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Feds sue province over Lubicon claim

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PROVINCIAL

Federal legal action against Alberta and the Lubicon Indians may not leave the band any choice but to assert jurisdiction over the disputed land says Chief Bernard Ominyak.

"Their goal is to tie us up in the courts and delay and delay," says the Cree chief indicating the recent lawsuit is pushing the band closer to taking control over a 16,000 square km area under Aboriginal claim by the band.

He says the band made the decision earlier this year but decided to put plans on hold when he and Premier Don Getty agreed to set up a tribunal to help resolve the 48-year-old land claim. But the tribunal was rejected by the federal government.

"It is our land and we're going to utilize it...we can't be trying to deal with these guys forever," said Ominyak. "It doesn't seem like there's going to be any real serious effort made by the federal government, so that doesn't leave us any choice."

E. Davie Fulton, former justice minister and author of an independent report on the Lubicon situation had agreed to become a member of the tribunal.

In a telephone interview Fulton said: "It's a great pity that they're (federal government) going to court

before there have been any meaningful negotiations."

The federal government filed a statement of claim in the Courts of Queens Bench in Calgary on May 17 proposing the band receive 45 square miles of land (117 square km) and declaring the province in breach of its obligations to provide the Lubicon people with a reserve under the 1930 Constitution Act.

In a prepared statement the minister of Indian Affairs Bill McKnight said negotiations with the band and the province "proved impossible...and in the absence of prospects for a negotiated settlement this can only be achieved with the assistance of the courts."

During question period in the legislature on May 17 Premier Getty said the province is being sued because they will not make an agreement with the federal government which they believe is unfair to the Lubicons.

"The federal government is suing us because we will not agree to act on a unilateral basis with them," he says.

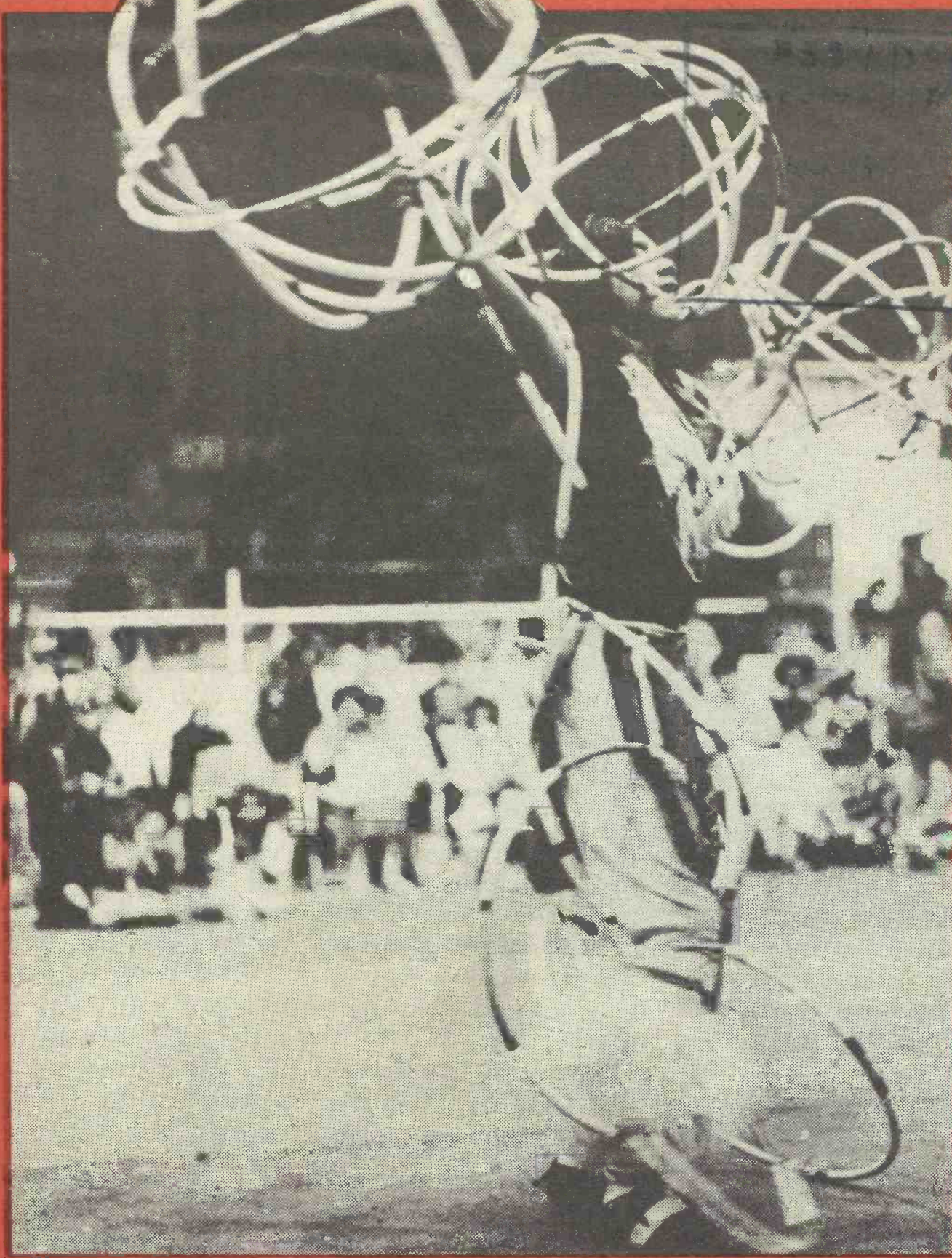
In a letter from federal negotiator Brian Malone the province was told that unless the government received an interim agreement for 68 square km of land along with "a concrete offer" by May 16 from the province, legal proceedings would begin. But, there was "no substantive offer" from the province says the federal background paper.

The band is asking for a 237 square km reserve based on the Treaty formula of 128 acres per band member and the band claims a membership of 457. They also claim Aboriginal title to 16,000 square km of traditional hunting and trapping lands.

However, the province and the federal governments argue that the band membership is just over 200 and therefore the size of the reserve should be smaller.

Ominyak left for Sweden on May 18 to meet with a European Indian support group. He says he is still hoping that Getty can make some headway with the federal government.

"But it's clear that it's going to have to be over and above McKnight who is really useless as an Indian Affairs minister," he said.

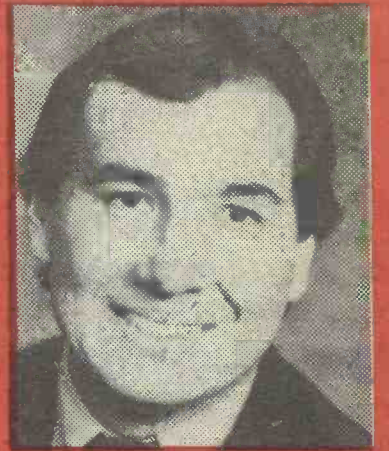


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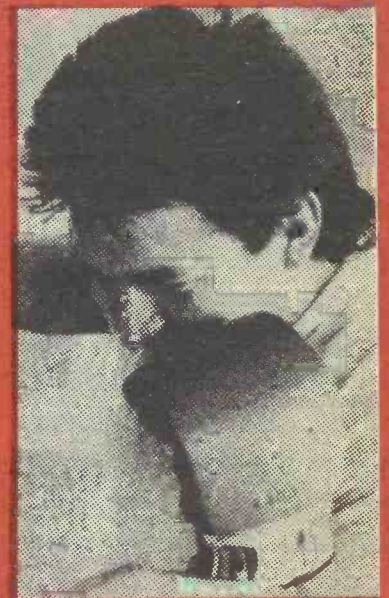
This youngster, Gary Starr, is getting an early start in a difficult and exacting task performing the hoop dance. The 16-year-old demonstrated his talents last weekend at a Hobbema powwow to raise gas money to get home on. See powwow story page 11.

TERRY LUSTY, Windspeaker

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Metis housing society helps people cope by offering affordable city housing

DOROTHY SCHREIBER, Windspeaker

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PROVINCIAL

At the beginning of this year Metis Urban Housing Corporation (MUH) was able to move 90 low income Native families into affordable accommodations but the list of those who need low-rental housing continues to grow.

Currently, the corporation has a waiting list of about 350 people in Edmonton alone and hopes to attain approval from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to purchase 80 to 100 more homes in the coming year.

For 59-year-old Florence Gladue, low income housing provided by the corporation has made her life a lot happier.

Before moving into a MUH home, Gladue, who is confined to a wheelchair due to a spinal injury, lived in the basement suit of a duplex. "I was always stuck in the basement," says Gladue who adds that now that she lives on a ground floor it is easier for her to get out.

Gladue lives on a disability pension of \$720 a month and says she is now paying about \$200 less a month in rent.

Two grandchildren live with her and a third will soon be moving in and she feels the house and the neighborhood is a better



"It's more like a real home": Hazel Willier, MUH counsellor and Florence Gladue

place for the children. "I'm happier here, it's more like a real home."

The corporation, owned by the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA), was set up in November of 1982 and now owns 385 houses throughout the province of Alberta.

Housing manager Gordon Watson says the private non-profit corporation is the largest of its kind in the country and owns houses in Edmonton, Red Deer, Calgary and Lloydminster.

President of the MAA Larry Desmeules says the corporation owns roughly \$27 million worth of real estate and its operating budget for next year is about \$11.5 million.

The majority of their tenants are single mothers,

and families on welfare, many of whom were paying as much as 60 per cent of their income on rent.

"Anyone who has Native ancestry," and whose gross income is less than \$27,000 annually is eligible to rent a home from MUH says Watson.

The minimum monthly rent charged by MUH is \$102 and the highest is about \$680.

Watson explains that a subsidy program through Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) allows tenants to pay only 25 per cent of their income toward rent and CMHC picks up the outstanding balance of the mortgage payment.

The need for affordable housing for Native people is

great and Watson says in a number of instances the affordable rents offered by MUH has helped people to "cope with everyday life."

In the future MUH would like to expand its operations to include other areas of special housing such as a 20 unit adult complex.

Watson is currently "looking into" the possibility of having 10 houses built in Bonnyville and Lac La Biche.

Overall, he says the corporation has been very successful and attributes this to former housing manager Larry Desmeules who started the corporation. "In five years they've gone from no houses to 385 that they now own," says Watson.

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CLOSE TO HOME

Baby accidentally given mother's medicine

BY TERRY LUSTY

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EDMONTON

What nearly spelled disaster on May 4 for a newborn male infant has its mother, Cynthia Simpson, breathing a sigh of relief today.

The child, born May 4 at 7:11 p.m., had to be rushed by plane from Fort McMurray to the University of Alberta hospital when it was discovered he had been injected with ergot, a medication that was meant for the mother. Ergot is an oxytocin, a drug which helps prevent hemorrhaging by mothers after giving birth, explained Dr. Winston Koo, the attending physician.

The seven and-a-half pound infant was given the medication shortly after birth, said Simpson. "The baby reacted, went into convulsions all night," she charged. "I wasn't made aware of the mistake until a few hours later; around 10 or 11 p.m." The father, she added, was "simply furious" when he found out.

Simpson said they were unable to get a flight out of McMurray until the next day. Upon admission to the neonatal unit at U of A hospital May 5, young baby Simpson was put on life support units. He was hooked up to a heart monitor, heat sensors, respirator and intravenous.

The university listed his symptoms as seizures and

acidosis. Rose Boyle, the assistant supervisor in the neonatal unit said, in order to counteract the effects of the drug given to the baby, the hospital administered phenobarbital for the seizures and also performed a brain ultrasound.

The baby's grandmother who is a registered nurse explained that, "the ultrasound test only tells you if all the tiny blood vessels in the brain are intact and that there is no bleeding occurring." This does not indicate, she added, whether future complications may or may not crop up. She confessed that she is rather concerned over the potential of future brain damage and admitted, "only time will tell."

Dr. Koo who was brought into the Simpson case thinks "the chances of long-term consequences are pretty small." Had the convulsions been any more severe, they could have caused heart failure according to Dr. G.A. Ortega, an Edmonton pediatrician consulted on the effects of ergot to infant babies.

When pressed about how medications intended for both the baby and mother could get mixed up, Dr. Koo commented that "these things happen once in a while." He further stated that both medications for the baby and mother can be easily misinterpreted because they are about the same color and in the same tyle and size of the bottle.

Brenda Symons, the vice-president of Fort McMurray Regional hospital where baby Simpson was born and administered the ergot, agrees that it is easy to confuse the two medications with each other and said it has presented them with a problem they are now trying to deal with.

Symons informed Windspeaker that the hospital has investigated the Simpson case and "the circumstances which led up to it. The other thing we've done is change some of our practices since that time to reduce the chance of any error ever being made again." Symons claims they have learned from their mistake.

Head nurse Lily Kapuan said, "That's the first time it's happened here." It has

happened at other hospitals across the nation and is being investigated nationally she added.

The baby's mother and grandmother still are not convinced that the situation was unavoidable. The grandmother said she is not readily swayed, especially since she is somewhat knowledgeable given her education and experience in nursing matters. "These things are supposed to be double checked," she said. Because the bottles may happen to be the same for both medications, she said, is all the more reason for them to be double checked.

Whether any legal action will result from the incident is unknown at press time. The child's mother and grandmother are non-committal at this point.

Photo Courtesy of the Simpson Family



Mother breathes sigh of relief: Cynthia Simpson

Environmental concerns aired at Ottawa

BY KEITH MATTHEW

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OTTAWA

Native groups with environmental concerns were given a chance to air their views in front of a national convention, during the Canadian Environmental Network annual meeting held in Ottawa from May 6 through 9.

Local delegate from Edmonton Lorraine Sinclair, who is the chairperson of the Metis Association of Alberta Environmental

Committee said the intent of the Native participation of this meeting was to sensitize the environmental groups to the issues that Native people are facing.

"There was a common concern for the environment — different perspectives and different approaches to solutions, perhaps, but a definite interest in understanding each other's views," she says.

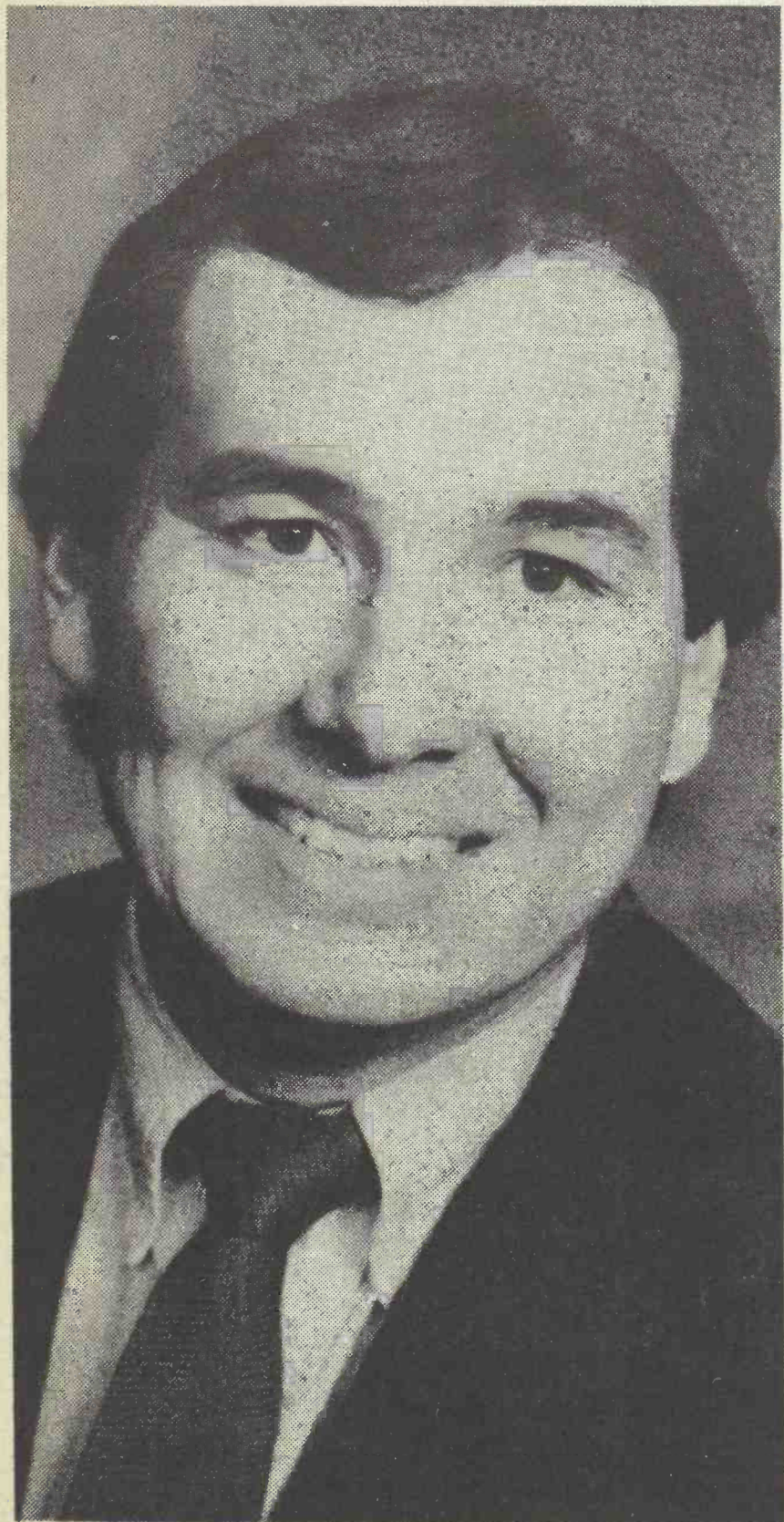
Sinclair co-chaired the CEN meeting along with Linda Duncan, a lawyer with Environmental Law Centre in Edmonton.

Native groups presented the following workshops on the concerns of their groups: Aboriginal Title and Land Claims; Native Culture; Spirituality and the Land; Free Trade and Meech Lake and Aboriginal People.

Sinclair said the reception to the Native issues by the mostly non-Native CEN was "very positive, it was an education process and they listened. There was a lot of mutual respect shown for Native concerns and issues." She added, "It was very well received."

One of the local environmental groups represented at the conference was the Environmental Resource Centre which sent Brian Staszewski who is also the executive director of the Tomorrow Foundation. He said of the Native presentations, "It was very positive and constructive, we were able to get over the hurdles that we have had in the past." He added, "we are sympathetic to Native land claims and we support them."

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Feeling confident: Willie Littlechild

Littlechild seeks PC nomination

BY TERRY LUSTY

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HOBBEMA

"Tell them Willie boy is here!" The Ermineskin band member threw his hat into the political arena this week.

Willie Littlechild, 44, has announced he will seek the Progressive Conservative (PC) party nomination for the Leduc-Wetaskiwin riding in Alberta. The decision comes after a good deal of careful thought and is perceived by the candidate as another stage in his already highly accomplished life.

The decision to run for political office has been on Littlechild's mind for some time. When Member of Parliament Stan Schellenberg stepped down after holding the reins for 17 years, Littlechild saw this an opportunity knocking. With 11 years of law practice behind him, he feels he is ready to move on

to other goals. He firmly believes someone from Indian Country has to get on the inside track in parliament and attempt to change things.

Littlechild's platform will be fourfold with the first two priorities not necessarily directly Indian-oriented: agriculture, oil and gas, Native issues and youth development.

Littlechild is confident of his chances at winning the nomination, saying his biggest hurdle will be to get supporters to the polls. "It's one thing to get input," he says in reference to the fact that many other Natives who have sought political office have done so successfully "but the main thing is to have people stay and vote when they're at the nomination meeting." The other half of the scenario is to get Indian people to turn up at all.

Locally, the Hobbema community has at least a 4,000-vote potential according to Littlechild. He says if he can get a thousand of

those votes, he will probably be a shoo-in for the PC nomination.

While on the campaign trail he intends to stress his "experience in 20 years of federal and international law which is far better than (that of) any other candidates and we'll bus poeple there (to the meeting)." Aside from everything else, he has a lot going for him.

Holding a law degree and masters in physical education, Littlechild is married to Helen, a registered nurse at Hobbema. The couple have three children; Teddi, 15; Neil, 10; and Megan, five.

He is currently involved in several business interests including his own law firm a travel agency, and numerous sports activities. Littlechild has already achieved a host of major accomplishments in the sports arena: induction into the University of Alberta's Sports Wall of Fame, twice recipient of the most prestigious Canadian Indian athlete award — The Tom Longboat Award, the Alberta Achievement Award

for Excellence in sports, and many others too numerous to mention.

Sports, however, is not Littlechild's sole strength. He also exhibits a sound background in business, having been student manager of the University of Alberta's Golden Bears hockey and (Canadian championship) football teams, and Alberta youth chairman for the Red Cross Society of Alberta. In addition, he is on the executive committee for Peace Hills Trust, one of Canada's most successful Indian business enterprises.

This year, during the '88 Olympics, Littlechild was honored by the Calgary Rotary Club when they made him a Paul Harris Fellow. The award was bestowed in recognition of his contributions to youth and sports development and because of that, an international scholarship for polio research has been named after him. The only other person so honored has been Rick Hansen.

CLOSE TO HOME

Mainstream media called 'racist' in Blood murder coverage

BY JACKIE RED CROW
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CALGARY

The mainstream media here was called "racist and insensitive" as local reporters attempted to interview and photograph the grieving family of the late Bernard Tall Man Jr. after two non-Natives made a brief court appearance May 6.

Barnabus Tall Man was escorted out of the court house after a brief detain-

ment when he attempted to attack Albert Morin and Darcy Watmough after the judge remanded the pair to June 21.

Andy Crop Eared Wolf and his wife, Connie, who were cousins of the murdered victim, angrily stated the media was insensitive in trying to interview the family. "We didn't like it so we yelled at the media to stay away from the family.

"The media were trying to use grief to sensationalize the story," said Connie in

an interview after the demonstration, adding, "That's (mainstream media) pretty damn low," she said.

The demonstrators yelled obscenities at the two local TV stations and chased them away. However, later in the evening, one TV station showed footage of the murdered victim's family and other demonstrators trying to get the media out of the way.

The Crop Eared Wolf's said they are also angry with The Lethbridge Herald because a letter sent to the editor was not published until two weeks later. The letter, written on April 8, denounced the handling of the Tall Man case by the R.C.M.P. and further stated that they found it ironic the Tall Man murder was just a few days after a city-wide Native Awareness Week was held to promote understanding between Natives and non-Natives.

They said they went through two editors before their letter was finally published April 27 with an apology. The Lethbridge Herald originally published a few paragraphs when the Tall Man body was first discovered until the Blood tribe chief and council first



Media accused of sensationalism: Tall Man Sr. and Andy Black Water at demonstration outside courthouse

called for an inquiry into the case which made front page headlines for several days.

However, the Blood tribe's executive co-ordinator, praised "the external media's coverage" in publicizing the event to create public awareness and pressure on the Tall Man case and other Blood Indian mysterious deaths in recent years. In an interview prior to the court hearing, Many Fingers said they

contacted the Calgary Herald first on the inquiry "because they owed us one." He was referring to last year's Herald story which exaggerated the poverty on the Blood reserve and incorrectly identified Blood Chief Roy Fox residence for another member's home. The Herald later printed a retraction and apology.

But Many Fingers said he refused an interview with the Lethbridge Herald

because "they're racist" and they did not immediately publish the Crop Eared Wolf's letter.

He added the pressure about the mysterious deaths arose from the concern from the urban Indian in Lethbridge which rapidly gained support in the Blood community.

Tribal employees were given the choice to attend the Tall Man hearing, Many Fingers said.

Metis building elk ranch

BY ALBERT BURGER
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EAST PRAIRIE METIS SETTLEMENT, Alta.

Under a clear and sunny sky, in a clearing deep into the settlement marked with red-ribboned stakes, surrounded by eight-foot high wire and pole fences, Harry Supernault explains what will be the result of the work of some fifteen men and women who are peeling logs, sharpening posts, and crisscrossing the area with fence lines.

"By that stand of spruce is where the administration building will be," he says. "And here will be sorting and holding pens and training corrals."

Supernault is project manager for the East Prairie elk ranch which recently got a major boost when Alberta Career Development and Employment approved \$145,000 in funding.

The approval, however, got an immediate response from an unexpected source. The Alberta Fish and Game Association protested that the funding approval for the East Prairie project was tantamount to an announcement by the provincial government that it intends to approve the game ranching concept something the association has bitterly opposed from the beginning.

The money is being provided through the Alberta Business and Community Development Program and will employ 15 people over 29 weeks. The workers will install fences and corrals on the 180 acre ranch site. An initial breeding stock of 17 elk will be purchased. Total project cost is \$309,000.

Supernault wants to make it quite clear that "this is not just a handout."

As settlement counsellor Elmer Patenaude says, "We put a lot of money into it on our own about \$60,000."

Before the employment

project was funded, the settlement council had to guarantee to provide labor and equipment to a value of some \$75,000 to build access. In addition, they will need to secure a \$75,000 loan through the Settlement Investment Corporation to purchase six elk yearlings, six pregnant females and five stags from the Kikino settlement.

Says Supernault: "The council had to commit themselves over and over again."

But that commitment now appears to have paid off.

Settlement councillor Hank Bellerose says the elk ranch, once operational, should provide employment and generate income as well.

"We plan to sell the antlers probably to China and Japan, and if there's ever a meat market we'll be in a good position."

Supernault also is positive about the future of the elk ranch.

"If all goes well, game ranching could become a very big business for us," he says. Currently, the 425-member settlement has no steady source of income. "Economically, we had nowhere to turn. Then I learned that the sale of elk antler velvet and breeding stock could generate lots of money. I hope within 10 years we can expand the ranch to 1,280 acres, quadruple our number of elk, and develop a similarly sized buffalo herd."

East Prairie is approaching the development with the assistance of considerable expertise in the form of a settlement council authorized technical committee headed by Supernault.

It includes Lyle Rennecker and Henry Kozak of the University of Alberta research wildlife ranch, Judd Bundage of Alberta Agriculture, and Jerry Lynch of Alberta Fish and Wildlife's big game management section.

Old MAA files available for viewing at Calgary's Glenbow museum

BY TERRY LUSTY
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PROVINCIAL

The Glenbow Museum of Alberta houses another piece of Metis History with its collection of Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) files.

The Calgary-based museum acquired the material 10 years ago when former president, the late Stan Daniels, and his daughter approached the museum according to its associate director, Dr. Hugh Dempsey.

Dempsey stresses that the files are mostly correspondence and reports that were previously sifted through by the MAA. The reason they were willing to release them, he adds, was because they did not have

room to house them and they wanted them to be kept somewhere safe.

When asked by Windspeaker why the MAA surrendered the data to Glenbow rather than the provincial archives in Edmonton which is closer to their headquarters, Dempsey claims there are two basic reasons: the general suspicion of the provincial government plus the fact that the two parties are still struggling in the courts over monies which the Metis feel is owing them but was not put into their trust account, and the Glenbow has built up a rapport by working very well with Native people.

A former MAA employee who did not wish to divulge her name says that the files should have been kept at

the MAA offices so they would be available for viewing when necessary. With them in Calgary, she charges, that will not be possible.

MAA president, Larry Desmeules, argue that they are not really of value... "mostly business," he states. He adds that they give "a historical - political process of the association."

The files, which are contained in 221 document boxes, encompass the years 1968-78, a decade when the association expanded and assumed greater political clout. For researchers interested in the development of the Metis, assistant chief archivist, Doug Cass, thinks the materials would provide relevant information on housing, education,

health and welfare.

One question often raised about historical tracts like reports such as these is the degree of accuracy they contain. Both Cass and Dempsey admit that the reports may be subject to possessing information which is not totally factual. When asked as to where or how one draws the line between what is fact and what may be fiction, they say the researcher must determine that for themselves. Much of what they research is often verified through other sources.

The collection is now available for public use at Glenbow's archival section which is situated in the Calgary Convention Centre at 130-9 Avenue S.E.

AFN to meet in Edmonton

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EDMONTON

Edmonton will be the host city for the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) ninth general assembly starting May 30 to June 2.

The AFN assembly was to be held in Whitehorse but due to a shortage of hotel rooms and available air flights it was necessary to move the meeting to

Edmonton.

"We had hoped to fulfill our commitment of two years ago to hold a general assembly in Whitehorse, however the logistical problems proved to be too much," said national Chief Georges Erasmus in a press release. "We were fortunate enough to find suitable accommodations on such short notice in Edmonton."

Between 700 to 1,000

delegates and observers are expected to attend the meeting which will see the election for the office of the national chief says Liz Thunder, AFN parliamentary and first nations liaison.

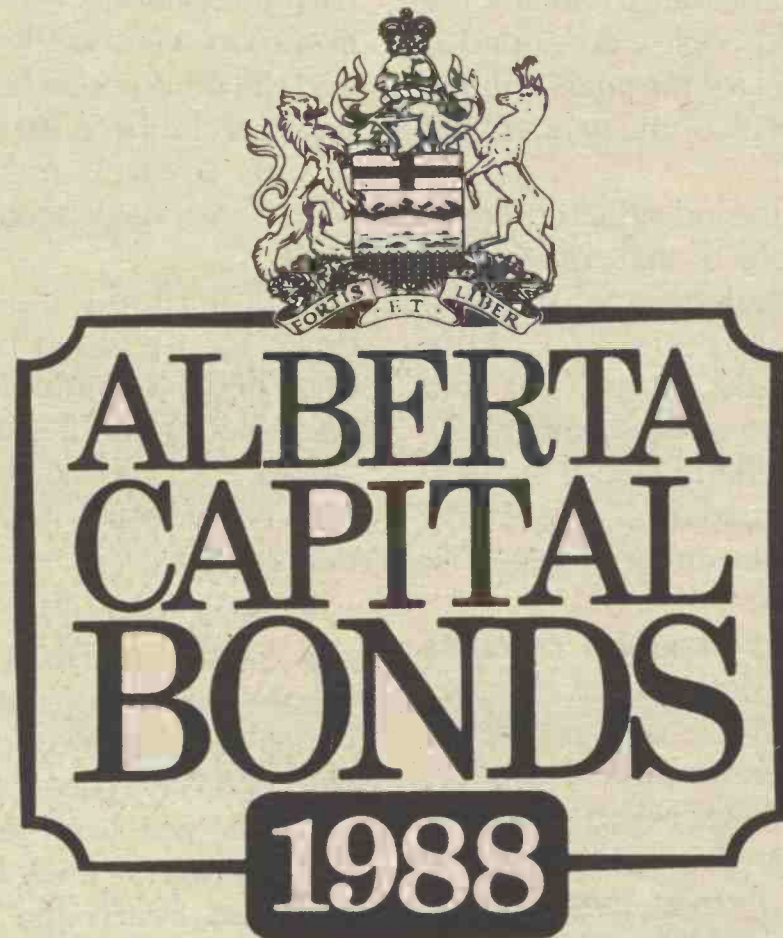
Erasmus has announced that he will be seeking a second three year term.

During the assembly the AFN will unveil plans to form an Aboriginal languages institute and will also discuss the latest

developments in re-opening constitutional talks with the federal government.

The theme of this year's assembly will be Sovereignty and Self-Determination: The Next Step and the agenda will include plenary and working group sessions dealing with topics such as constitutional reform, education, treaties and lands, jurisdiction, housing, health, child care, and international relations.

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GRASSROOTS

LYLE DONALD, Windspeaker

Spring jigging shakes up Metis community

BY LYLE DONALD
Windspeaker Correspondent

Hello again, I would like to start this report with a couple of messages from the Canadian Native Friendship Centre here in Edmonton. Effective immediately the kitchen will be closed for lunches during the summer with the exception of the Thursday steak day. Since we are on the topic of steaks, the price of their T-bones are going up a dollar, which will make it \$7 — still a very good price when you consider that includes a potato, salad, soup and bannock.

The CNFC will also be holding their 26th annual general meeting on Saturday, May 28 at 3 p.m. There are six board of director's positions up for grabs, and for all members who participate in the election — a free supper and dance. So get out there and get involved with our friendship centre.

I would like to offer my condolences to the Youngchief family in Kehewin in the passing of 19-year-old

Garth Youngchief. In my travels to different square dance competitions across the province we crossed paths with Garth and family and really admired him for the pride he took in his superb ability in square dance and the Red River jig. I know his friends in the square dance groups in Kehewin and Elizabeth settlement will also miss him dearly.

My favorite place to go on Fridays are the hall dances put on by United Metis Locals of greater Edmonton. During their April 22 dance a couple of more finalists advanced in their jigging contest. Coming down all the way from Kehewin and taking first place in the single competition was Gordon Youngchief and placing second was Jean Goulet of Edmonton. In the couples' competition was Gordon Youngchief and Lorette Jackknife, first, and Jonathon and Gina Donald.

This week saw the highest number of contestants entered in these "Metis aerobics" since the dances started. One of the

fancier high steppers in these Metis aerobics is Laurent Roy, the executive director of Native Outreach, who showed off his Ille la Crosse jig.

At the May 6 dance some more people were added to the list for the finals in June, when all of the winners will jig off.

In the individual contest a couple of sisters, Alvina Strasborgh (Zone 7 director) and her sister Lucille McLeod, took first and second place, respectively. No, when I said they were sisters, I did not mean nuns. But they are very respectful people.

In the couples' competition Metis Local 97 prez Joe Blyan and his better half Evelyn took top honors and our Mighty Metis Midget Lucille McLeod and her partner the Calahoo kid, Sid Karakonti took second prize.

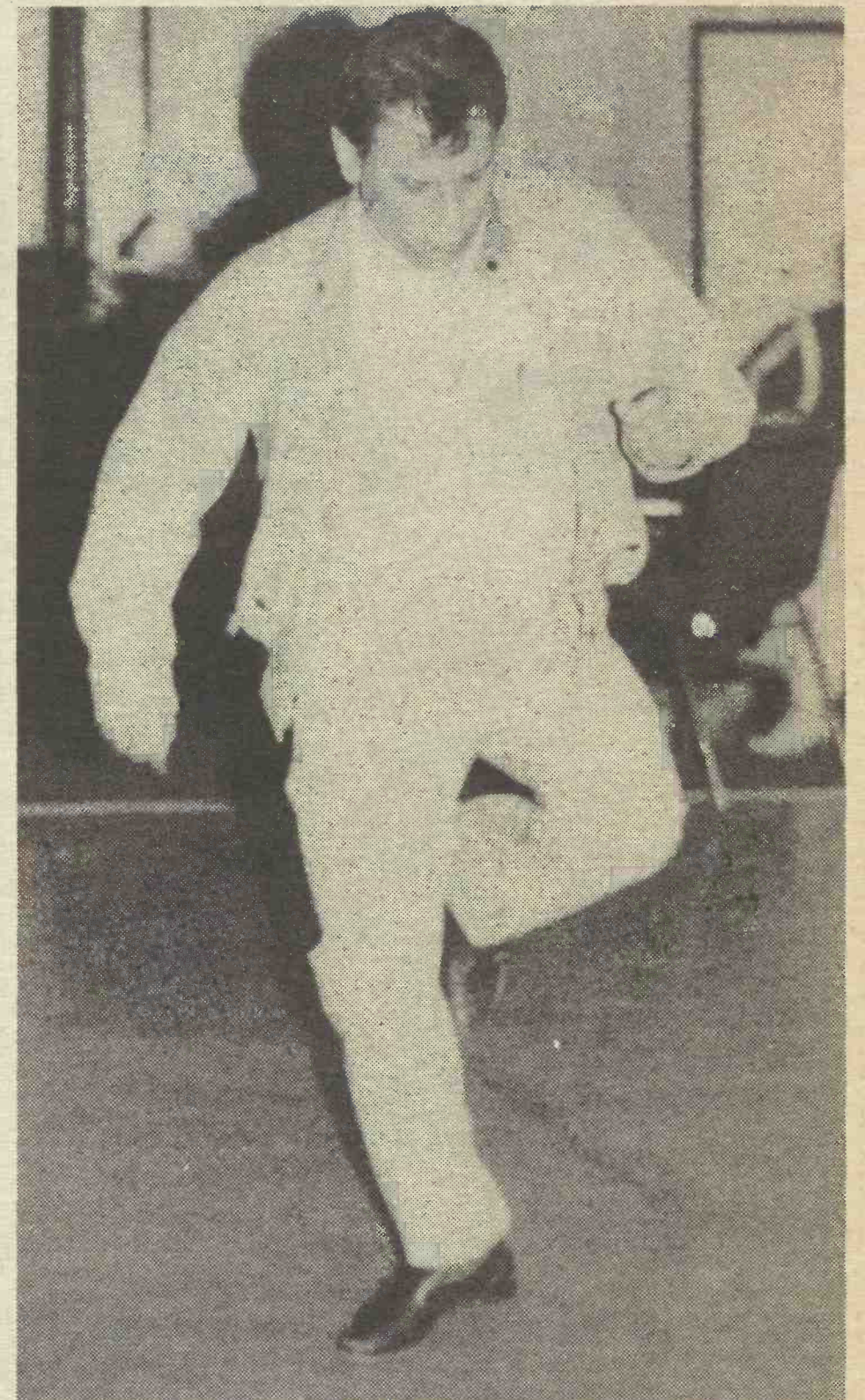
The Zone 4 Metis Regional Council has just recently moved to their new facilities located at Room 203, 10350 - 124 St. The new office has a whole lot more space than the old office and is more central. A lot of

provincial and federal bureaucrats joined in the open house, including vice-president Dan Martel's physician Dr. "Oops" Widowmaker. Dan recently had his appendix removed in surgery a few weeks ago, and the doctor said he was very careful because a slip of the scalpel and Mr. Martel may have become a Miss.

If you didn't make it down for the open house drop down anytime during office hours and the highly skilled and knowledgeable staff will give you a coffee and a tour.

What a team! No, I am not talking about the Edmonton Oilers but our Windspeaker slowpitch club. We have played twice and have won both games; the last one by 24-3. I was asked to coach the hard working production staff and you know the saying: your attitudes at work reflect your attitude on the field. Well, here are some of your favorite Windspeaker personalities on the field starting with our catcher Margaret Desjarlais. In the same way she punches the keys on her typesetter, Margaret punches the ball with her bat out in the field, and when she wants to rub my reputation in her Have you Heard? column. After she hits the ball and gets on base she rubs it in on our opponents.

Then there's our pitcher Kim "hoop the ball 12 feet high" McLain. Kim takes the same pride in the delivery of his pitches as his work on canvas; it's got to look good.



Doing the Ille la Crosse jig: Laurent Roy

Reporter Mark "Scoop" McCallum has no problem scooping stories, but when it comes to scooping up a line drive, it's different. In our last game Mark charged the ball, tripped to his knees, and made a dead stop which almost popped his contacts out of eyes. However, he made the play, which is what counts. And then there is our payroll person, Gwen Thiele. Because she does the freelance cheques, I am not going to say anything bad about her (you don't bite the hand that makes the cheques). She is our motivation on the field with her encouraging remarks, especially to Mark, like "if you don't try harder or hit

the ball, you can walk home." We plan on entering a few tournaments so watch out for us, we're a deadly team!

I would like to wish all Moms and Kookums a very happy belated Mother's Day. Mothers are very special people and more often the backbone of the family. Being a single parent myself it makes me appreciate the important role women play when it comes to raising children, making meals, keeping the house half decently clean and holding down a career.

Our prayers are with Amelia and Crystal Youngchief and Yvonne Cardinal who were all in the accident over the weekend and are in intensive care at the Royal Alexander hospital.

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GRASSROOTS



DROPPIN IN

By Mark McCallum

"They don't make 'em like they used to," and "it seems like just when everything is going fine, the warranty runs out and it breaks down," are cliches that don't apply to Assumption's Chief Harry Chonkolay.

This man has been at the helm of the Assumption band since 1938. That's a heck of an accomplishment when you stop and think about it. The Dene Tha' leader has been in power for a half century, which amounts to about 18,250 days through rain or shine. He has a better track record than Timex and some claim he gets better with age — sort of like a chunk of coal that eventually matures and turns into a diamond.

Chonkolay is planning to retire this year and the band will be hosting a celebration in his honor June 17 and 18. Assumption assistant band manager Harvey Denechoan says, "The chief will be given traditional gifts and probably a plaque to commemorate the last 50 years."

From everyone here at Windspeaker, may the Creator smile on you in retirement Mr. Chonkolay — the best years are yet to come.

Denechoan also wanted to send his best wishes out to an Assumption couple who are planning to tie the knot. Johnny Beaulieu Jr. and Genevieve Ahnassy will be joining in marriage on May 28 at the Assumption reserve.

From June 27 to July 2, a drug and alcohol abuse prevention conference will be held at Assumption. Denechoan explains the theme for the conference will be "sharing innovations that work." The event will feature workshops and guest speakers, many of them elders from the community. It will be rounded out by traditional activities such as handgames tournament and tea dances.

Now let's see what else is happening around the province.

FORT McMURRAY: Ships ahoy! That will be the cry off the Gregoire Lake later this year in September when a group of youngsters starts a Sea Cadet Core training program. The program is being initiated by Fort McMurray's Nistawayou Friendship Centre.

Ahoy is sailors lingo for how ya doin'? and is often used to hail ships. However, Friendship Centre manager Jerry Cuthbert explains the young boys and girls that enroll in the program will be trained in boats

Chonkolay celebrates 50th year as chief

rather than full scale ships. So if you see the young sailors who will range in ages from 12 to 18, make sure you say boat ahoy!

The Navy League of Canada has agreed to train would-be sailors at the Gregoire Lake, located immediately south of McMurray. Cuthbert says the navy league will run the cadet core training on an ongoing basis and "teach the young people about sailing. They'll learn things like first aid, leadership skills and the proper care and handling of firearms."

Cuthbert adds they are hoping to establish two permanent training bases at Gregoire Lake and Christina Lake. The latter is located about 150 km south of McMurray and will be open to residents from nearby communities like Conklin and Janvier.

DRIFTPILE: They're really spinning their wheels here. Residents will be competing in a "Bike-a-Thon" to Kinuso, some 30 km east of Driftpile reserve "just for the fun of it," says organizer Jessica Giroux. "The idea here is just to get out and get some fresh air."

Giroux predicts it will take about three hours to reach Spruce Point Park near Kinuso where they are

planning to have a picnic and perhaps a baseball game if anybody has any energy left.

EDMONTON: There will be something for everyone at a dance here on May 27, says organizer Metro Cardinal, the vice-president of the Oteenow Indian and Metis Social and Recreation Club.

Cardinal explains the club has put on about a half dozen dances since it was established earlier this year but not much attention was focused on local talent. That's changing, he says. The club is planning to feature more local fiddlers and jiggers at its upcoming dance.

Entertainment will also be provided by the Free Spirit country and rock band. "Everyone's invited to come down for a good time," says Cardinal, adding all proceeds will go toward activities at the club. The dance will be held at the Eastwood Hall (8611-118 Ave.).

And, like my granny used to say: "Keep your chin up or you'll run into a big black bear." I think it was something like that or maybe it could have had something to do with putting your shoes on the wrong foot. Anyway, the point is to be happy and have a great week!

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OUR MISTAKE

The Droppin' In column on page 7 of the May 13 issue of Windspeaker contained incorrect information regarding upcoming events. The Bigstone Cree Band National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (NNADAP) is supporting the May 27 feast and round dance, not the Bigstone Cree band. Also, NNADAP will be taking part in the conference aimed at conquering drug and alcohol abuse, not sponsoring it. A page 1 story entitled "Documents reveal govt's plan to limit Native program funds" stated federal funds for Native people could jump from \$2.9 billion to \$3.8 billion. It should have read \$3.8 billion.

Windspeaker Powwow Country issue on page 22 a story entitled "Wolfe's shyness fades when he dons eagle and feather headdress" stated Lauren Wolfe weighs 140 pounds. In fact, he weights 240 pounds.

The Windspeaker Calendar of Events

- ❑ **8th Annual Powwow**, May 27-30, Okeehchee Park, West Palm Beach, Florida (Forest Hill Blvd., 7 miles west of I-95). Public welcome.
- ❑ **5th Annual Juried Alberta Native Art Festival — ASUM MENA**, deadline for submissions June 1. Contact Alberta Indian Arts & Crafts Society and enter early.
- ❑ **Treaty Days & Halfway House Opening**, June 8, Frog Lake.
- ❑ **Annual Memorial Fastball Tournament**, June 18-19, Louis Bull.
- ❑ **Crow Fair**, June 25 & 26, Cody, Wyoming.

GRASSROOTS

Native halfway house residents will miss old location

BY ALBERT CRIER
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

Residents of the only Native halfway house are afraid its move to the jail atmosphere of Grierson Centre in Edmonton will hamper their re-entry into society.

The Native Counselling Services of Alberta (NCSA), which operates the halfway house called Kochee Mena hope the move will help rather than hinder their Native clients.

"The positives outweigh the negatives because more funds to increase services to offenders will be available when NCSA takes over administration

of the Grierson Centre," said Keith Purvis, director of programs at NCSA.

Current and former Kochee Mena residents feel work inspired by Native inmates to reduce the number of Natives returning to jail will be set back with the closure of the halfway program.

"It's a step backwards," said resident Donnie Yellowfly, a day parolee now serving a life sentence.

For more than 20 years, explained Yellowfly, Native inmates had discussed ways to secure freedom away from jail at Native Brotherhood meetings held inside prisons.

"This place is the best, it is least institutionalized and

the atmosphere is more relaxed. Here there is an open path to integrate into the community sooner," said Yellowfly, who has experienced other halfway house programs.

"Native offenders have never had the kind of encouragement they receive here. Other places watch you very closely and the staff do not seem to want to understand Native cultural values," added Percy Whitford, who is now on a close supervision bail program, which requires that he report daily to Kochee Mena.

The Kochee Mena program promotes a daily supervised routine that allows the residents to experience a "normalized living" arrangement with

residents sharing apartments. The program is housed in a residential area in Edmonton.

Residents go to work or school and generally lead lives comparable to average citizens with the exception of daily supervision.

"We often go to traditional spiritual sweat ceremonies led by Elders who also provide us with spiritual and personal guidance counselling," said Yellowfly.

A major concern of the residents is the return to a harsh environment that strictly enforces rigid rules and behavior at the Grierson Centre.

"Grierson has guards or ex-guards as staff, Kochee Mena has ex-inmates as staff who treat residents as human beings rather than

just another number," said Whitford, who has been in the prison system for 24 years.

Residents also point to the high cost of keeping an offender in jail, which costs up to \$50,000 dollars a year.

NCSA is the only private agency which bid to operate the Grierson Centre and has a transitional plan to move the residents and the program to the federal institution.

"It's only a matter of when the three-year-old Kochee Mena program will move," said Claire Sherwin, spokesman for the provincial Solicitor General's department, in a telephone interview last January.

Because Grierson is an institution, it will have to be

operated as an institution, said Purvis. He added that components of the Kochee Mena program will be transferred to Grierson.

The transition will begin in April when Kochee Mena staff train to run Grierson followed by support training for a year.

When the move begins residents will have a choice of either moving to Grierson, another halfway house or returning to an institution said Purvis.

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Paddle happenings

BY EVERETT LAMBERT
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PADDLE PRAIRIE

H'loo. Well, things are still going pretty good in Paddle Prairie nowadays. Settlement vice-chairman Dwayne Calliou says there have been no allegations and there are no alligators.

On the serious side, the local Northlands School Board will be electing two new board members on May 18. May the best man or woman win.

High Level. So you're wonderin' what's happening in that neck of the woods nowadays, eh? Well, let me tell ya'.

June 9 is the grand opening of the new Canadian Native Friendship Centre.

And let me tell you — this is one classy building where some of our lucky kin will work. I hear Native Outreach and possibly another Native group will be officed there too. It's all cedar finished on the outside and stands a good three or four stories high.

White Braid will be kickin' up their heels for the situation and if the brass let's me go, I'll catch ya' there.

On June 17 Chief Harry Chonkolay of the Dene Tha' band will be celebrating his 50th Anniversary as leader of the Slavey people in northern Alberta. It's not every chief who gets to experience this golden feeling so it should be an event to remember. I'm not sure if the event's in town or

in nearby Assumption home of the Slavey people — but it should be interesting. Congratulations Harry! I hear tell there's going to be chiefs there from all over attending.

Along with that there'll be Treaty 8 Days for the Little Red River, Dene Tha', Boyer River and Tall Cree bands. And it will probably take place on one of those reserves. Logical deduction, eh? That's June 10 by the way. Shortly after that will be the Eleske Pilgrimage on July 9 and 10.

So, there's a whole mess of activities coming at us real soon up here in the Great White North.

In closing, I'd like to congratulate Rodeo Drive of Peace River for completing their first road show.

They've just finished shows in Hay River and High Level and will soon be moving back up to Fort Smith and then work their way back to the Silver Spur in Peace River. Buddy Gaucher, originally of West Moberly Lake Cree Band in B.C. and Jim Durocher of Peace River sing for the band.

Good luck Rodeo Drive and may the force be with you. By the way, Rodeo Drive is supposed to be some main street down in some West Coast city in the U.S. where a whole bunch of country bands play. Keep 'er up boys and you just might be a pickin' and a grinnin' down there some fine day.

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Emil Durocher dies at 85

Oldtime procession marks passing of respected elder

BY DIANE PARENTEAU
Windspeaker Correspondent

FISHING LAKE

Family, friends and the community recently bid a humble farewell to one of the oldest Fishing Lake settlers. In the morning hours of April 20 Emil Durocher passed away in the Elk Point hospital. He was 85.

Born in the St. Albert area April 30, 1903, Durocher made his way to the unsettled area around Fishing Lake with his older brother Joe when he was just a young man.

"My dad came here when he was 19- or 20-years old," said William Durocher, one of 10 sons in a family of 11 children. "First time they got here there wasn't anything here - just bush and wild game. No trails even."

He had lived in St. Paul, Moose Mountain and LeGoff while growing up and was looking for land and a permanent home. "He was looking for a place to settle down," said Durocher. "He (was thinking) about his generation not himself."

Emil Durocher always kept a herd of 15 or 20 horses used for working or riding.

"I remember going out to

work with my father (for distant farmers) with a team of horses. We'd camp any place," said Durocher, who was just 10-years-old at the time.

His father made 60 cents an acre for stooking a light crop and up to 80 cents for a heavy crop.

Teams and wagons were a necessity in past times and even when cars started appearing around the country, Emil Durocher preferred to travel with horses.

"He used to deal at Frog Lake store, not quite an hour going there and another going home," said Durocher. "First time when he was young he used to always come home with a different horse. He would trade them with someone in Frog Lake. Towards the end he wouldn't trade."

Ten years ago Emil Durocher moved into the extended care unit of the Elk Point hospital. Up until a couple of years before that, he still used a team. "He used to like that - driving horses. It was his favorite," said Durocher. "I like to see the country said my father, meet people on the road and sit and talk."

Granddaughter Doris Durocher remembers her Mooshum for the stories he used to tell. A familiar one

was about the annual St. Joseph's pilgrimage. "He used to tell me about the pilgrimage at Kehewin," she said. "He used to say so many stories."

"It was like a wagon train," added William who went along on some of the trips. "You could hear bells all over."

Emil Durocher who spoke French, Chipewyan, Cree and English attended meetings when attempts were being made to establish Fishing Lake as a Metis settlement.

"He used to travel to a lot of meetings at Elizabeth (settlement) with a team of horses," said William. He was too young at the time to know the extent of his father's work.

Funeral services for Emil Durocher, which almost doubled the community's 350 population, were held at St. Eugene church in Fishing Lake April 23. Following the mass, a team of ponies wearing ribbons of white and black lead the oldtime procession to the cemetery.

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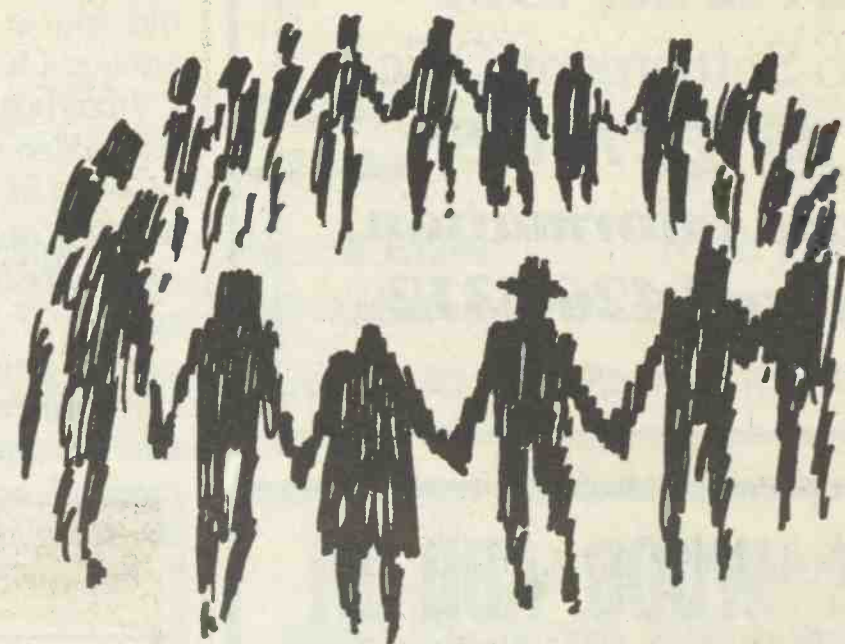
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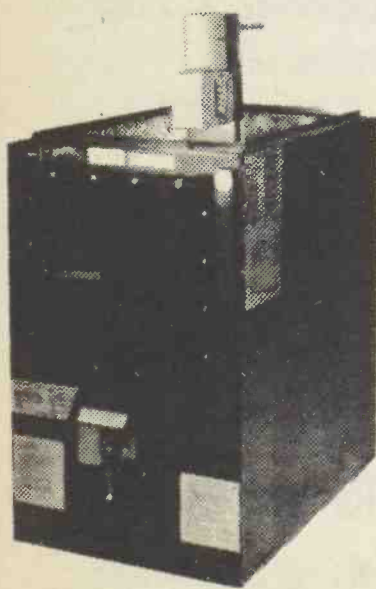
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CLARA YELLOWKNEE, Windspeaker



Scraping moose hide on a chilly day: St. Theresa school students

Students learn old ways

BY CLARA YELLOWKNEE
Windspeaker Correspondent

WABASCA-DESMARAIS

The St. Theresa school students have now finished two projects: the moose hide tanning and the sap making. Pictures of the sap project will be included in the next report.

It is clear to see that the students enjoyed working on the moose hide even though it was very cold at the time.

Here is an interesting essay written by 76-year-old Marie Rose Gladue, entitled *Our Old Times*:

I was born in this community called Wabasca. I was raised in St. John's Anglican Mission at an early age. I was there till I was 16 years old, in those times you could only go up to a certain grade. A year after I left the mission life I got married and that's where the story starts.

I'm writing for all the

other women at that time, as I am sure they went through the same hardships I went through in order to survive and raise our children. In those times your marriage vows stood no matter what problems you encountered.

When my first child was almost a year old, we women had to go with our men to their traplines, which was down the Wabasca River. Most families moved their families with them since it was hard travelling back and forth to and from their traplines during the winter months.

We would all travel in groups and start off in September. Three or four families would travel by canoe, along with our in-laws.

It took us about a week to get to our destination. There was always a moose or two killed on the way and dry meat was dried for two days. There we would

spend the next 10 months or so.

As soon as we arrived at our campsite and the men started building log cabins where we were to live. We brought along a small wood heater which was used for warmth and cooking. Some made their own stoves out of mud or clay, straw and branches. It was a high open fireplace that went up to the ceiling. A heavy piece of iron was placed across for pots to hang. Bannock was cooked on the hot coals. Some of us even made bread — lard pails with covers were used as the pails had to be covered under the hot ashes. The bread took about an hour to cook.

While the men were busy building the cabins, this meant that everyone helped one another, the women picked berries. We found ways to preserve berries to last us into the winter months.

My first winter on the Wabasca River was not completed, I had to return home to Wabasca by dog team which took three days. I must say it was difficult with a baby and it was so cold.

The next winter we returned to our trapline but by now I had two children and another on the way. The same families returned with us, and again the men had to build cabins as another campsite had to be chosen due to trapping.

In the month of November of that year a premature baby was born and where was the incubator? The grandmother found something to use — a rabbit skin that had been stretched and dried. The baby was also kept in a dark place and fed with a dropper for 10 days until she could be bottle fed.

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TERRY LUSTY, Windspeaker

About 800 attend Muskweches College event**Hobbema powwow honors post-secondary students**BY TERRY LUSTY
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBBEMA

The director for Hobbema's Muskweches Cultural College expressed extreme pleasure that their May 13-14 powwow attracted about 800 people to pay tribute to more than a hundred students taking post-secondary education programs.

Fred Carnew said he didn't expect such a large turnout for the powwow at the Panee Agriplex. He was especially impressed with the Dene Tha' drummers and singers who travelled all the way south to Hobbema. In the words of Carnew, their performance was "outstanding."

Another special feature was the hoop dance performed by 16-year-old Gary Starr who has been

living in Vancouver but was on his way home to Saskatchewan's Starblanket reserve where he is to be reunited with relatives.

A total of 23 students were honored and presented with eagle feathers for graduating. Another 100 were awarded certificates for completing their courses which ranged from beadwork, shorthand, Cree or skills training to computer operation.

Also honored with the presentation of eagle feathers were elders Abe Saddleback and Mabel Bull. Saddleback worked at the college for several years as an elder and instructed Cree language and culture. Bull has been on the college board since its founding 12 years ago.

The college president, Maurice Wolfe, says he hopes the powwow will remain an annual event. He

particularly commended the community at large, the emcees, staff, students and visitors for coming out to support the powwow.

Fourteen students in the university program have completed two years and will be moving on to university at Calgary or Edmonton for their final two years said Carnew.

In the meantime, the college is campaigning for funds to establish a new structure which would more adequately meet the growing needs of the college, said Wolfe.



Community support appreciated: 23 students honored

Conference explores action against substance abuse

In order for Native communities to overcome alcohol and drug problems, community members must become knowledgeable about ways to help and be willing to work together. Community leaders, workers and members at large all need to be involved.

This effort is the topic of a conference to be held in Slave Lake on June 10, 11 and 12.

The theme of the conference is "Mamawihkamato-tak" (Let's work together and help each other) and it is open to anyone who is concerned about alcohol and drug abuse in the community.

During the conference, speakers from Alkali Lake, O'Chiese reserve, Prince George, B.C. and Nechi Institute will share their experiences and ideas about how to help get a community sober.

The conference begins at the Slave Lake arena on Friday, June 10 with Chief Theresa Strawberry and NNADAP program supervisor Phyllis Strawberry from O'Chiese reserve, describing their community's journey toward sobriety in the past two years. They will explain with the help of video how they've involved the whole

community in the process and held the first mobile treatment program in Alberta.

Alkali Lake has become famous for its successful struggle against alcoholism. The community, once known as Alcohol Lake, went from 95 per cent active alcoholism to 95 per cent sobriety over a 10-year period. During the conference, Alkali Lake community members will share the steps which led them to sobriety and explain how people can take action to rebuild communities.

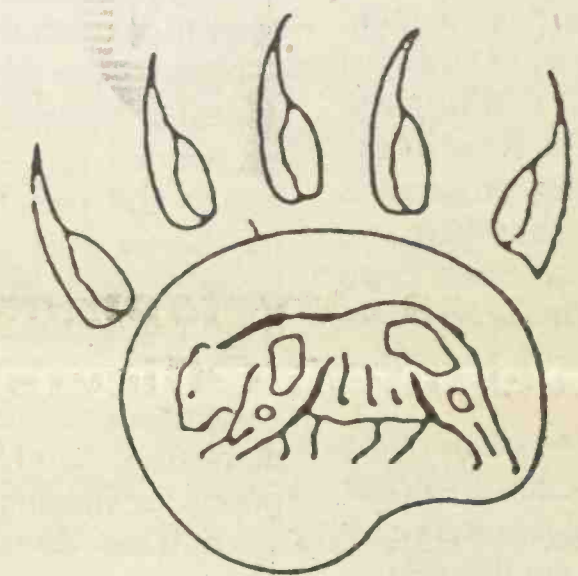
In another workshop, Paul Hanki, project coordinator of mobile treatment programs in British Columbia will speak on the mobile treatment process and community initiatives. A workshop on solvent abuse and community action will also be presented by Nechi Institute.

Friday evening of the conference will feature the Waseskuan Cultural Dancers, Blue Sky (Metis) Dancers and Slave Lake Native Dancers along with a round dance.

Saturday evening, a sober dance will be held at the Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre with music by the Ray Fox Show featuring Priscilla Morin and her band.

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OUR PEOPLE

Lifeskills program changes attitudes, lives

BY MARK McCALLUM
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Wayne Reindeer and Maurice Blackman met at a party about two months ago. They talked and began to discover that although they seemed different on the surface, they had much in common.

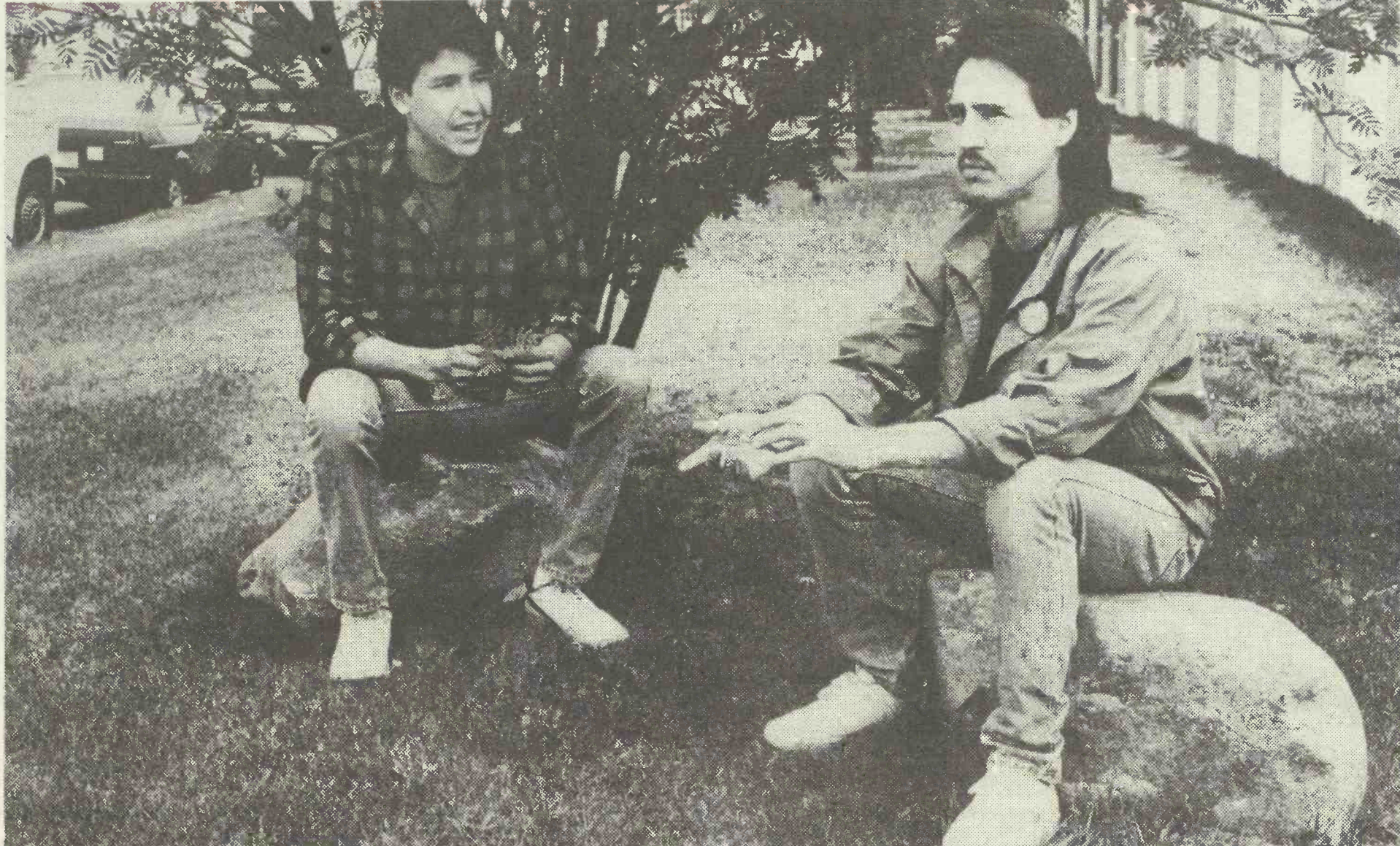
Both were on the wagon fighting the temptation of alcohol which had threatened to ruin their lives more than once. Neither drank on this occasion and they continued their conversation.

Reindeer told his new-found friend he was searching for a change and had stumbled across something he believed might make a difference. He enrolled in a seven-week course called the Life Management Skills Program at Edmonton's Grierson Centre and convinced Blackman to join the program as well.

Now, after completing the program on May 6, they agree it has helped them pick up the pieces and start fresh. "It's a stepping-stone," says Reindeer. "The (lifeskills) program is only the start but my confidence has never been higher and I'm more aware of myself and everyone around me."

Tried suicide: The older of the two at age 30, Reindeer once tried to commit suicide by swallowing a handful of prescription pills and using a bottle of whiskey as a chaser.

"It wasn't too hard to see



"If you're unhappy about your life. Do something!": Maurice Blackman and Wayne Reindeer

I was screwed up," states the Fort McPherson, N.W.T. native. "I was sitting on a lot of bad feelings and didn't know what to do with them."

Nine to five jobs had no appeal to Reindeer, but still he needed money to buy booze and pills. He spent the better part of his life looking for a quick buck which sometimes landed him in jail.

Reindeer had just finished doing a six month stretch in prison for stealing a friend's car and his release in early March was no big occasion. The last time he was paroled he was back behind bars within 24 hours for theft.

"Prison was an escape for me because I couldn't deal with my life...I went to jail for stealing a friend's car and you know I never even went back to say I was sorry; I wanted to be charged — I wanted to go to jail."

More pressure: Now, Reindeer was facing the outside world and all its pressures again. But, this time he wanted a fresh start and decided to join the lifeskills program.

On the surface, Blackman's life appeared almost perfect. He was a hard worker and was rarely without a job. "I thought I was Mr. Perfect," recalls the Cold Lake native. "I

didn't think there was anything wrong with my life...I never went to jail in my life and was always working and making money."

But, something was desperately wrong. The 23-year-old drank heavily and lost all interest in everything around him. His on and off again relationship with a woman ended abruptly, soon after she discovered extracurricular activities like drinking also included dating other women at random.

Blackman lost all hope and tried to find refuge in a bottle. He spent last Christmas alone in his Edmonton apartment waiting for the phone to ring. He had convinced himself that if it didn't he would end his life. The phone rang and he spent the rest of the holiday

season at a friend's place sobering up.

Becoming productive: The lifeskills program is "designed to help people enter the work force and become more productive members of society," says Grierson resource person Ron Nordli. But, he quickly adds, "That's the textbook meaning."

"What we try to do here is change attitudes because sometimes people accumulate behaviors that are not appropriate for a healthy lifestyle."

The course shows lifeskills students alternative ways to spend their free time. "What some people consider entertainment is actual self-destructive...like going to the bar," explains Nordli. "We show students what can be done for entertainment on a limited budget."

The lifeskills students

also learn more positive ways to interact in relationships with family members and co-workers. The students take a serious look at their own personalities in group settings with other students offering their opinions.

Bottled emotions: "We hope the students can find a happy middle ground — a balance," says Nordli.

"What happens a lot of the time is that this person will end up bottling up all their emotions and eventually just explode. They might go out on a drunk or steal a car or assault someone...we try and get them to release these feelings."

Blackman agrees. "I had a lot of different fronts and the only time I felt good was when I was drinking — it gave me confidence. But, today, I like myself."

"When I went into the (lifeskills) program, I was sort of hesitant at first...but, I told myself 'Give it a chance Maurice.' And, I found myself opening up to these people (in the lifeskills groups)."

If you're unhappy with your own life, Reindeer insists, "Do something! You can sit in the bar and talk about it all you want, but you have to do it and (the) lifeskills (program) is just one place you can go."

Blackman and Reindeer are currently rooming together in an Edmonton apartment. Reindeer has been sober since March and plans to take a university entrance program at the Concordia College. Blackman has been alcohol and drug free since January. He is hoping to land a job and perhaps pick up a trade in an outdoor job.

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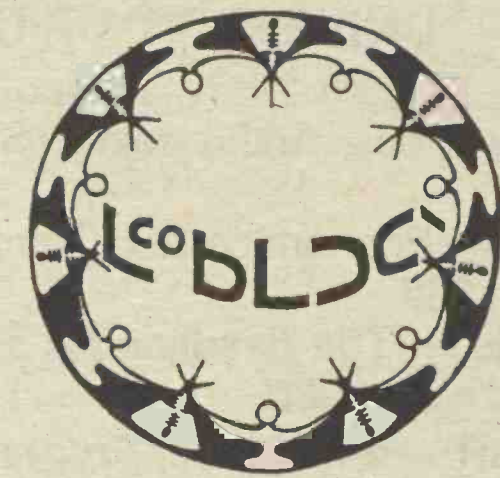
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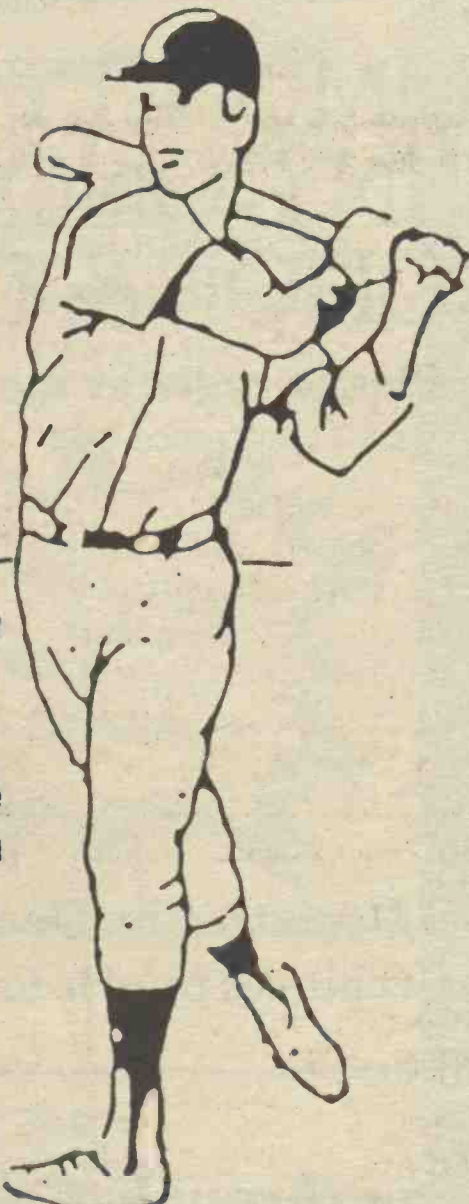
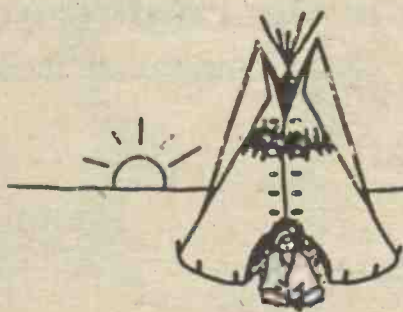
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Top two winners at CNFC tournament: Sykes Powderface and Wilf McDougal

Golfers brave high winds and rain, sun shines for tournament finals

BY **TERRY LUSTY**
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

Hindered by wind and rain on day one, the Canadian Native Friendship Centre's (CNFC) sixth annual golf tournament wound up on a sunnier note the following day, May 15. The centre's program director, Gordon Russell, said the rain and high winds was a definite factor for a smaller number of entries for this year's contest which registered 52 entrants compared with more than 80 the previous year.

Not only was the tourney blessed with sunshine for

its second day of play, it even finished at a decent hour, about 5 p.m., which is the time frame for most other years when both days have had good weather.

In the senior division, Sykes Powderface overcame Wilf McDougal to take first while McDougal hung in for second. Three other divisions were also contested in the annual event.

Hobbema's Pat Buffalo was first in the championship flight, followed by Ernie Cardinal of Edmonton and Chris Johnson, Hobbema. Dennis Buffalo beat out fellow Hobbema resident Joey Potts for first in first

flight and Raymond Cardinal of Saddle Lake had to take a backseat to Gregg Smith, Peigan, for first in second flight.

In the womens' divisions, Caen Bly from Blood reserve outdid second place finisher Joyce Mandamin for first flight honors while Hobbema's Holly Johnson upset Dorothy Simon, also of Hobbema, and Enoch's Deborah Morin to win the championship flight.

The final category, peewees, was won by Darren Simon of Hobbema followed by Henry John of Kehewin and Kevin Buffalo of Hobbema.

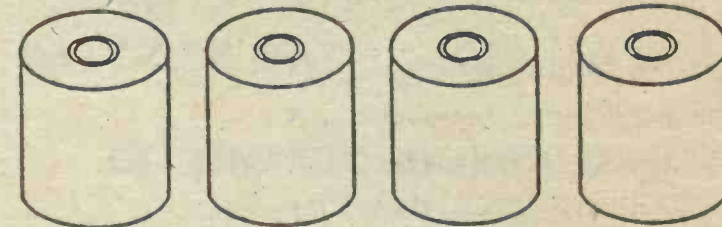


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By Kim McLain

Playing with fire

Did I ever tell you about the time I nearly burned down the Rocky Boy reserve?

I was seven. Our family lived on a hill in a little cabin shack. I remember my boxing coach driving me home.

"Where do you live?" he asked me. "I'll drive you there."

"No, that's okay, I'll just walk from here," I replied, adding: "You see that hill there with that little shack, well, I live in a big brand new house just behind the hill," I said, lying, ashamed of where I lived. Sometimes my life as a child was abundant in nerdity.

Anyway, back to the real story.

It was a spring day like today — very dry. Mom was doing her annual spring cleanup. She'd bag the garbage and I had the job of carrying the trash to a burning barrel.

Early on in the day I dropped a piece of burning paper on the short grass and watched the little grass fire burn for a while. I was so mesmerized that I thought I'd just let it burn a little longer and stamp it out on my next trip to the trash can. The blaze was too small now, no challenge in fighting this fire, I thought to myself.

The next time I came back to the trash barrel the fire had spread about 10 feet. Still too small, I thought, leaving it to burn until the next time.

Next thing I know my mom's beating this huge grass fire with an old coat. The wind is sweeping the smoke and fire back and forth. Now here's a challenge, I thought to myself as I ran toward the fire, eager to do some serious firefighting.

A little later we had the fire under control and not a moment too soon. It had spread within six feet of our little log cabin. But it didn't reach...no harm done, so I thought.

Late that night we were awakened by someone banging on our bedroom window. A pile of logs next to our house must have harbored a spark all day long and the night wind had ignited the spark and soon the logs were ablaze and flames brushed against the walls of our home.

Luckily our neighbors were alert and phoned the fire truck and soon the blaze was under control before our house could catch fire.

All through the shouting adults, sirens and phone calls, I kept my mouth shut. And it wasn't until several years later (when I was bigger than my mom) did I mention that I started the first fire on purpose, just for some excitement.

How's that for the true confessions of a childhood chaos junkie?

FORT CHIP: Seven runners from the Osakochihiwew running club started in a race with 40 times the population of their home town Fort Chip — that's 60,000 runners!

The race, called the Bloomsday Run is held every year in Spokane, Washington on May 1 and is known as the world's largest times marathon (7.6 miles) says Ross Munro, coach of the running club.

It took the team five days to get to downtown Spokane.

First they flew from Fort Chip to Lethbridge, where they visited the Head-Smashed-in-Buffalo Jump and

Frank's Slide. From Lethbridge they rented a van and drove through British Columbia, crossing the border into Idaho.

Apparently the Spokane newspaper had done an article on the team and the customs officials recognized the travellers from the story. So, like celebrities, they were welcomed to the United States.

After a stay in Sandpoint, Idaho, the team visited the universities of Idaho and Washington. At the Washington State University they met Gabriel Tiako, current Olympic silver medalist in marathon running. Tiako took some time out of training schedule to visit and take pictures with the team. In Tiako's homeland of Kenya, a stamp had been minted and a life size statue was erected in his honor. "It was neat to meet a national hero," said Munro.

Next stop Spokane.

"The atmosphere was festive," said Munro. The team watched a morning parade, shopped at a huge athletic goods trade show, looked over the course and capped off the day with an all-out steak supper. Warren-John shocked his teammates when he ordered a 26-ounce steak and ate it all!

By six the next morning the streets were already bustling with people.

"The numbers of people were intimidating," said Munro. "So we held hands in a circle and told each other that we were running for ourselves, for Fort Chip that we belong here."

A few hours later, the starting gun was sounded, but many runners could only stand and wait until the front runners moved forward.

"It took a good mile or two before we could even start running (at a decent pace)."

The race started at three different streets, about 20,000 runners at each starting point, and merged together about a mile down the course. There was a huge traffic jam where the streets funnelled together, said Munro, adding that the Fort Chip runners were toward the front so they were a few steps ahead of the jam.

When it was all over 53,100 runners crossed the finish line, including seven from Fort Chip with impressive standings: Dee Ladouceur 10,277; Fiona Savage 10,257; Joyce Decoine 6,663; Lois Ladouceur 6,343; Steve Champagne 6,119; Warren-John Simpson 2,224 and Ross Munro finished 340th.

"I couldn't walk for a couple of days," joked Munro, "but after the race we all had a good relaxed feeling. It was like everybody knew everybody."

EDMONTON: If you look at the Edmonton Sun sports stats page, just to the right of the NHL standings, you'll find the standings of the Oteenow Eagles fastball club. And, right there in black and white, you'll see that the team hasn't lost a game yet. Four games, four wins.

"We've been moved up a division and won our last game 10-0 so they might move us up again," said Metro Cardinal, manager of the team.

At first the Oteenow Rec Society didn't think they'd get to play fastball this year since all the spots on the Edmonton Men's Fastball League were taken. But at the last moment someone dropped out and Metro got a call saying his team was playing the next day. So Metro and Noel Cardinal got on the horn and got a team together fast, and it seems like a good one.

See if you recognize some names: Rod Sinclair, Mel McRee, Doug Auger, Bill Giroux, Rick Boudreau, Skip Auger, Brad LeTendre, player-coach Noel Cardinal, pitcher Fred Cross (who's kept the opposing teams' scores at zero so far) and a few more players.

So everything's just great. But it cost the Eagles \$1,100 to get into the league, plus they need uniforms (valued at about \$700) The Metis Association of Alberta has helped out with \$500 but "another 12 bills will make us look like a team," said Metro. Contact Metro or Joe at 474-9418 or 476-6847 if you can help out these winners.

Two more items from Oteenow: First off, the rec club wants to form a coed slowpitch team after the Victoria Day long weekend for playing in tournaments.

And, they're having a dance with live entertainment and cash bar at the Eastwood hall May 27.

Again, phone Metro or Joe for more info.

HOBBERMA: The Hobbema Hawks organization had 105 players show up at their spring camp session at the Four Band arena May 7-8.

"Right now I'm looking at a chart with 85 names on it," said coach Gary Braun in a phone interview from his office in Hobbema. "And we've got a list of 30 guys (picked out for the August training camp)."

The Hawks have "bird-doggers" all across western Canada who give the Hawks hierarchy a list of potential players. It was from that list, plus the coaches own observations, that the 105 were invited.

After August, only 20 will be signed on the Hawks roster.

At the end of the last season they lost their assistant captain, captain, a strong defenceman and leading scorer due to age requirements.

"But that's junior hockey," said Braun. "We're always in a state of change."

He added that some candidates coming back next year will move into those positions of leadership.

And, as always, visiting players were impressed with the Hobbema facilities and the way the Hawks organization conducts themselves.

THE INFAMOUS WINDSPEAKER HOCKEY DRAFT: Sigh. I'm mourning the New Jersey Devils. So close, yet so far. And as you might know, the only players I had left on the draft were Devils. Actually, I don't even want to keep score anymore, never mind talk about the draft. But it's only fair to mention the new draft leaders, especially since I bragged about my lead two weeks back. Sigh.

Actually, there is no distinct leader — everyone is within five points of one another and have at least two players left for the final Oiler-Bruin series. In the lead pack are Terry/Lyle, Bert, Dorothy, Perry, Mark and Gwen/Carol. I'll predict Bert to win since he has Anderson and Bruin's Bourque and Kluzak. Perry (our darkroom critter) will come second with all Bruins Linsman, Kasper and Neely. Third place is a toss up.

These fellow Windspeakers around here have no sympathy. Even though they know how sensitive I am to New Jersey jokes they still taunt me with that question: What do the Devils and a training bra have in common? All hope and no cup. And to top it all off, someone's tacked on an obituary graphic on my draft list. How cruel.

Well, I have to go morn now. See you next week.

Hockey parents praised at banquet

BY JOHN FLETCHER
Windspeaker Correspondent

SADDLE LAKE

Over 360 people, parents and minor league hockey players attended the year end minor hockey banquet here.

Head table guests included Chief Eugene Steinhauer, council members, coaches of minor hockey teams and

guest speaker John Fletcher.

Special awards went to the Saddle Lake Tykes for their winning playoffs in the Treaty 6 Native Zone Tyke Division and the provincial Native championship.

The peewee division was singled out for their provincial championship in the Native playoffs.

The single thing that came out of this well-

organized season was the parent involvement. It showed at the banquet with so many parents attending. One parent was given a special award as the "Fan of the Year Award" — Lynn McGilver, who has a son in minor hockey. Victor Houle received a special award from the parents of the tyke division — a beautiful hand-carved

plaque for his work as the coach this past season.

The speakers all praised the hockey players and the parents for the fine season. Chief Steinhauer was the first speaker of the evening and he gave recognition to the youth and the parents. Elder Joe Cardinal said "these young people grow up so fast we must help them."

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Minor hockey people honored**Hockey season ends in style at Kikino**

BY GEORGE LAFLEUR
Special to Windspeaker

KIKINO METIS SETTLEMENT,
Alta.

The skates, uniforms, sticks and pucks have been packed away for over a month, but for the Kikino Minor Hockey teams, the 1987-88 season officially came to an end on May 1.

The season ending dinner was held at the Kikino

community hall as the Metis settlement paid tribute to its aspiring hockey stars through the Esso Participation Award and Medals of Achievement program.

For the past six years, Esso has presented certificates and medals to the most improved, most sportsmanlike and most valuable players in minor hockey.

In the novice category, the most improved player was awarded to Travis Cardinal while Jody Thompson won the most sportsmanlike medal. Lee Hardy, who was the leading scorer for the Kikino Blues team was awarded the most valuable player medal.

The coach of the Blues team, Randy Hardy, was also presented an Esso Participation Award for

leading his team to the Lakeland Minor Hockey League championships. Angela Cardinal, assistant coach was also presented with a Participation Award.

Aaron LaFleur was the most improved player medal winner for the Kikino Braves Bantam team while Tim Cardinal took the honors as the most sportsmanlike.

On April 19 Mark Calliou

was honored as the outstanding male athlete of Kikino at the Celebration 88 awards dinner and was honored once again as he took the most valuable player medal.

Coaches Dean Thompson and Elwin Thompson were also presented with Esso Participation certificates for their contributions to the success of the Bantam hockey team, who lost to

Mallaig in the league finals.

Dave Cunningham, Esso representative from Lac La Biche was on hand to present the certificates and medals while Gerald White, MC, kept the audience amused with humorous anecdotes as each player was introduced.

A buffet style dinner wrote the end to another successful minor hockey season in Kikino.

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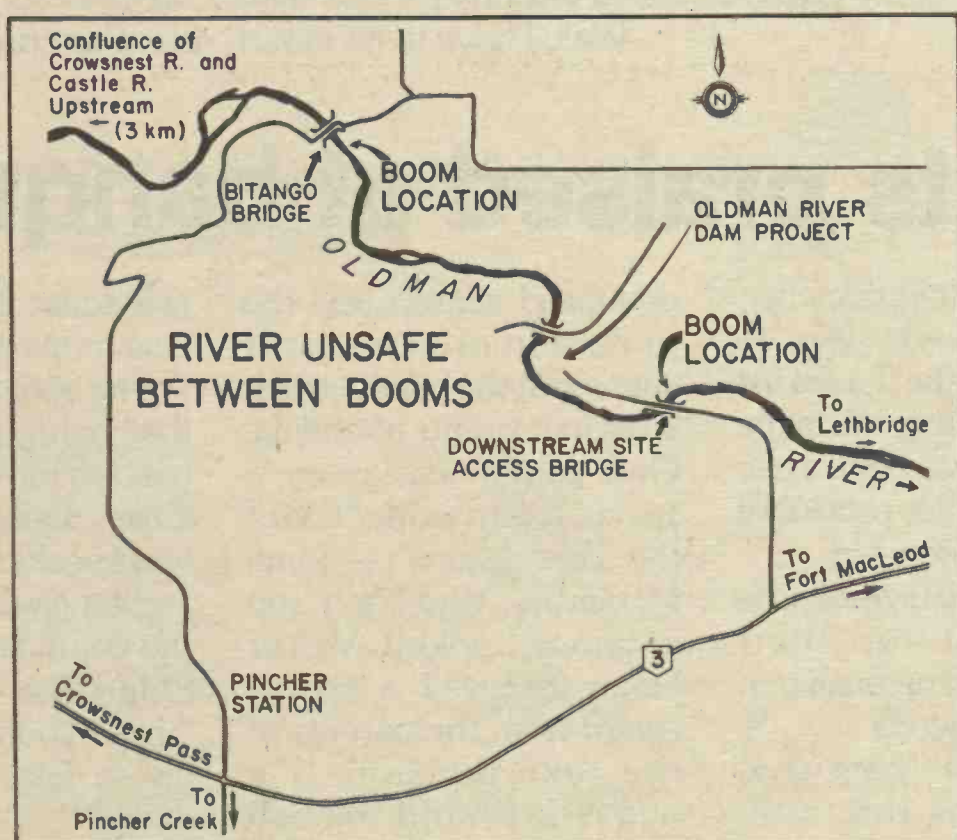
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Falcons win fastball event in showdown with Lethbridge

BY M. CROW HEALY
Windspeaker Correspondent

STAND OFF, Alta.

Fastball is in full swing here on the Blood reserve and the Stand Off Falcons are a tough team to put down as they proved at the May 13-15 tourney in Moses Lake.

The Falcons started the tourney with a loss to the Lethbridge Golden Hawks 2-1. But they came back the hard way through the Diggers, Blues and Playboys

to contend with the Golden Hawks again in the final besting the Lethbridge team 7-2.

For their efforts, the Falcons earned the first place title, trophy and cash while the Golden Hawks took second having stayed on top against the Falcons, Blues and Playboys until the championship game. Third place went to the Playboys and the Moses Lake Rangers took consolation.

The tournament was

hosted by Warren First Charger and the Blood reserve Phantoms who did a great job although mother nature gave them a rough beginning.

The first and second day of the tourney was plagued with high winds and cloudy skies but this did not deter the pumped-up players as the games went as scheduled.

Then on Sunday, mother nature eased up and the finalists were rewarded with superb weather.

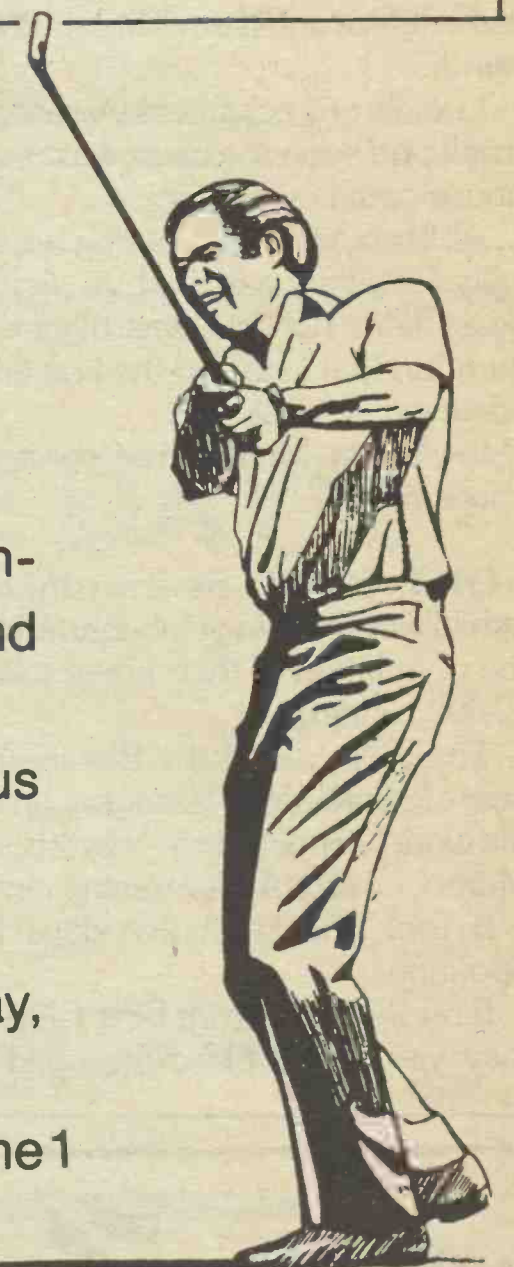
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SPORTS & LEISURE

Sport helps youth**Samson boxing club grooms impressive number of winners**BY MARK McCALLUM
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEEMA

The Samson Cree Nation Boxing Club has produced Hobbema's first golden gloves champion in 30 years after only one season in the fight game.

Hobbema's Keith Nepoose advanced past two boxers in Lethbridge recently to win the junior middleweight golden gloves title. It's the first time the feat has been pulled off by a Hobbema fighter since Jerry (Jack) Fraser did it some 30 years ago.

For the 21-year-old talented Samson boxer who equalled the accomplishment, the next step is more training.

"You have to pay your dues because nothing in boxing comes easy...it takes a lot of hard work," says Nepoose.

The Samson boxing club team had a disappointing start earlier this year in February against a Los Angeles boxing club.

"I think we bit off a little more than we could chew," recalls head coach Jim Gilio. "But, our boys held their own. We didn't win the contest, but we were in every fight."

The match against L.A. was "a success because the boys got a lot of confidence and the crowd in Hobbema loved it."

The Samson club was later taken on the road, boxing in a series of matches in western Canada "to start testing the waters," explains the coach, noting the team was finished first in the last three meets it has attended. "We've got ourselves a first-class boxing team..."

The boxing program was designed to give young people (11 and up) an "alternative to drugs, sex

and rock and roll," explains Gilio.

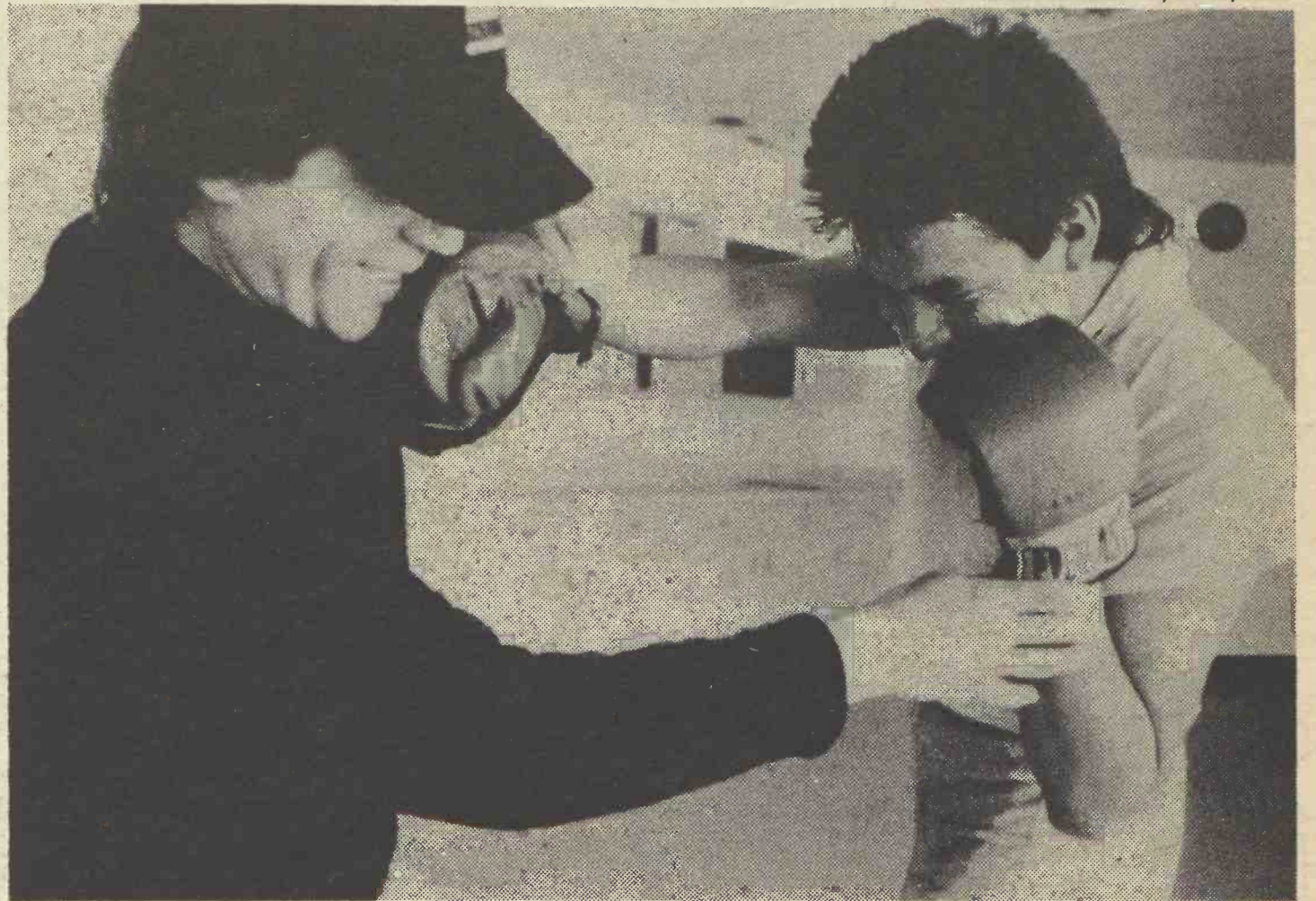
"I'm not asking these kids to join the clergy. But if you want to become a successful amateur athlete, you have to stay away from that stuff."

"The body can't handle it. Boxing is a very demanding sport and it's impossible to be competitive and be loaded at the same time."

When the club first opened in October, Gilio says it was "jam-packed" because it was still a novelty. "At that point, there was so many kids we couldn't handle it," he recalls, noting he and assistant Stan Crain had about 140 eager boxers to contend with. "But, once the novelty of a new gym ended, it came back to a reasonable number of 40 kids."

Many of the young fighters may have also been attracted to the club by Gilio's own boxing reputa-

MARK McCALLUM, Windspeaker



Nothing comes easy in boxing: Jim Gilio and boxer Keith Nepoose

tion. He has coached such great boxers as Ken Lakusta and Danny Stonewalker in the past and boxed at the Olympic level himself before getting into coaching, managing and promoting the sport. The New York

bred coach is also a former United States Marine Core boxing champ.

Gilio predicts the Samson boxing team will become a "very strong entity" in Canadian amateur boxing. And like many athletes that

used sports like boxing to get out of ghettos and slums, he foresees "some very strong Indian boxers on an international scale that will help open up a few doors for these boys in the future."

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Applicants must be 18 years of age, in good physical condition, have a grade 10 reading level, no criminal record and possess a class 4 Driver's License.

Books and tuition fees are approximately \$250.00 Applications must be received by June 3, 1988.

For more information, contact:

Glenna Anderson
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HEALING

Nursing conference coordinators welcome elders' input

BY TERRY LUSTY
Windspeaker Correspondent
HOBBEMA

For only the second time in its 14 year history, the Indian and Inuit Nurses of Canada (IINC) is to hold its annual conference in Alberta. This year it will occur at Hobbema's Howard Buffalo Memorial Arena, August 2-4.

Conference coordinator and Alberta's board member, Cookie Simpson, says

the theme for the fall conference is "Family Violence" and they are not overlooking the input of local elders. "Some elders," she explains, "will be used to conduct workshops." The board is also considering other workshop topics and potential speakers.

About 60 Native registered nurses from across Canada, the Yukon and Northwest Territories will automatically attend says Simpson, adding the confer-

ence is open to anyone else interested in Native health care.

In 1983 the association, previously called Registered Nurses of Canadian Indian Ancestry, extended its membership to the Inuit and changed its name to what it is today.

Nancy Louis, the executive director for the one-year-old Hobbema Indian Health Centre, says their centre has a special alcohol and drug treatment program called Nayo-skan which has been "pretty successful." Directed by Clive Linklater, the program involves two

band councillors and some local elders.

It has become a program the health centre is extremely proud of. She credits the involved elders for a good portion of the success, adding that their genuine concern and caring attitude is such a pillar of strength in the program, not to mention their spiritual and personal skills.

Louis also comments that they hope to have the conference dates changed to August 9-11 which is when the Indian Classic Rodeo and the big annual

powwow are scheduled to go.

Although the centre has planned to start up a home-care nursing program, as well as a speech program, Louis charges that the centre should have at least one or two more full-time nurses. "We know our nurses are really over-worked," she concludes.

"We're working and negotiating (with government) for an increase in the number of positions," Louis states. But, the centre is somewhat apprehensive about having health services

transferred to band control. It is a fear shared by other Indian reserves as well.

Simpson says that one of the association's major objectives is to recruit more Natives into the medical and health professions so they can then go and work among their own people. This fact became evident in 1984 when a survey by IINC on barriers to employment and retention of Nurses found that most Native nurses prefer to work in their own communities if conditions are adequate.

SERVICE DELIVERY

SOCIAL SERVICES

The Barrhead District Office has assumed responsibility for a challenging Project in Child Welfare. The project originated with the signing of the Yellowhead Tribal Services Agency Agreement. This Agreement has committed us to assisting the Alexis Band in assuming control of Child Welfare matters.

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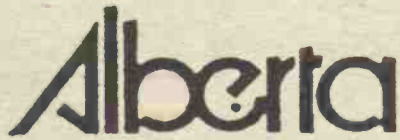
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ACROSS OUR LAND

Talent and motivation win grants for artists

WINDSPEAKER PHOTOFILE

BY DAN DIBBELT
Windspeaker Correspondent

NATIONAL

Almost \$50,000 in scholarships, with more than \$15,000 being dispersed in Alberta, has been granted through the Canadian Native Arts Foundations, said Alberta Native Arts president Wanda Wuttunee.

The scholarships, which will be awarded annually were available for the asking by all Native residents of Canada. The criteria for selecting the recipients were talent, motivation to pursue that talent and financial need.

Across Canada 21 Natives received grants ranging from \$250 for Tommy Deer of the Kahnawake reserve to pursue drawing classes to \$5,150 to Janine Morigeau of Calgary to continue her education at the Alberta College of Fine Arts.

Morigeau is pursuing a career in textile arts using the Blackfoot nations geometric designs and vivid colors to decorate her fabrics.

"The scholarships were awarded for a variety of arts," said Wuttunee. "There was a scholarship to enable a girl to rent a piano

and take lessons, as well there were scholarships for the performing arts and one even for a figure skater."

And among the scholarship winners was the University of Lethbridge's Native business management program which received 22 calculators valued at \$350 each, donated by Hewlett Packard Canada Ltd.

Funding for the scholarships was raised through fund raising concerts and auctions said Wuttunee.

Other Alberta artists who received grants are:

Charlene Houle, \$2,000 — Houle is from the Saddle Lake reserve and will use these funds to assist in the publication of a Native Educational resource book of traditional Cree stories. She is a storyteller herself and will develop the books with the stories told by an elder. She possesses a fluent knowledge of Cree and will cooperate with an artist Len Mooswah, also from the Saddle Lake reserve, in the drawings for the book.

Dee Magdits, \$2,200 Magdits is a 17-year-old member of the Cold Lake First Nations. She attends high school in Edmonton and has also been working



Scholarship to pay for dance fees: Raylene Rizzoli

as a production assistant at K-97 radio for the past 18 months. She wishes to enroll in the NAIT Radio and Television Arts Program to fulfill a dream of pursuing a career as a on-air announcer. She comes highly recommended by her supervisors at K-97. The \$2,000 will support expenses relating to her schooling at NAIT.

Brian Chief Moon, \$700

— Chief Moon is from the Blackfoot Nation in Stand Off, Alberta. He is at present living in Vancouver studying acting and dancing. He has worked with Spirit Song Theatre in Vancouver and has also taken special training at Main Dance Place receiving strong recommendations from its artistic director to continue special studies in dance. These funds will assist him

in dance training and lessons.

D'Arcy Moses, \$1,895 Moses is a 22-year-old self-taught fashion designer of Slavey and Metis descent who now resides in Vancouver. He has created a line of Native couture which he would like to have produced and marketed to show an appreciation of Native heritage through his fashion design. With these funds he will produce a line of garments for a fashion show he has been invited to, called the Touch of Culture. In addition through the donation of a course worth \$395 from the Blanche Macdonald Institute in Vancouver, D'Arcy will have the opportunity to attend a special one month seminar in the preparation of a professional fashion portfolio.

Janine Morigeau, \$5,150 — Janine is a 27-year-old non-status Indian who has studied at the Alberta College of Art in Textile Arts, completing her foundation year. She quit school because of financial difficulties but continued to produce in the area of textiles creating various handicrafts and artwork. She has been called one of the most creative and

dynamic students by her instructors who see her as bringing much of her heritage and social conscience to her artwork. These funds will allow her to continue in her program of studies at the Alberta College of Art.

Glen Nipshank, \$1,000 Nipshank is a 15-year-old Slave Lake artist who is working on his first one man show. He is a graduate from the Art Institute Schools in Minneapolis, MN, and has received a number of awards. He is at present with the travelling exhibit of Villagers/Village Aid. These funds will assist in the purchase of materials (canvases, water color and paper) and production of his first one man show.

Raylene Rizzoli, \$2,250 — Rizzoli is a talented dancer who has studied jazz, tap, ballet and highland. In the past she has attended dance competitions in B.C., Saskatchewan and Alberta. She has been training in ballet. She received glowing recommendations from her teachers as talented and motivated. These funds will allow her to dance competitions this year and pay for dance examination fees.

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Mike is a Family Man...

Mike has been married for 16 years to his wife Mari-Agnes, who is of Ukrainian origin and has a B.A. in Recreation Administration from the University of Alberta.

They are involved with their two children: a daughter Marieka and a son Michael.

Mike Believes in Diversification...

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Mike Has the Experience...

- 1986-present, Socio-Economic Consultant in the NE region (Athabasca/Lac La Biche), Alta. Social Services
- 1983-86, Senior Consultant to Assistant Deputy Minister, Alberta Career Development and Employment
- 1983-85, Regional Manager (Developed and managed over 300 housing units, 20 staff, 12 offices) of Employment & Relocation Counselling Services, Alberta Manpower
- 1973-83, Regional supervisor of Employment/Counselling Services, Alberta Advanced Education and Manpower
- 1972-73, Developed Native Housing/Relocation Program, Alberta Human Resources Development Authority
- 1969-71, Mortgage Officer, Alberta Housing Corporation
- 1968-69, Manager, Calling Lake Logging & Slashing Co-operative Ltd.
- 1957-67, Worked in all phases of milling operations and farming Ellefson Lumber Co. Ltd.
- Completed Grade 12
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