensure a liaison service is available to Indian patients and communities for health-related matters. These matters may vary in nature but the intent is to provide a mechanism wherein the concerns are heard and addressed by the appropriate person, agency, or department. This will include, if necessary, inviting third party agencies whose purpose is to solve differences not locally resolved."

Badger says the establishment of what he hopes will be an effective ombudsman-type position will satisfy "to a degree" the concerns raised last year by Indian patients. But, he adds, the regional council wants to see "Indian representation on hospital boards."

Bands at Dripptie, Swan River, Whitefish Lake, Sucker Creek, and Grouard,

Badger says, are individually applying to the minister of hospitals to designate these reserves as wards in the HPRHC district so that hospital board members can be elected from those locations.

HPRHC director Len Hough says his hospital board has recommended to the minister "that we have Native representation."

Badger says, however, that the regional council "a reluctance to accept a seat" on the hospital board. He notes that it is the bands themselves that need to be represented.

Legislation covering the makeup of hospital boards allow for a membership of up to 11. HPRHC board at present has five seats.

Hough says the appointment of Indian band representatives would destroy the representation by population whereby each ward now has a population of about 1,600 persons.

But, adds Hough, only the minister has the final authority to establish wards and appoint members to the hospital board. □

Hardy voted president by acclamation

BY DOROTHY SCHREIBER
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EDMONTON

Randy Hardy was elected by acclamation for a second time as president of the Federation of Metis Settlements during an all council annual meeting held in Edmonton on May 29-30.

Settling the federation's natural resource litigation and having Metis settlement lands entrenched in the Canadian constitution through an amendment to the Alberta Act are Hardy's priorities during his two year term. "It is a big bite to chew," says Hardy.

But the FMS recently agreed to enter into negotiations with the provincial government to try to settle the resource litigation case out of court.

The federation president says they are asking for full beneficial ownership of mines and minerals and monies accrued from the sales of natural resources on settlement land.

The federation has been willing in the past to reach an out of court settlement but discussions were cut short when the government would not agree to an accounting of sale of oil and gas from settlement land. The government also

asked the FMS to give up claims to beneficial ownership to oil and gas sales.

However, Hardy met with the premier a month ago and was given Getty's assurance they would enter this new round of discussions without preconditions. "Both sides will go the table as equals," says Hardy.

Kevin Stringer, executive director for the FMS, has been appointed as the federation negotiator and Dr. Barry Mellon, deputy minister of the executive council the highest civil servant in the province is the provincial negotiator.

Hardy says if an out of court settlement cannot be reached then he hopes for a quick trial date.

The case has never gone to court and has been in the examination for discovery stage since 1976 when the FMS filed suit against the province. No trial date has been set.

The federation president says he is also optimistic that Resolution 18, proposed legislation which would constitutionally entrench Metis lands, will be introduced into the Alberta legislature within the next two weeks. □

Sacred museum articles kept out of sight

BY LESLEY CROSSINGHAM
Windspeaker Correspondent

Every year hundreds of visitors come to Edmonton's provincial museum to see the unique exhibition of Native artifacts, unaware of sacred artifacts are being kept out of sight unlocked storage rooms in the out of the way corridors of the museum.

The sacred articles, which include bundles and pipes, are kept in special storage areas out of sight to most visitors and even to most museum workers. Dr.

Patricia McCormack, the museum's curator of ethnology is the "keeper" of the artifacts and takes her work very seriously.

"We handle them as little as possible and try not to at all until we feel confident that we are showing the right respect for the item," she says.

McCormack has consulted with Elders and has been painted for some bundles. She and her co-workers also adhere to strict menstrual taboos and always smudge the articles before moving them.

"We see ourselves as learners," she says. "And I am still learning. I have attended sundances in the south as a guest of the families involved."

Many of the articles were given to the museum by family members during the years when Native religion waned in the early and middle part of the century.

"Some people felt they were not qualified to handle the articles and saw the museum as a safe place where they wouldn't be sold or taken apart."

Other articles came as

part of private collections but McCormack adds that the museum is not actively collecting religious articles any more, but will take them if donated by family members.

The museum has several bundles and pipes from Blackfoot as well as Cree nations and recently has been talking with several Blood band members, particularly members of the Horn Society.

"In the north, most of the articles belonged to a person, or a family, but in the south they are often

used for ceremonies in a large society."

Recently a bundle was returned to the Horn Society, but McCormack prefers to help people reconstruct a new bundle as many bundles are old and brittle.

"Very often the societies no longer exist so we can't return material. But we do encourage replicating the materials and we certainly support anyone who wants to do this."

Recently, McCormack and other members of the museum helped one family

to reconstruct a bundle using the same materials as an original bundle and using the same ceremonies.

"The bundle has the same objects inside, has been blessed in the same way and has the same power as the original."

"I hope people will find our treatment sensitive and we are always interested in talking to anyone who would teach me. I am looking to learn," she adds.

The museum is located at 12845 - 102 Avenue, Edmonton, telephone 427-1743.

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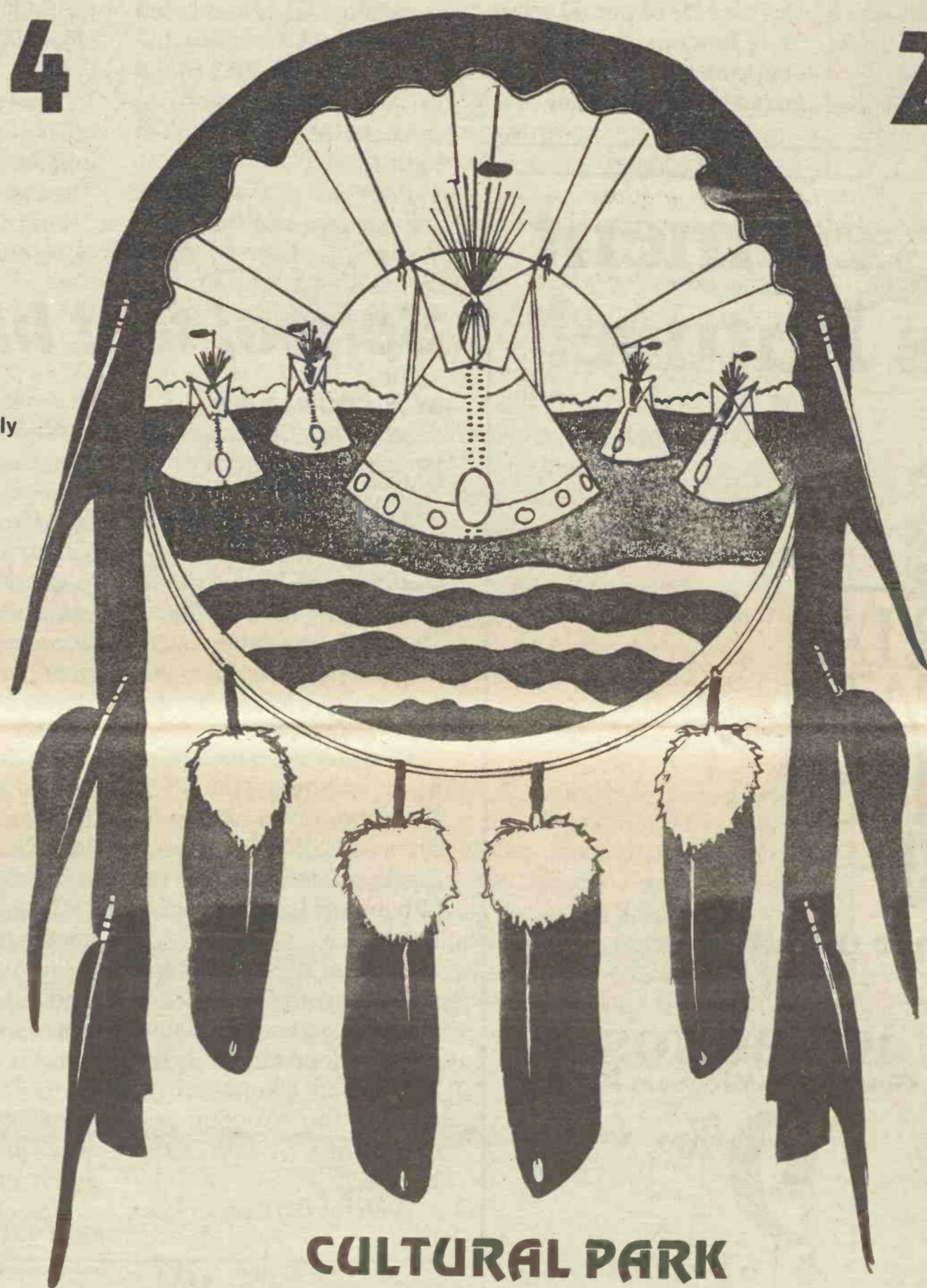
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Men's Traditional	Teen Boys' Fancy	Ladies' Traditional	Teen Girls' Fancy
First.....1000	First.....700	First.....1000	First.....700
Second.....700	Second.....500	Second.....700	Second.....500
Third.....500	Third.....300	Third.....500	Third.....300
Men's Traditional (40 and over)	Boys' Grass Dance	Ladies' Traditional (40 and over)	Girls' Traditional
First.....1000	First.....100	First.....1000	First.....100
Second.....700	Second.....75	Second.....700	Second.....75
Third.....500	Third.....50	Third.....500	Third.....50
Men's Fancy	Boys' Traditional	Ladies' Fancy	Girls' Fancy
First.....1000	First.....100	First.....1000	First.....100
Second.....700	Second.....75	Second.....700	Second.....75
Third.....500	Third.....50	Third.....500	Third.....50
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GRASSROOTS

Stand Off people come out in full force

Youngsters snake dance at elementary school powwow

BY M. CROW HEALY
Windspeaker Correspondent

STAND OFF

Community elders, leaders, parents and three drum groups came out in full force to make the 13th annual Stand Off elementary school powwow a memorable occasion for the students.

Organizers (teaching staff) set the stage around the theme of the oldtime dance which announcers Elder Dan Weasel Moccasin Sr. and Wilton Goodstriker (leader of the tribe's

religious society) maintained to the end.

After the opening invocation by Weasel Moccasin the introductions and explanations started.

White Feathers, one of the oldest Blood tribe members at 102 years and an original drumkeeper, was wheeled around the dance area while the Big Corner Post drummers sang the drumkeeper's song. (The two other participating drum groups were Old Agency and Moccasin Flats drummers).

In this same style, the

announcers introduced the headdress keeper, sword keeper, whip keeper, whip and belt keeper and the clown.

The dancing started with a round dance led by Betty Healy with three classes in tow. Healy was the original headdress keeper but she has since passed the artifact with its accompanying role to Hilda Standing Alone.

The next dance, performed by about 50 miniature kindergarteners wowed the audience.



Future fancy dancers: Youngsters show snake dance

The highlight of the day came after a delicious lunch the highlight being the initiation of the 1988 Stand Off elementary school princess, Marcie Mountain Horse.

Prior to the invitation, the girl received the name Walking Beside in an official

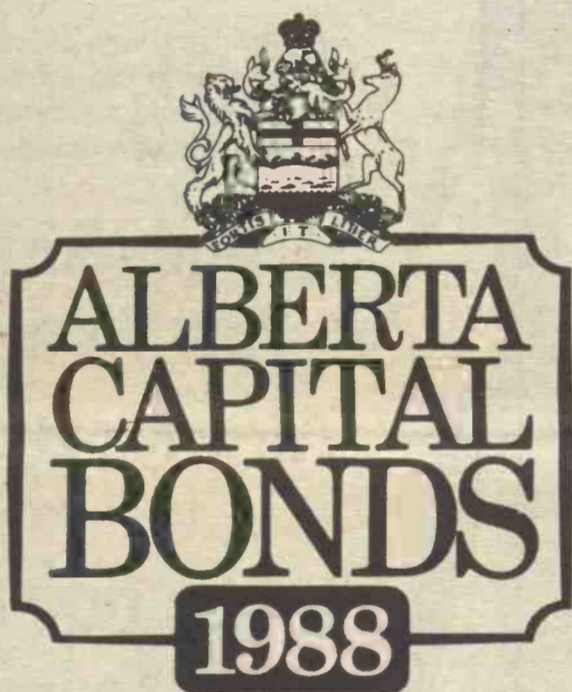
naming ceremony performed by her grandfather, Mark Wolf Leg Sr., a war veteran.

Then came the invitation officiated by Orton, Pauline and Joanne Eagle Speaker. The latter is a former dance champion who, for her accomplishments, received

the right to perform eagle feather presentations.

At the completion of the ceremony, the 1988 princess Walking Beside, proudly wearing her earned feather, floated around in the honor dance accompanied by outgoing princess Paulette Fox. □

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School fest highlights culture

BY M. CROW HEALY
Windspeaker Correspondent

CARDSTON, Alta

At Cardston junior high school where 130 of the 411 students are Native, interracial harmony is the goal, "but in the meantime, we'll just have to keep plugging along," says principal Blaine Bunnage.

Plugging along took form in the school's May 16-20 festivities acknowledging diverse cultures through displays, a food fair and the fifth annual Indian Princess Pageant.

On May 19, students and staff some in pioneer costume, some in Native dress converged in the E.J. Wood gymnasium to witness the selection and crowning of the 1988 princess.

With the Big Corner Post

drummers of the Blood reserve providing the beat, the three contestants

Laverna Raw Eater, Shawna Red Crow and Leslie Water Chief - danced off the final pageant category. For the approximately 450 people and for the crown, the three girls performed - a fancy dance, the crow hop, the sneak-up and another fancy dance - to the best of their abilities while judges Rita and Gerald Sheperd kept a close eye on every move they made.

Then it was over and their points tallied up. On previous days, the three had participated in other contests for the crown. In speech, they were judged for both the Blackfoot and the English language. They were judged for dress and poise as well as the dance.

"Second runner-up is

Shawna Red Crow and first runner-up Leslie Water Chief," said the announcer. A genuinely surprised Laverna Raw Eater buried her face in her hands.

Raw Eater, 15, is a Grade 8 student at Cardston junior high. She takes over the responsibility of representing her school at all powwows and Indian Day celebrations she attends. She will take over from Leah Devine, the outgoing 1987 princess.

Harriet Heavy Runner, Native student counsellor of 17 years at Cardston junior high said she was pleased with this year's Native Awareness Day. As with every year's activities, it is the students who come up with the ideas and follow through on them in a learn-by-doing process encouraged by the staff, she said. □

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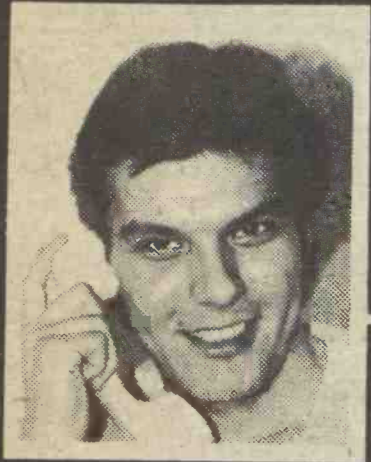
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DROPPIN IN

By Mark McCallum

I have a special request this week from a student at the University of Alberta who is hoping to find an old friend.

Reta Derkson is searching for Wayne Reindeer. It seems the two were separated recently by uncontrollable circumstances and Derkson is now hoping her old pal can be found in time to attend her graduation in December.

Reindeer, wherever you are, pick up the phone and call the university's Native Students' Club (432-2991). Your friend is waiting to hear from you.

CORRECTION: Before we see what our neighbors are doing in other parts of the province, I'd like to correct a mistake that was made in the Droppin' In column on May 20 (Vol. 6 issue 11). I incorrectly stated that Assumption's Chief Harry Chonkolay would be retiring this year. As it turns out, the Dene Tha' leader is not ready for retirement just yet. However, he will be honored at a celebration in Assumption June 17 and 18, commemorating his 50th anniversary as chief of the Dene Tha' band. Sorry for any inconvenience the mistake may have caused.

FORT MCKAY: First off, happy 50th anniversary Alexis and Alice Boucher! Fort McMurray's Grace Richards sends out her best to the Bouchers, who will be celebrating their golden anniversary July 2.

Also at McKay, a group of students is currently planning a Treaty Days celebration which will be held June 24-26. The event is a class project, says coordinator Rose Boucher, explaining the class of basic management students are learning communication and organization skills.

The massive project will include a host of events. A ribbon cutting ceremony will officially mark the grand opening of the community multiplex. The students are planning a "name the multiplex contest" as well.

Tours will be conducted of a new housing project on the reserve where seven new homes have been built so far and five more houses are expected to be built by the end of the year.

The Treaty Days celebration also has something for those more interested in kicking up their heels. Yellowknife's George Tuccaro will be the master of

Desperately seeking Reindeer

MARK McCALLUM, Windspeaker

ceremonies at a jamboree dance which will feature contemporary sounds. And, a tea dance will provide more traditional entertainment along with Native dress contest.

A traditional blanket give-away and feast will also be held at the event. "With the signing of the first Treaty in the 1800s, blankets have been given away to elders ever since," explains Boucher.

Included in the celebration will be a slowpitch tournament and jigging and storytelling contests.

Sound like fun? It should be. McKay is located about 70 km northwest of Fort McMurray — just look for the fireworks display that will also be featured at the celebration.

ALEXIS: The 10 annual Cultural and Sports Days is being pushed back a week later than normal to July 15-17. Organizer Dennis Cardinal says they're hoping the change will increase the number of participants because "it's a slow time of the year and there's less happening around that time."

But, the recreational and cultural coordinator adds everything else will remain the same. Participants will have the chance to bid for cash prizes and trophies in a competitive powwow and (men's and women's) fastball tournament.

"We'll also be holding track and field events to keep the younger folks busy," say Cardinal.

The event will be held at the Nikoodi (narrows) Park on the southeast end of the Alexis reserve.

WABASCA/DESMARAIS: There was a lot of stories about "the one that got away" at a fishing derby at Wabasca's North and South Twin Lakes May 27-29. But, the weigh-in scales and judges had the final say at the seventh annual RCMP Fishing Derby.

Const. Brian Fillmore of the Desmarais RCMP detachment says the proceeds raised by the event will be donated to non-profit organizations in the community like local sports teams and youth groups. "Everything goes back into the community in some way or another."

The derby raised about \$2,000 and attendance was up this year. Two hundred seventy eight participants, some from as far away as Winnipeg, Man., took part in the event.

Fillmore also wanted to thank Wabasca and Desmarais businesses for donating prizes to the event. The largest pickerel of the day was caught by Wayne Nelson. His winning catch weighed six pounds, three ounces. Ken Shaw hooked the largest pike, tipping the scale at 12 pounds, 14 ounces. In the youth categories, Wayne Fu's five-pound, 14-ounce pickerel was a winner and a 10-pound, 11-ounce catch was good enough to win Bruce Hegyi the pike contest.

Catch you later! I have to reel in some more stories.



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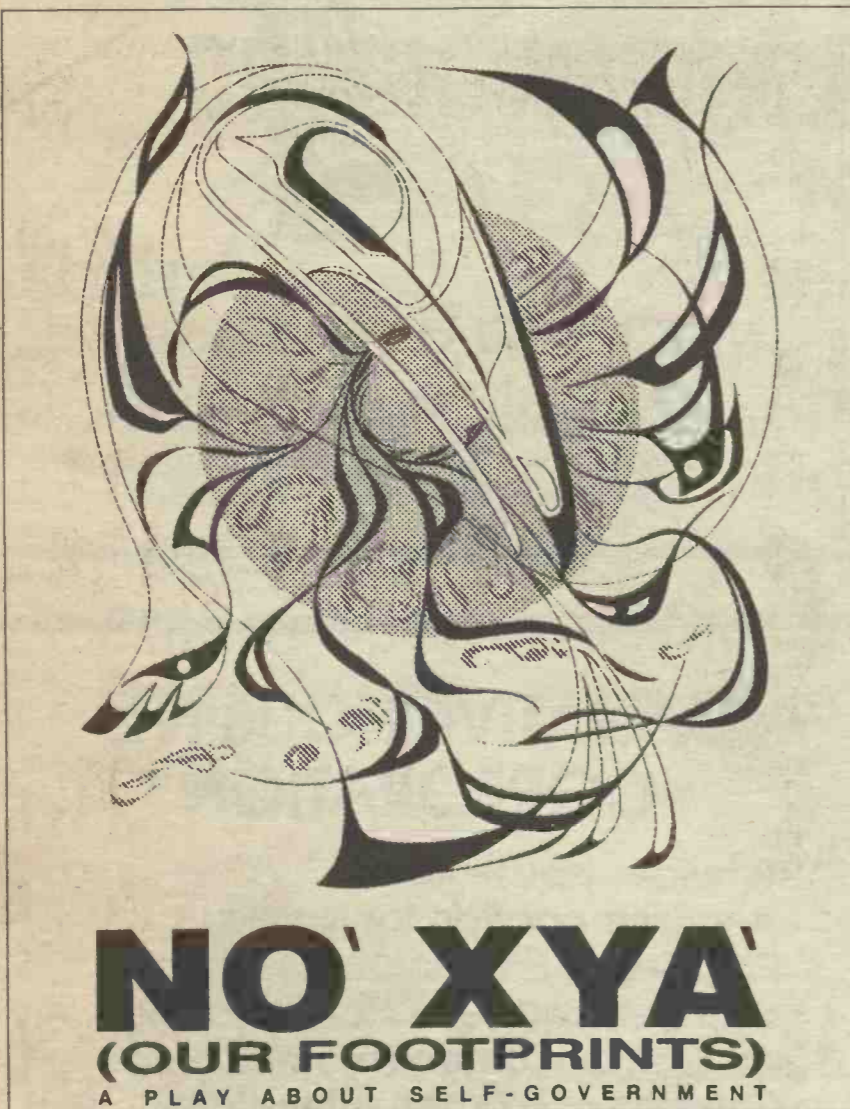
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Raising the flag: Chief Gadwa (left) and councillor Dion watch ceremony

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Band re-enacts treaty signing

BY LOUISE CUTHAND
Windspeaker Correspondent

KEHEWIN RESERVE

Annuity Treaty Days were held for about 977 band members at Kehewin First Nation on Friday, May 20.

This year's annuity payment was not an ordinary event for this reserve which is situated approximately 250 km northeast of Edmonton.

Kehewin First Nation commemorated the signing of Treaty 6 and reaffirmed the promises made under the treaties. The events got underway at 8 a.m. with a pipe smoking ceremony by Kehewin's elders. Tables

were set up outside the tipi for the Indian Affairs officials and members of the RCMP to distribute treaty payments.

Following the pipe smoking ceremony and flag raising, Chief Gordon Gadwa addressed the band members present and stated that the purpose of the re-enactment of the signing of Treaty 6 is to show the general public that the treaties are not to be taken for granted. Every year that treaty payments are made signifies that the treaty is still as valid today as the day it was signed. "The treaty payment of five dollars represents only a part of the provisions made under Treaty 6."

Chief Gadwa said the aboriginal rights to hunt, fish, trap and gather were also affirmed by treaty and Kehewin band members still maintain and exercise those rights.

The rights that were guaranteed are education, medical services, economic development, protection and peace keeping by the North West Mounted Police, ammunition, triennial clothing and an Indian agent and farming instructor "for as long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the waters flow."

In reference to the re-enactment ceremonies, Chief Gadwa said, "In this small way, we hope that the uninformed may try to understand what we, as an Indian first nation, have to say." The message that chief and council of Kehewin wanted to portray not only to the general public but also to the band members is to remind them that the

treaty payment represents a lot more than its monetary value. The people have to be reminded just how sacred the treaties are and how the Indian people have to stand united and continue to fight for the preservation of the treaties not only for today but for tomorrow: not only for themselves but for their children born and unborn.

In reply to the speech by Chief Gadwa, Dennis Leroux, read portions of an excerpt from the original treaty, "Articles of treaty on the amounts to be paid to the chief, subordinate officers and each Indian person per head yearly." The document was then signed by Chief Gadwa, eight councillors and Leroux.

After the ceremonies and annuity payments, Kehewin's Indian controlled school held track and field for the students as closing celebrations for the day. □

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White Braid and Dene drummers entertain

Paddle Prairie host cultural celebration

BY JOHN MORNEAU GREY
Windspeaker Correspondent
PADDLE PRAIRIE METIS
SETTLEMENT

Despite the fact a large portion of the population were out fighting fires and a third crew was on standby, Paddle Prairie organizers decided to go ahead with Cultural Days on May 21. Elder Elsie Ghostkeeper

gave the opening prayer asking for God's blessings on the day, followed by Lloyd Auger's, vice-president of the White Braid Dancers, prayer in Cree.

White Braid dancers and drummers put on a demonstration of the various dances out on the baseball field. One demonstration was the "money pick-up" in which a bill is picked from

the floor by the mouth. Everett Lambert, coordinator for Paddle, tried...and tried. A native born from Cold Lake reserve Cecile Hinds, special constable for the RCMP in High Level also tried. Participants and audience were laughing and clapping throughout the entire demonstration.

An added treat were the Dene Tha' singers from Assumption. Their style

and high pitched spiritual Tea Dance songs lifted up everyone's spirit. Songs started off softly, reached a high peak and then faded away.

The feast consisted of moose heart, duck, whitefish and various other traditional foods. Some of the people plugged their noses to the moose nose but the more adventuresome gave it a try and it was soon gone.

Elders from and around the settlement asked for the blessings for the feast.

White Braid, along with Paddle Prairie organizers and guests, offered the give-away. Other gifts were presented to the elders and guests.

Honorable mention should be given to the mosquitos and victims who suffered. The insects seemed to come out of nowhere and everywhere but people stayed in spite of the unexpected guests.

Paddle Prairie cultural days organizers also announced the spring queen, Kathie Ferguson. She was presented with a bouquet and a gift.

Everett Lambert spoke on the Lubicon land issue

saying, "We invited the Native people here because of the Native in us. If it wasn't for that we wouldn't have this land." He then welcomed Alfonse Ominayak, brother of the Lubicon chief. Ominayak spoke briefly and then thanked Paddle Prairie for its support.

One of the fathers of the Alberta Federation of Metis Settlements, Richard Poitras, spoke further on the importance of the land issue and its effects on both the Metis and Native populations living on the land.

The round dance was short due to the mosquitos and the firefighting crews on call, but was a good ending to a great day. □

Wright wins over O'Brien

High Prairie friendship centre elects new prez at annual meet

BY ALBERT BURGER
Windspeaker Correspondent
HIGH PRAIRIE, Alta.

Bruce Wright was elected president of the High Prairie Native Friendship Centre (HPNFC) at the organization's annual meeting, May 28.

Outgoing president Alvin Findley did not stand for re-election after serving in the capacity for five years.

"Being on the board that

long," Findley said, "really doesn't do the organization any good."

Wright won the presidency over Ellis O'Brien by a margin of 24 votes to 21.

Others elected to the executive included Bert Auger, vice-president; Irene Salisbury, treasurer; Emma McDermott, secretary; and Ellis O'Brien, Clifford Auger, Ron Folber, board members. They join remaining board member

Dan Supernault. Youth representative is Connie Lalonde.

HPNFC operated the year ended March 31, 1988, with total revenues of \$327,000. Although it ended with a deficit of \$20,000, it still has an accumulated surplus of over \$40,000 and its auditors told the membership the organization is in a good financial position with some \$20,000 in cash on hand

and no long-term debts having paid off the mortgage on the building from which it operates.

Revenues included \$131,000 from Canada Secretary of State, \$30,000 from Alberta Native Secretariat, \$39,000 federal grant for Kiyheow Industries, \$69,000 from bingos and nevasdas, \$30,000 from craft sales and some \$28,000 in general revenues. □

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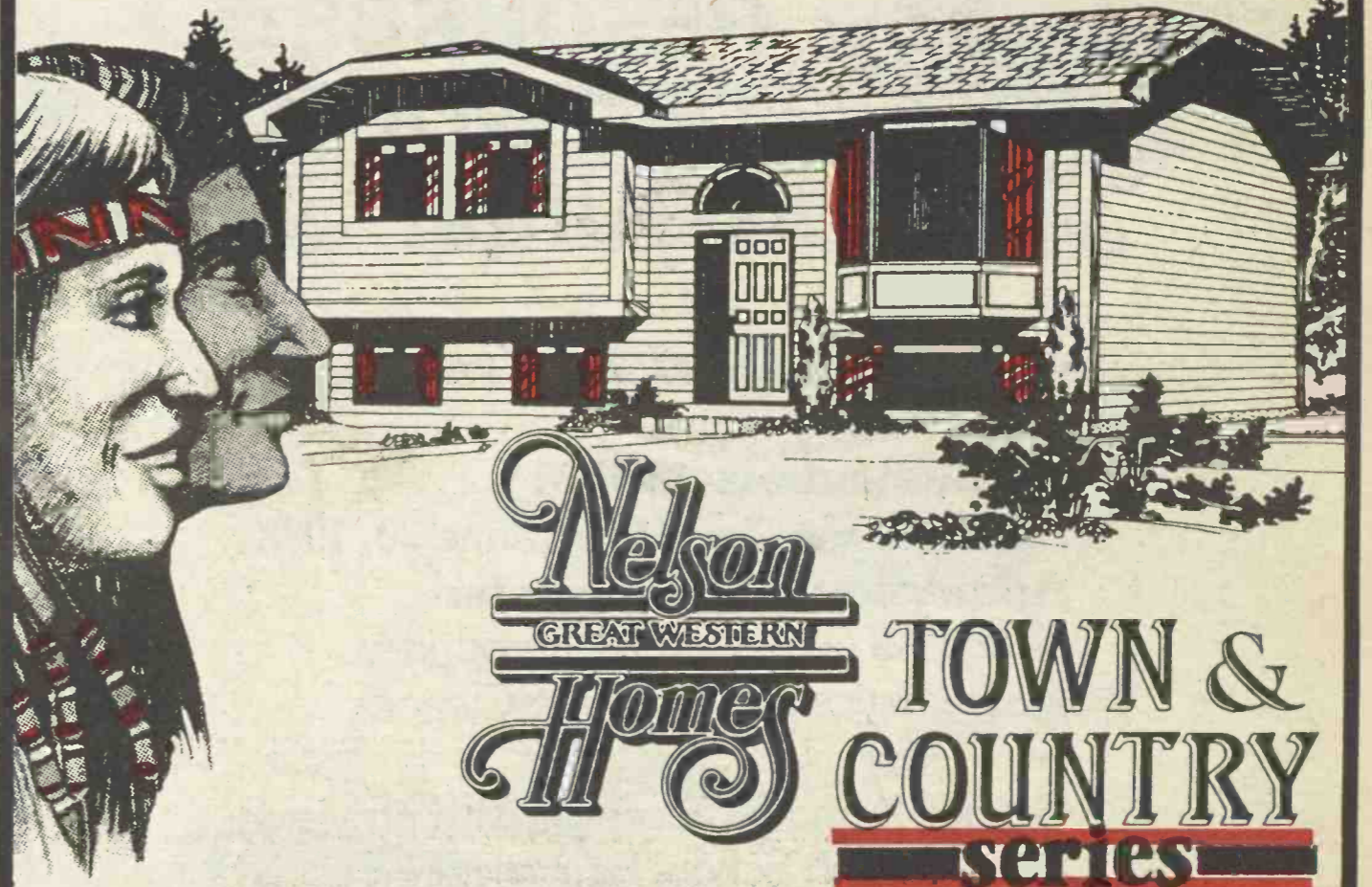
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Hundreds vie for medals at Northlands track meet

BY DIANNE MEILI
Windspeaker Staff Writer

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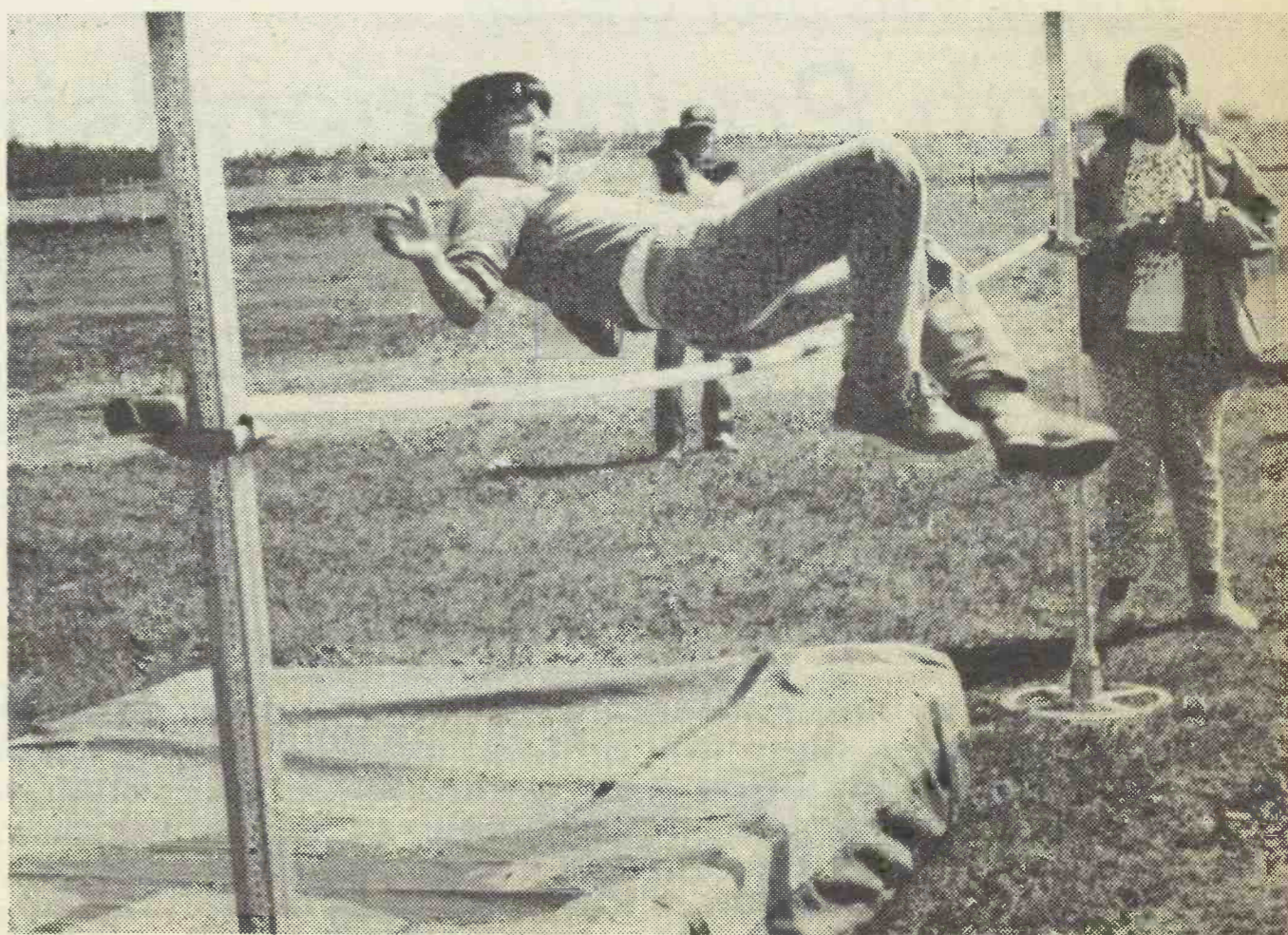
Action everywhere!

That was the scene at the Mistassini school grounds on May 28 as almost 500 students from 17 schools took part in the Second Annual Northlands School Division Track and Field competition.

Jason Ratfat, who is 11 years old and a student at the Athabasca Delta Community school in Fort

Chipewyan, is one competitor who really enjoyed the event. He set a new record for the high jump by clearing the bar at 4 ft. 2 in.

"I feel great about it," he said, touching his first place medal. He only began practicing for the high jump one month ago and surprised himself with his performance. "I just gave it a shot...and I did it! When I run for the bar I go slow at first and think all the time that I have to keep my hands up so I can jump higher."



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As the bar was raised higher and higher Jason's teammates cheered louder and louder, encouraging him to set a new record. "It was all their yelling that really helped," Jason concedes.

Coordinator Tom Demeo, a phys ed teacher at Mistassini school started preparations for the track meet last November and says an event of this size costs about \$25,000 to put on after trophies, transportation, meals and general expenses are paid. Most of the funds are provided by

the Bigstone band as well as the school division, municipal affairs and private donors. "But the kids love it. They meet other kids and the parents are really supportive," says Demeo.

It's a great experience for the kids to take part in an event like this. Otherwise, being so isolated, they don't often get the chance," he adds.

And, judging by the sportsmanship displayed on the fields at Mistassini, it's an experience no kid should be without. □



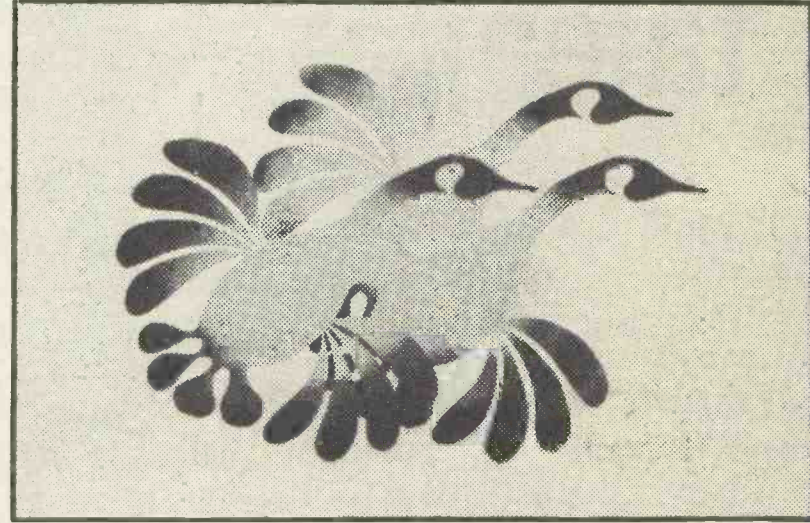
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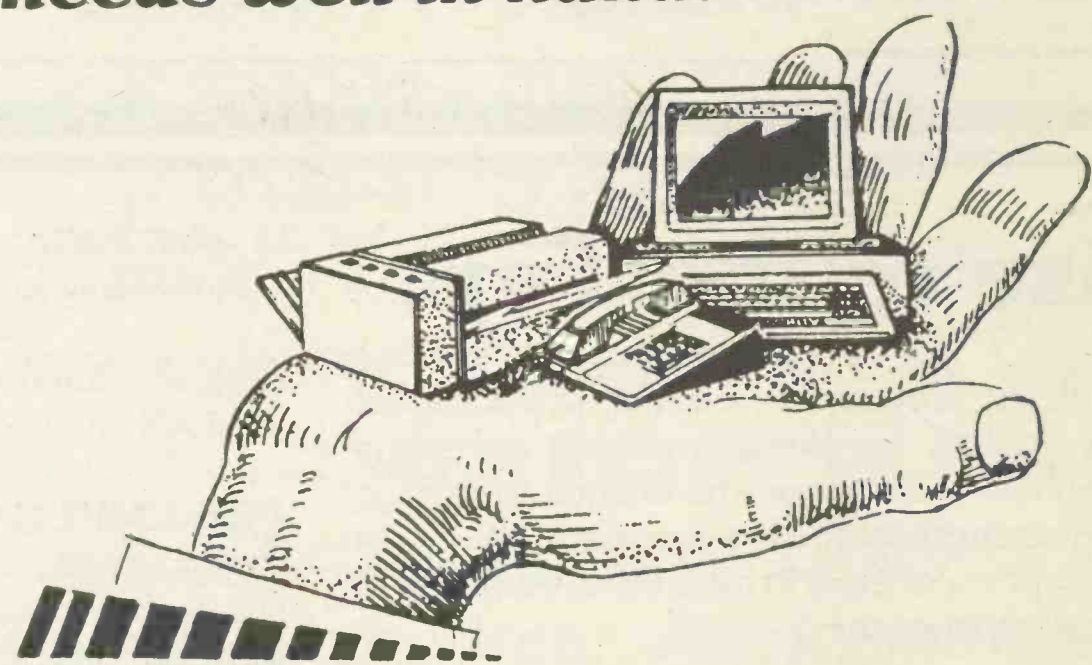
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Klondike Days to feature Metis talent

BY LYLE DONALD
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

Edmonton's major event of the year, Klondike Days, will feature Metis talent.

The entertainment lineup starts with the fourth Generation Family band. The St. Jean family will return for their second year on the CFCW entertainment stage 10 days from July 21-30. The proud

father of the band, Sonny, says it will be another great experience for them sharing the stage with recording star Anita Parish.

Gilbert Anderson of our city also announced that there will be a fiddling and Red River jig contest held on July 23-24 at the Sportex Building 1-4 p.m. on both days.

The fiddle contest consists of three categories, 17 years and under and 60 years and older and an open competition with total prize money of \$3,175 for all categories.

The Red River jig contest is run as a couple competition with two categories, 15 and under and an open competition with total prize money for the competitions set at \$2,200.

For more information and entry forms on both events write Gilbert Anderson, 13116-123 A Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5L 0I4.

The Canadian Native Friendship Centre Junior Metis square dancers will also be taking the stage at the Exhibition Grounds accompanied by Don Sauve, Rod Sutherland and Moise White. They will be demonstrating many of the oldtime Metis square dances they have learned over the last couple of years.

Everyone is invited to join in on all of the good Metis entertainment during Klondike Days. □



Exchange students: Mohawk students join forces with Alexander students in exchange program



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Mohawk students visit Alberta

BY JEROME YELLOWDIRT
Windspeaker Correspondent

ALEXANDER RESERVE, Alta.

Chief Allan Paul and about 50 community members gathered at the Alexander school gymnasium on the evening of May 24 to welcome 20 students and two supervisors who travelled to Alexander from the Mohawk, Kahnawake Indian reserve near Montreal, Quebec.

The students were in Alberta for a week long visit as part of a student/cultural exchange program initiated by the Alexander junior

high school coordinator Elsie Whiskeyjack.

Chief Paul welcomed the students to his community and encouraged them that Alexander is just another home away from home.

Twenty families from Alexander participated in opening up their homes for the Mohawks and 20 students from the junior high quickly got acquainted with their hospitality.

After a good night's rest, both nations of 40 students plus supervisors travelled by bus heading west to Jasper as part of a three day tour of the Rockies.

They made a stop at the Columbia icefields and

spent some time in Banff and camped overnight on the Morley Stoney Indian reserve west of Calgary.

Their next stop was at the Prairie Indian Cultural Survival School (PICSS) in Calgary to meet with Lloyd Ewanin, the cultural coordinator for the school and later made their way north to Hobbema for a stopover at the Muskwatchees Cultural College.

They arrived back at Alexander on the evening of May 26 to take part in the community fun run the next day, and a list of other activities slated for the weekend.

They were treated to the community cultural day, a night out in the city and some recreational activities. They will also take in the St. Albert Rodeo and of course, they couldn't leave Alberta without visiting the West Edmonton Mall.

The next time these kids get together will be on June 6-13 when the 20 participating Alexander junior high students make a trip to Kahnawake.

Elsie Whiskeyjack said, "This is a good learning experience for these kids, to know how other Indian communities live and what they have to offer." □

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GRASSROOTS

Course teaches Natives how to fight forest fires

BY MARK McCALLUM
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Edmonton's Chris Sunshine is making ends meet and paying school bills by fighting forest fires during Alberta's hot summer months.

"It's a chance to earn some extra cash," says Sunshine, who plans to attend Fort McMurray's Keyano College next year.

The 23-year-old student is one of the many Edmonton residents recruited recently at the city's Native Outreach offices to train in a firefighter's certification program.

Windspeaker caught up with the group of trainees as they received final instruction on the last day of training at Lake Isle, some 80 km west of Edmonton. The group received two days of classroom instruction at Native Outreach offices in Edmonton and prepared to get field experience in the picturesque setting of the lake's surroundings. This simulated fire drill would be the last lesson of the three-day program before students would be sent out to protect Alberta forests from the ever-present

threat of fire.

Equipment safety: Some 30 students patiently listened to instructors explain the proper methods to use equipment safely. "Some of the guys here already have experience and are even certified, but this is like a refresher course for them," says Mike Dubina, who is a 25-year veteran aircraft coordinator for Alberta Forest Services. He coordinated the training program.

The students learned how to effectively snuff out different types of fires that can range from blazes that rage at tree tops called "crown fires" to surface hazards at ground level. Dubina says one of the biggest worries on the fireline is underground fires that are fueled by tree roots. "They're hard to spot and even harder to put out because you have to dig them up first."

Learning how: They also learned how to operate motor-driven pumps and assemble hoses that can be linked together up to two miles in length from water supplies to potential fire hazards. Other tools used by firefighters include portable hand-operated pumps called Wajax, power saws,



Fine drill: Chris Sunshine puts out fire

axes, shovels and canvas pails.

Dubina explains the students will remain together as a crew following the completion of the certification program. And, they will be stationed at fire lines and man-up operations for 14 to 21-day shifts at a time. (The man-up operations are stand by units strategically placed at dry spots throughout the province, ready to engage a fire at a moment's notice.)

Once alerted to a possible fire hazard, firefighting crews are contacted and transported to the site by bus, helicopter or plane.

Dirty work: The work is often dirty and the hours are long; sometimes firefighters work 12 to 16-hour shifts and even eat lunch right on the fire line. Twenty-four year veteran firefighter and straw boss John Soto of the Sturgeon Lake reserve says "the hardest part is staying awake."

And, the conditions can be frightening at times. "Sometimes you have to move a couple of times before you can set up camp because the wind shifts." But, Soto says this is a rare occurrence.

When fires are brought

under control and all that is left are "mop-up" operations, the firefighters get more leisure time to themselves. Soto usually plays poker "for chocolate bars or gum."

Dubina says once all the students become certified firefighters, they are certain to see action this summer. More than 100 mostly Native people have already been sent out on fires after receiving training from qualified instructors of the Provincial Forest Fire Centre of Alberta Forest Services in Edmonton.

Interest rising: The pilot pro-

ject was initiated by Native Outreach Regional Manager Thomas Roy. He says a number of people interested in firefighting have approached Native Outreach in the past year. But, at the time, Alberta Forest Services rarely hired city residents and little could be done to help them.

Roy contacted representatives of Alberta Forest Services in April to convince them these people would be good candidates for a certification training program. The representatives agreed and training began immediately.

"It's easy to place people in jobs that have something like a university background and maybe some experience. But, we want to help people with limited skills and education to get jobs," explains Roy, who is still compiling a list of names for training programs expected to be held later this fall and next spring.

Native Outreach successfully placed more than 2,700 people in new jobs last year, and Roy notes they are on their way to another record breaking year. □

Firefighting a high-tech battle

BY MARK McCALLUM
Windspeaker Staff Writer

PROVINCIAL

Meteorologists are helping firefighters snuff out forest fires in Alberta today with new scientific technology and life-saving devices.

A \$400,000 lightning detection electronic system is one of the latest innovations forestry officials are using to put out fires.

The lightning detector is helping improve the response time of firefighters. "You can sit here and watch a lightning flash outside the window and boom it's right there on the screen," says Nick Nimchuk, the fairweather meteorologist at the headquarters of Alberta Forest Services in Edmonton.

"We don't have to wander around and cover a big area now because of a vague report of activity. We know exactly where to send firefighters."

Fifteen electronic sensors throughout Alberta, British Columbia and the Northwest Territories are hooked up to the system which can pinpoint lightning strikes anywhere in Alberta. "You can actually see storms moving across the province on the screen."

Forestry officials first turned to science and new technology after one of the

province's worst string of forest fires threaten to overwhelm hastily-put-together crews of firefighters nearly 19 years ago to the day in 1969.

The worst fire recorded at the time destroyed some 300,000 acres (about 100 square km) of land, stretching from Fort Assiniboine to Slave Lake.

"It finally rained and we started to get things under control," recalls a 25-year-veteran of Alberta Forest Services, Mike Dubina. The aircraft coordinator says fires in Lodgepole and Fox Creek also raged out of control at the same time as the Slave Lake/Assiniboine fire.

The problem at the time was a shortage of manpower and experienced firefighters, explains Dubina. Forestry officials have since established a "crew system" which trains firefighters to combat blazes "like a team." Eight and four-man firefighter initial attack crews are also on standby at all times, monitoring the province's dry spots in "man-up" operations.

Fire operations coordinator, Owen Bolster coordinates the strategic placement crews in these man-up operations. "Initial attack crews are always on standby and must be ready

to go in three minutes... They're something like your local fire department."

Today, a full-time staff of meteorologists record and monitor weather conditions throughout the province, regularly checking relative humidity levels, temperatures, wind shifts and lightning strikes. There are also 142 lookout towers in the province that send in at least two weather reports a day.

"The weather man you see on the six o'clock news tends to cover very general areas. But, we're more concerned with specific details," explains Bolster. However, the meteorologists cannot detect fires that are man-made. And, in Alberta, 50 per cent of fires are caused by careless people, says Lou Foley. The forestry management officials estimates that only one per cent of these fires are caused by arson. "We get the odd ones that we suspect are 'job fires', but it's never been a problem... the problem is careless people."

Under the fire control act, improper use of fire permits or otherwise unlawful use of fire is punishable with fines, and offenders can be liable for damages. □



Fire can be so destructive but thank goodness many fires can be prevented by responsible attitude. Take care with outdoor fires and always ensure that all fires are put out when they are no longer needed. Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children. Avoid smoking in bed. Ensure that your smoke alarms are functional and practice fire escape drills with your family. This message has been sponsored by Chief and Council of the Ermineskin Band.



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VISIONS

Native-made video to teach culture

PHOTO COURTESY OF FOUR WORLDS PROJECT

Four Worlds Development Project in conjunction with Phil Lucas Productions, Inc. have recently completed a six-part video series, *Walking With Grandfather*, a new elementary language arts series for PBS Instructional Television.

The coordinator for the Four Worlds Development Project at the University of Lethbridge Phil Lane explains, "These are Native American lesson stories. Used for centuries to teach the traditional values of Native culture. We felt it was important to put the stories into their context to show how and why they teach and to show contemporary children actually learning from their

example."

Filmmaker Phil Lucas combined live action sequences, filmed on location at a Native American cultural summer camp in the rugged mountains of eastern Washington State, with evocative narrations and color illustrations of the stories themselves.

The series is set in a Native cultural camp where children learn about Indian traditions, along with math, science and other academic subjects. The live-action segments present situations that challenge the young campers and at night, the camp director (the series "Grandfather") tells a story to help them understand and learn from each day's particular



'Walking with Grandfather': Teaches children respect

situation.

Lucas and his staff auditioned more than a hundred

kids, including Natives from a number of tribes, to play the parts of the five

campers in the series; none of the children selected were professional actors. "Grandfather" is portrayed by Rufus Goodstriker, who while an accomplished actor is also a Medicine Man from the Blackfoot nation -- and who also runs his own cultural camp.

The location filming was shot at a camp on the Yakimna Nation in the shadow of Washington's Mount Adams and took about two weeks. "The cast members weren't just acting the stories; they were actually living them," Lucas explained. "None of the kids had ever been away from their parents for any length of time, so they really were learning the kinds of lessons depicted in the sto-

ries -- finding strengths within themselves that they didn't know were there."

And in the end, *Walking With Grandfather* is as much about finding strengths, and learning values, as it is about the specific lessons of language arts. "We wanted to present stories that would make children feel really good about themselves, while learning concepts like self-reliance and sharing," Lucas said.

For more information about this six-part video coordinator Judie Bopp at the Four Worlds Project, series contact curriculum Faculty of Education, University of Lethbridge at (403) 329-2184. □

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LEARNING

Centre trains chronically unemployed

Jobless people's confidence lifted at training centre

BY DOROTHY SCHREIBER
Windspeaker Staff Writer

Tammy Morningchild used to be nervous around employers, always thinking they would find something wrong with her.

But Straight Goods Industries, a training centre for the chronically unemployed and socially disadvantaged, has helped her find a new confidence.

"I've been able to open up and I don't get nervous around my employers. I've learned how to work with other people...I know I don't have to worry about my employers finding anything wrong with me," says Morningchild, who will finish the program in a few weeks and has already secured employment.

The program was started by the John Howard Society in May of 1986 and offers a 16-week course which includes lifeskills and basic job readiness training as well as "generic work experience" in an on-site furniture manufacturing plant.

Managing director Ron Wurtz says the program assists individuals to find and maintain long term employment and adds that 98 per cent of their clients are people who have spent time in prisons.

Another student, Jim Auger, says from the age of 21 to 42 he spent most of his time either in jail or living on the streets.

"Jobs weren't the problem it was me," says Auger,

who adds that when he was employed he had a hard time "coping with people."

The 46-year-old Cree from Wabasca says his difficulty with asking for help or direction on the job, plus a short temper, made employment difficult.

"Asking someone who can you show me how this is done...man, I couldn't do that...when you've been living in jails and the streets for so long you don't know how to ask."

He says he quit his last job as a general laborer because he couldn't talk to his foreman.

"My inner emotions were too great for me to handle at that time...my temper was getting to a (point) where I was going to do something stupid. That's the reason I had to quit."

But now Auger realizes he has to let people know more about how he is feeling in order to cope better on the job.

"I want to feel at ease with my employer," he says.

In the past two years between 60 and 70 individuals have taken the course from Straight Goods Industries.

Wurtz says 60 per cent of the students have graduated from the program, successfully completing the 16-week course. Of those, 80 per cent were still employed and doing fine a year later.

He attributes the success of the program to a "wholistic approach" which takes into consideration

the student's family background and personal, emotional, financial and employment needs.

"We look at the whole person, not just the fact they can't get a job or that they've been in jail. You can have the greatest employee in the world but if they've got lots of personal problems at home they bring those problems to the job."

Students who are paid a wage of \$4.50 to \$5.50 an hour spent the first four weeks of the program dividing their time between lifeskills classes and working in the furniture manufacturing plant.

Another program component is basic job readiness training which covers resume writing, interview techniques, job search, career exploration and assertiveness training.

An on-site furniture manufacturing plant where students make easy-to-assemble items such as microwave oven stands and entertainment centres gives them the "generic skills to hold down a job."

"What we look at is...can they get here on time, can they work effectively with others, can they take orders, can they handle responsibilities? Because of all those things you can use in any job."

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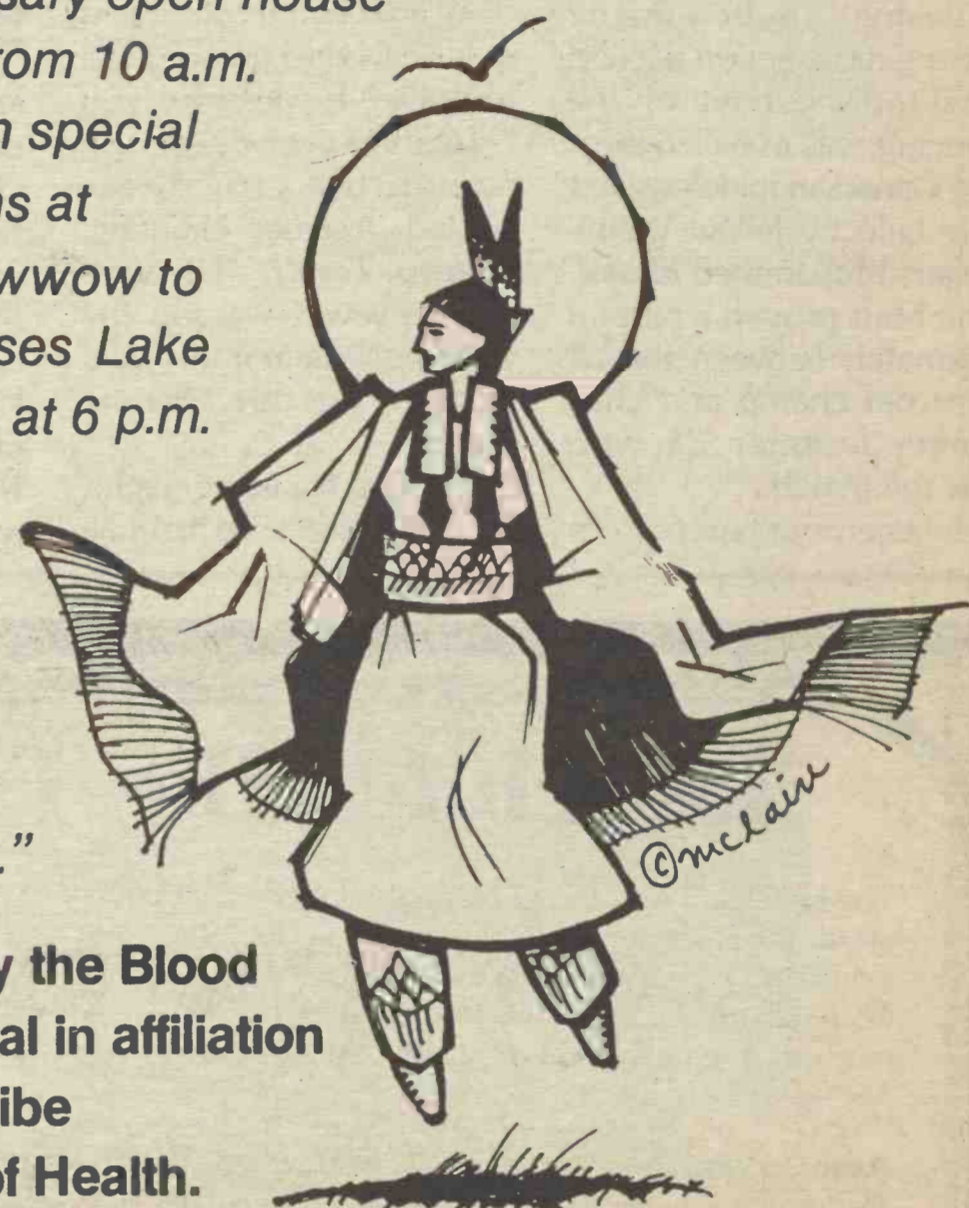
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SPORTS & LEISURE

Spirited Metis challenges national title

BY TERRY LUSTY
Windspeaker Correspondent

SASKATOON, Sask.

On May 28, the new 9,200 seat Sask Place in Saskatoon played host to a mere 1,800 at its first pro boxing extravaganza including three Canadian championship bouts of which one was contested by Winnipeg Metis, Terry Jessmer.

Jessmer's match-up, by far the most action-packed and thrilling bout of the evening, was a challenge for the Canadian middleweight title held by fellow Winnipegger, Muhammed Eltassi. The bout proved a bit of a mismatch between the 22 year old champ and challenger Jessmer, 34, who lost the match.

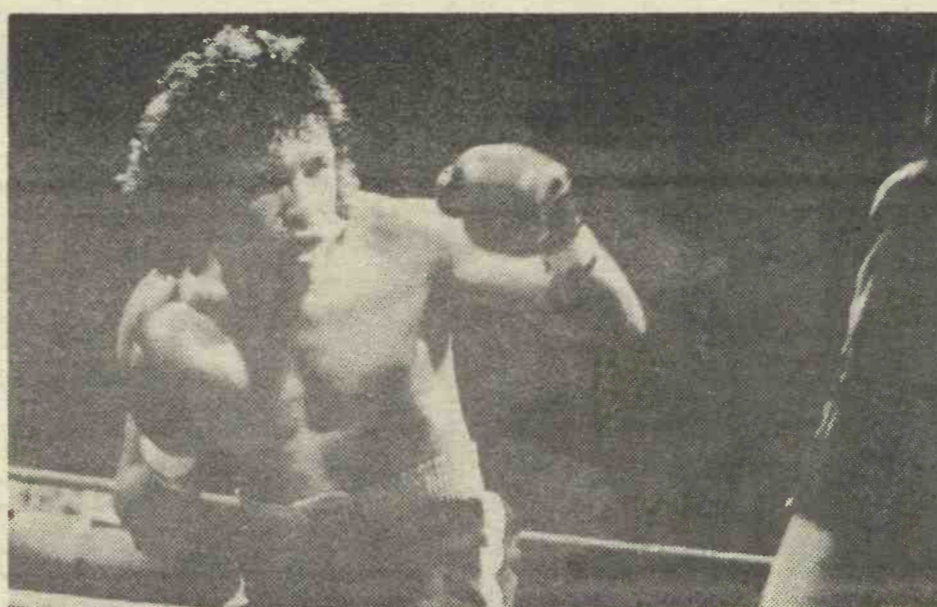
It became apparent from

round two on, that Eltassi was the stronger, quicker and more skilled fighter who grabbed control in the early going although Jessmer managed to send him to the canvas on two separate occasions.

In the fifth round a loud chorus of booing rained upon Eltassi when he fouled Jessmer by kicking him between the legs. The low blow cost him a round and only served to provide fuel to the fire for Jessmer.

In every succeeding round, the crowd was behind Jessmer chanting, "Ter-ry, Ter-ry." The writing, however, was on the wall and Jessmer never did pose any real threat for the champ.

Try and try as he might, Eltassi couldn't put his chal-



lenger away. Although he didn't go the full distance (12 rounds), Jessmer stubbornly hung on until the referee stopped the bout in the 11th round.

Of 13 fights, Eltassi's only loss was to reigning world junior middleweight champ, Matthew Hilton. He says he wants to sign a contract to

fight Willy Featherstone next who beat Danny Lindstrom (Stonewalker) of Fort McMurray not too long ago.

While leaving the ring, spectators shouted words of encouragement to Jessmer while chastising Eltassi. Jessmer was later greeted with a standing ovation when he walked into a room filled with the press, staff, managers and promoters.

In an interview with Windspeaker, Jessmer criticized himself for allowing Eltassi to "lead too much. I started slow...usually fight at a faster pace," he explained.

When asked how come the champ couldn't put him away, he simply stated, "He couldn't hit hard; my girlfriend hits harder." He also expressed his displeasure with Eltassi's unethical conduct.

In other bouts, Darrel Flint of Halifax quickly disposed of Joe Louis from Oakland, California at 1:35



Tough loss: Terry Jessmer (left) in action. Receives consolation from his trainer (above).

of round one.

Toronto journeyman Conroy Nelson was easily beaten by Bernardo Mercado from St Louis who won a unanimous eight round decision. His record is now 32-4.

The main event pitted Canadian heavyweights Donovan (Razor) Ruddock of Toronto against Edmonton's Ken Lakusta, 33, for the Canadian title which had been vacated by former, and now retired champion, Willie de Wit.

Ruddock, 22, quickly pummeled Lakusta into early submission with a swift left hook followed by five or six more, then a crashing straight right to the head that sent him reeling to the canvas at 2:13 in the first. Ruddock, now at

19-1-1, hopes to fight Tim Weatherspoon next and, eventually, Mike Tyson.

In another bout Montreal's Barrington Francis easily retained his featherweight crown by defeating Clinton Hannah of Fort St. John in the fourth round.

In other boxing news, Saskatoon's David Fiddler, a Metis and son of former boxer Clifford Fiddler of Prince Albert, lost a 12 rounder to Canadian and Commonwealth champion, Willy Featherstone of Scarborough, Ontario.

Fiddler, 24, was TKO'd in the ninth in Port Hawkesbury, N.S. His record is now 10-1-1 but he speculates he will fight again in Los Angeles within a month. □

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SPORTS & LEISURE

SPORTS
ROUNDUP

By Kim McLain

Life ain't always fair

Sometimes life isn't fair. Take for example, our infamous Windspeaker hockey draft, guess who won the \$75 first place prize? Of course, the guy with the most money and the same guy who won last time: Bert Crowfoot.

Bert's pictured here with his winnings, all 7,500 pennies (it was Gwenn's idea). We had a special lunch time awards ceremony where we gave out envelopes to the winners. The darkroom critter, Perry, snared third place with 102 points. The Metis Blues Brothers, Terry Lusty and Lyle Donald, paired up to win second with 103 points. Lyle was on hand to accept his envelope with \$25 and free pizza.

But you should have seen our boss's face when he opened the envelope and there was a note reading: Look behind door number 1. Of course, he found a 50-pound bag of pennies!

"This means war," said Bert with a sinister smile. "You, you, you and you are on my hit list."

Then he picked up his bag of pennies and left hollering "Dynasty, dynasty, dynasty..."

GRANDE CACHE: It sure pays to use the calendar of events, just ask Dale Perry, coach and player on the Grande Cache border Thrusters slowpitch team, hosts for the May long weekend tourney.

The mixed slowpitch tourney is three years old and has really grown fast. Year one, the event managed to gather only eight teams. The second year they had 11. And "not too much Native participation" at that time.

This year the Thrusters were swamped with entries, 20 of them six Native. "I think we're growing because people go away happy and tell their friends about our tournament," said Perry in a telephone interview. He went on to say that this was the first time they'd used Windspeaker's calendar of events, too.

At the end of the four-day event it was Grande Cache teams who grabbed all the top spots. A Hinton and



Edson tam won the two consolation prizes. But the results aren't too surprising since there were 10 home teams and 10 visiting teams.

Out of towners were the: Hinton Stingers, Hinton Way Outs, Sturgeon Lake Lumber Kings, Edson Stowaways, Edson Beaupre Bus, Edson "no name given," and four teams from Horse Lake.



KAINAI: A handgame tournament sprung up at a recent sports day at Leverne, the west end of the Blood reserve. Story has it that somebody said: "Nice day for a handgame." One minute and twenty seconds later the drums were already beating.

I heard this impromptu tourney got more response than the one at the Stand Off arena at the center of the reserve.

The lady guessing on the left here is Mrs. Low Horn. The woman with the drum with diamonds on the other team is Irene Scout.

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Goodfish cowboys get rodeo instruction

BY DIANE PARENTEAU
Windspeaker Correspondent

GOODFISH LAKE

"It's the type of sport you have to eat, drink and sleep," said two time world saddle bronc champion Mel Hyland during the rodeo school held in Goodfish Lake over the long weekend. Being champion said Hyland "should be the desire in every boys heart."

The three day saddle bronc and bareback school was initiated by the Goodfish Recreation Board. They worked in cooperation with Vermilion Lakeland College who used their resources to find and confirm instructors Hyland for saddle bronc, and Dale "Trapper" Trotter for bareback. The newly formed Goodfish Lake rodeo club coordinated the event.

"Our main concern," said Goodfish Lake recreation director Rene Houle, "was to train our local cowboys and bring in someone good to do it."

Thirteen seasoned and first time cowboys from the reserve and surrounding communities took part.

Eleven of those chose bareback under the instruction of Trotter, seven time Canadian Bareback Champion. Hyman had two in saddle bronc. All of them received individual instruction and riding experience.

In addition to covering such things as equipment adjustment, measuring bronc reins, how to sit on a horse, how to handle livestock, and going through different circumstances, the school provided video tapings of each ride for constructive criticism in a classroom setting. These



Wild bronc: Gives cowboys a ride for their money

things are helpful and necessary for any would be cowboys but the biggest part of riding comes from the acquired ability to "feel."

"Most of the rodeo schools bear down on the basics of rodeoing. You can't expect them (the students) to just turn around," said Hyland. "There comes a point where they have to feel, and you can't teach feel."

This is where riding experience comes in. "We try to teach people to ride horses, not their saddle," said Hyland. "To use their feet and get that feel through their feet."

They use that "feel" to anticipate moves and read the horse. Feel, timing and balance are the key components in success.

"The secret to riding broncs is beating the horse to the punch, be one ahead of him. A cowboy must take advantage of the strength of the horse to make their ride stronger," added Hyland.

Dwayne Bull from Goodfish Lake used to ride steers and was at the school to get some advice on riding broncs before re-entering

the rodeo circuit.

"Getting instruction and getting on a horse, you learn first hand," said Bull. "Yesterday I rode for the

Ball tourney a volunteer effort

BY DIANE PARENTEAU
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GOODFISH LAKE

Tournaments at Goodfish Lake are a joint community and club effort and this first of the season was no exception.

The Goodfish recreation board hosted their early bird fastball and baseball tournament on May 21 and 22 with local teams taking charge of different areas.

"We had our local ball teams do all the volunteer work," said recreation director Rene Houle. "One women's team looked after the booth another looked after the gate. The men's team organized the tournament games."

The recreation board

offers incentives to the teams who volunteer in organizing. "When they participate in some form, we will subsidize their tournaments or uniforms," said Houle.

A couple of the local teams are working towards a trip to a tournament in Sacramento in the fall. They've been fund raising and will continue to do so throughout the season.

"They are working together and planning together," said Houle. "I'm sure they will succeed."

According to Houle, Goodfish has 16 active clubs and organizations on the reserve. "There is a minimum of five people on each board, that's more than 70 people playing

first time. He (Trotter) told us what we did wrong after. Then you have a chance to ride again and correct your problem."

He added, "I came to the rodeo school because I plan to ride. I came to help me be a better cowboy."

For Brian Hunter of Morely, the individual instruction was helpful. "I spent two hours with Dale last night and again today," said Hunter who has ridden bulls for four years. He plans to make a new start in bareback.

The rodeo club had the livestock ready a week before the school and some local boys took the opportunity to try riding on their own.

Leslie Cardinal of Goodfish was one of those. "Last weekend we tried these same horses," said Cardi-

nal. "This weekend, I stayed on a lot longer."

Although enrolment of the first rodeo school at Goodfish in 10 years was not as high as was anticipated, the recreation director was satisfied they had achieved their objective.

"We had three (bull riders) before," said Rene Houle. "After the school we have seven new participants from Goodfish Lake that are starting out this year in the rodeo circuit."

The rodeo school, the first project of the rodeo club at Goodfish Lake, was designated by the recreation board and Houle felt that the new club "was well organized."

Future events and schools such as a possible bull riding school next spring or in the fall will be the responsibility of the rodeo club. □

ment attracted eight ladies fastball teams and six each in men's baseball and fastball.

In the ladies fastball playoffs A side, Vermilion A's took first and \$800. Niskree Hobbema came in second with a \$700 prize.

On the B side Kikino Spartans beat out the second place Alexis Starfighters. They received \$600 and \$400 respectively.

Men's baseball saw the Vermilion Canadians take first and \$700. Kikino Saints placed second for \$500 and in third was Lac La Biche Dodgers for a \$300 prize.

The neighboring team from Saddle Lake took first in the men's fastball competitions. The Warriors received \$900 for their winning efforts. In second was CFB Cold Lake Air Base team who won \$700 and in the final money position, Hairy Hill placed third for \$300. □

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SPORTS & LEISURE

Playboys win at Blood

BY M. CROW HEALY
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STAND OFF, Alta.

The Playboys fastball team surfaced to the top of the heap at the tournament held in Laverne on the Blood reserve May 21-23.

Participating in the tourney were seven Blood teams: Braves, Falcons, Phantoms, Playboys, Royals, Rangers and hosting team, the Blues.

Game one went to the Falcons 11-4 over the Braves while game two was picked up by the Playboys 9-1 over the Phantoms. The Rangers took the Royals 7-6 in game three and the fourth between the Royals and Phantoms went to the

Royals 8-4. The Falcons beat the Blues 4-2 in the last game of the first round.

The Playboys took the Rangers 6-2 in the semi-finals while the Blues bested the Braves 10-0. Then the Royals took the Rangers out 7-0 while the Playboys battled it out with the Falcons, with the former ahead one run at 10-9.

Game 10 went to Blues 3-1 over the Falcons which assured the Blues third. But the Blues lost game 11 to the Falcons 5-4 which assured the Falcons second place.

The championship game between the Falcons and the Playboys started with the Playboys at bat. While Carey Twigg and Danny

Crazy Bull connected, they failed to make first base. And Falcon's pitcher struck the third batter out. This routine was kept up until the top of the third inning.

Playboy's Keith Hairy Bull was out at first. The next batter, Wes Hunt, hit a single. Then Twigg moved Hunt to second as he made first. With two men on base, Danny Crazy Bull came to bat and hit a double which brought Hunt and Twigg home. Then John Heavy Shields hit hard and make it all the way to third base while Crazy Bull made run three. Corey Goodstriker was the next batter and a sacrifice fly ball brought Heavy Shields in. And that was it for the game; the score stayed at 4-0 for the Playboys from the third inning through to the finish.

The Playboys picked up \$350 and a trophy for first, the Falcons received \$275 and a trophy for second the Blues received \$225 and a trophy for third.

The all-stars were Playboys' catcher John Heavy Shields, pitcher Keith Hairy Bull, first base Pat Cross Child, Falcon's third base Calvin Crow, Blues' short stop Homer Hairy Bull, Falcons' left field Marvin Wells, Blues' centre Martin Curly Rider and Playboys' right field Gordie Mountain Horse.

Playboys' Keith Hairy Bull earned the MVP trophy.

Gumboot Gang defeat Alley Cats in slowpitch

BY M. CROW HEALY
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STAND OFF, Alta.

The Gumboot Gang took the first mixed slowpitch tournament in Stand Off over the long weekend while the Alley Cats came in second place and Prairie Fire held onto third.

The tournament attracted four teams, all from the Blood reserve. It was hosted by the Falcons Fastball Club in a fund-raising effort.

Game one between General Lees and Gumboot Gang went to the Gang while game two between Prairie Fires and Alley Cats

went to the Cats, pitting the Gang and Cats against each other for the semi-final. This game went to Gumboot Gang 12-10.

The Alley Cats dropped to the B side of the double knockout tourney format and slugged their way back to the championship game through Prairie Fires but failed to overcome the Gumboot Gang again in the final.

The champs received cash and a trophy, while second and third place received trophies only.

Danny Crazy Bull earned the tourney home run king trophy.

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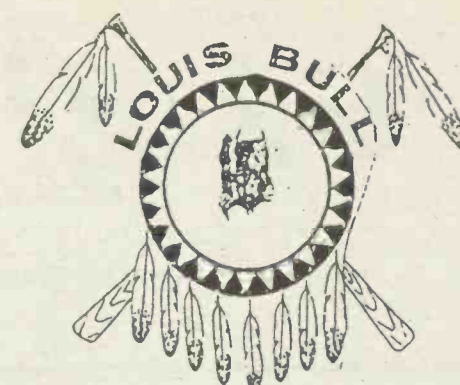
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