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Hobbema business boosted

By Mark McCallum

Hobbema's business community is struggling to get a grip on the vast wealth in its own backyard through the marketing efforts of the Hobbema Chamber of Commerce.

More than \$100 million is flowing out of the community, spent by Hobbema band members who seemingly prefer instead to spend oil royalty money in nearby places like Wetaskiwin and Ponoka.

But, the trend may soon turn in favor of the 60-odd businesses in Hobbema, following a business and trade fair held at the Panee Agri-plex April 29 - May 1.

"I think the trade show was real good," says Tony Minde, the marketing director of Plains Auto Centre in Hobbema.

"It made a lot of people aware of exactly what we have to offer here."

Bow and Arrow store owner Curtis Ermineskin says, "I think the trade show will help get the dollar circulating in Hobbema."

The Chamber of Commerce was assigned the interesting task of devising a marketing strategy to promote Hobbema businesses because residents were going elsewhere to do their shopping. The trade show was the climax of the promotions scheme. But, chamber secretary treasurer Glenda Omeasoo hesitates to say that it will solve all their problems.

"I think it's unrealistic for us to think 100 per cent of the money will be spent in Hobbema nothing is going to happen overnight it takes time...but, I think the trade fair is really going to make people stop and think," says Omeasoo, who called the event a "stepping stone in the right direction."

There was a total of nearly 100 businesses, some from as far away as Saddle Lake and Calgary, represented at the show. Display booths attracted large crowds of onlookers who attended the three-day event. Some 60 businesses from Hobbema made up the majority.

The trade show featured marketing strategy workshops, seminars and discussions aimed at attracting customers. In what was called a first, organizer Wilson Okemaw says Native participants were encouraged to come out of the shadows and start promoting their businesses in a big way.

"Advertising is not the Indian way because a lot of Indian people feel it's too much like bragging...I think it comes from being humble," explains Okemaw.

"But, in business today, you have to promote and I think more and more Indian people are starting to realize this...a lot of people in Hobbema were not even aware of all the services that businesses right in their own community have to offer, but hopefully that's changing."

Okemaw is optimistic that another trade fair will be held in the near future but adds the chamber will review the last one before making any decisions.

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Dene Tha' Elder Alexis Seniantha cuts ribbon to officially open a new nursing station that has been three years in the waiting.

Northern medical facility opens

By Bert Crowfoot

ASSUMPTION — Three years of planning have resulted in the official opening of a new nursing station here on May 2.

Minor medical emergencies and ongoing health care for the Dene Tha will be handled at the new \$850,000 station. According to nurse Sandy Alexander, the building features facilities for X-ray, three examination rooms, an emergency room and an office for National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (NNADAP) counselling.

"We have extensive preventative health programs...school programs, care for the elders in their homes, pre-natal and post-natal education and

immunization. There's quite a lot of TB here that we care for as well," said Alexander.

The station will be manned by four nurses 24 hours a day and a doctor will visit once a week.

About 50 officials, guests and community members were on hand to witness Elder Alexis Seniantha cut the ceremonial ribbon held by Chief Harry Chonkolay; Leo Sasakamoose, northern zone director of medical services and Jim Moore, Alberta Director General of Health and Welfare.

The building was designed according to specifications of Dene Tha band members and Canada Health and Welfare. According to band manager Fred Didzena it is "user friendly" and is fast becoming a drop-in centre for the community.

Cotton elected at assembly

New ANWA prez will sort out finances

By Dorothy Schreiber

Carrie Cotton, new president of the Alberta Native Women's Association (ANWA) says she will "comb through" outstanding reports in order to straighten out the association's financial records.

"We have to account for a lot of outstanding monies that ANWA received...in the past somebody didn't report on the money they received. I guess we have to go through our records...and see what we can do about them," says Cotton, who was elected president during the association's 20th annual general meeting May 1.

However, Cotton was unable to comment on the amount of outstanding funds: "I don't know what's in the book so I can't comment on that at all until

I find out what it looks like."

She says she will be assessing the situation over the next two weeks and adds, "If we wrap all those up quickly we can start working on the real issues that face Native people."

The association has received grants from the Secretary of State (SOS) for programs and last year SOS provided about \$65,000 toward an annual general meeting and some operating costs, says Marc Arnal, regional director.

He says there were some problems with a proposal submitted in the last fiscal year when disagreement arose over the purpose of the proposal. However the situation was resolved when a revised proposal was resubmitted.

"Last year we seemed to have trouble communicating with them...but we've tried

to be fair and provide them with every opportunity to assist them," says Arnal. His department is willing to continue to work with the association and will consider future program proposals from ANWA.

Cotton says she will also be working on the association's constitution in order to help get the organization back on track. "Our constitution has been holding us back. We've been amending it every year for the past five years."

During the assembly youth representatives Robbie LaFrance and elder Annie Cotton were chosen to sit on the constitutional committee.

Carrie Cotton lives on the Blood reserve with her eight-year-old son and her husband.

She is a print journalism graduate from the University



CARRIE COTTON...checking books

of Lethbridge and is a past board member of the association.

Donna Weaselchild, former ANWA president and Rena Sinclair were the candidates who lost to Cotton in the ANWA presidential election.

CLOSE TO HOME

Community response to Daishowa varies

By Everett Lambert
and Windspeaker Staff

The development of the \$500 million Daishowa Canada Ltd. pulp mill, 16 km north of Peace River, brings mixed reactions from northern Natives.

While the major development means jobs and an economic boost to Peace River and those living in surrounding areas, others are concerned that the company's large timber leases will have a harmful effect on the forests and hunting and trapping in the vicinity.

Since the pulp mill was announced by the provincial government in February, residents at the Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement, located 225 km north of Peace River, have been anticipating a boost to the local economy. Paddle Prairie Metis own the largest Aboriginal land mass on Canadian soil and are hoping to supply 10 per cent of the Daishowa's needed aspen.

On the other hand, the company's timber leases are a threat to the Lubicon Indian band's traditional lands. Chief Bernard

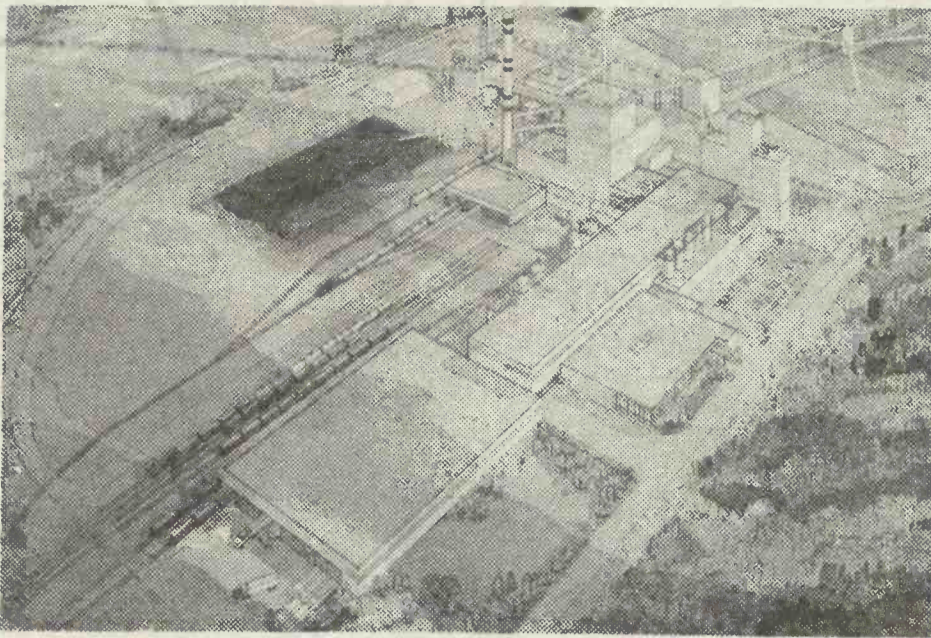
Ominayak has met with officials from Daishowa and was assured the company would not log in the 10,000 square km area without consulting the band. The Little Buffalo Community (Lubicon reserve) is located 100 km northeast of Peace River.

"We're not going to let Daishowa come in and take our trees. I think they understand that and I hope they respect that," says Ominayak.

And now, the High Level tribal council, consisting of Dene Tha, Boyer River, Tall Cree and Little Red River bands, is planning a meeting with Daishowa officials in Vancouver regarding concerns the company's northernmost timber leases will edge on to their reserves.

"We're concerned about the effects on the forest and hunting and trapping. We're looking at doing a study on the environmental impact," said Adele Fournier, secretary of the tribal council, adding the group is supposed to meet with Daishowa next week.

Meanwhile, Daishowa's impact on Peace River is already being felt. The



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DAISHOWA PLANT SITE

...expected to supply \$22 million in salaries

town's population is expected to rise significantly because construction of the mill will require 3,000 on-site workers and an additional 200 on the infrastructure surrounding the mill. The mill will employ a huge network of services: a new road system, natural gas pipeline and bridge.

The Paddle Prairie Metis

are also looking into the possibility of having a small mill and selling the residual spruce chips to the Japanese, says settlement chairman Gregory Calliou. A study has been undertaken by the Paddle Prairie residents to determine the amounts and condition of their timber supply.

Daishowa will use about 300 people on its woodland

component. The settlement is at present looking to engage the use of tree-felling equipment, log skidders, log loaders, trucks and a chipper in addition to the small mill.

This type of operation will require the employment of an estimated 20 plus persons.

The Daishowa plant will ship pulp to Japan, China, Eastern Europe and the United States. Although the latter will consume a good portion of the product the Canada U.S. free trade pact is not expected to impact greatly on the shipments to the south of that country.

The plant will use 1.8 million cubic metres of aspen and spruce annually, costing in excess of \$60 million annually to refine. The largest overhead expenditure, \$22 million will go toward wages and

salaries, with \$16 million to be spent on materials, \$20 million on transportation, \$3 million on taxes and \$2 million on energy. All this will be paid for by the \$220 million to be generated per annum in sales revenue, giving the Japanese in excess of \$150 million in profits yearly.

Day 1 of operation has been set for September of 1990 and Thomas Hamaoka, manager of Marketing and Transportation, comments that plans are on schedule and everything is going "good." Once producing, the mill will put out 1,000 tonnes of wood product daily, with an annual output of 340,000 tonnes.

Actual construction of the mill will proceed in mid-May with completion of a paved road set for July. Steel erection is set for November with the mechanical component to begin in May of 1989.

Film festival gets early start

PINCHER CREEK Plans for the second annual Indian Summer World Festival of Aboriginal Motion Pictures are underway.

Following on last year's success an international gathering of film-makers, actors and actresses, producers and directors associated with the Aboriginal film industry will be invited to contribute to this year's five day affair. The festival will be held from September 21-25.

Last year's festival

brought in more than 140 film and videos from 15 different countries. About 230 delegates travelled from as far away as New Zealand, Australia and Sweden. More than 400 members of the public came to view the films and participate in the workshops.

There was also a major cultural component to the festival featuring dances and powwows of the Blackfoot Confederacy. The cultural institute of the nearby Peigan Nation has agreed to organize that

component of this year's festival and to enlarge on its scope.

The Pincher Creek Film Society (PCFS), festival organizer, expects at least as good a production this year as last. Initial funding for the event is expected soon from the Alberta Lotteries Foundation. Once the money is in place a staff of two will be hired to work with a large volunteer corps.

Several participants in last year's festival have been asked to serve on an advisory board to the film

society. They will decide soon such questions as whether there will be a juried event and what films will be eligible for entry.

They, in coordination with the PCFS, will also start considering the feasibility of establishing a Native-directed festival organization which will take over running the event in future years.

For further information contact Leonard Bastien at 965-3773 or David Green at 627-5272.

PROVINCIAL BRIEFS

Two men charged with murder of Tallman

LETHBRIDGE Two Alberta men have been charged with the murder of Bernard Tallman Jr., a Stand Off Native whose body was found in a ditch 10 km southeast of Lethbridge in March.

Darcy Lee Watnough, 21, of Fort Macleod and Albert David Morin, 24, of Lethbridge are charged with the murder of 23-year-old Tallman Jr.

The charges follow an investigation ordered by Premier Don Getty into allegations by band members that the RCMP had not thoroughly investigated four previous Indian deaths which have occurred over the past five years on the Blood reserve.

Wallace Manyfingers, executive co-ordinator of the Blood band had charged Indians were being murdered by racist "white gangs."

According to a CBC report, the alleged murderers are non-Native.

Tribunal for Lubicon land claim, close at hand

EDMONTON - Alberta Premier Don Getty says he is making progress with Indian Affairs Minister Bill McKnight to have him agree to the establishment of a tribunal to help resolve the Lubicon bands 48-year-old land claim.

McKnight has rejected the idea of a tribunal in the past but Getty has indicated the federal government is now open to a tribunal providing that it be more narrowly focused.

The premier and Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak have agreed to a tribunal which would act in an advisory capacity to help mediate disputes between the band and the federal government.

The tribunal would consist of E. Davie Fulton, former justice minister, a federal representative and a third member chosen by the two.

During a tribute to the Lubicon band held in Edmonton on April 30 Ominayak said he was waiting for an information package from Getty concerning federal requests which the premier would like the chief to respond to.

"We're making every effort to try to get negotiations underway," says the Cree chief.

Labourers and Lubicon find common ground

By Dorothy Schreiber

EDMONTON - The struggles experienced by Native people and members of the labour movement were brought together on a common front during a tribute to the Lubicon Indian band held at the Butterdome at the University of Alberta campus on April 30.

The tribute attended by Chief Bernard Ominayak was a part of the Alberta Federation of Labour (AFL) May Day celebration.

"We are all part of the same struggle and we need to recognize each other's struggles," said Lucien Royer, coordinator for the Butterdome festivities, explaining why the theme of peace and social justice was chosen for the one day event.

"It's bad news" when people view the issue of the Lubicon land claim as strictly a Lubicon problem, he said. "It's all of our problem because what happens to the Lubicons... can happen to other groups

and so we have to stick together."

A series of speakers, including AFL members, environmentalists and Native leaders spoke glowingly about the Cree chief and his people in their struggle to resolve their 48-year-old land claim.

Patience and determination has become the "hallmark of the long and difficult struggle" of the Lubicon chief and his people, said Dave Werlin AFL president.

"His (Ominayak's) strength and determination causes us to question our strength and determination in helping them."

The president of the Indian Association of Alberta, Gregg Smith, spoke about the unfair treatment of the Lubicons by the government and asked for Albertans to support the northern Cree band.

"The battle continues and the war has not been won...the support of the free voting membership of Alberta to pressure

politicians to look into (this) injustice would be greatly appreciated," he said.

The tribute also featured the Hawk River Singers and the Rainbow dancers from the Alexis reserve who led the audience in a round dance.

The Aboriginal Student Council and the Lubicon Lake Student Support group were also involved in helping to organize the afternoon event.

Chief Ominayak attended an earlier meeting of AFL union members at the Chateau Lacombe.

As guest speaker, he told an audience of about 500 people that the goal of achieving a land claim



CHIEF OMINAYAK
...meets AFL union

settlement was still a long way away.

"All we ask for is to be dealt with on an equal basis," said Ominayak, who received three standing ovations from union members.

CORRECTION

In the April 29 issue of Windspeaker a front page story entitled "Calling Lake's Cardinal seeks PC nomination" stated Cardinal is involved in an employment program that has seen the formerly high unemployment rate in that community jump to almost 90 per cent. The story should have read the formerly high unemployment rate has jumped to almost 90 per cent employment.

OUR CHILDREN, OUR FUTURE

More talk can stop suicide

By Dan Dibbelt

The statistics are frightening.

It is estimated more than 35,000 people will end their own lives this year and each year the number of teenagers and kids who commit or at least attempt suicide increases.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for people under 30, surpassed by only traffic accidents. And in Native communities the statistics turn from frightening to horrendous and unbelievable.

The suicide rate amongst Natives is estimated to be five to 10 times that of the non-Native community.

"It's a different situation with Natives," explained Don Burnstick, an Alexander band Indian and initiator of the Spirit of the Rainbow Youth Development Program out of Lethbridge.

"There are three areas of great pressure in a youth's life... 13-, 16- and 19-year-olds have the highest suicide attempts, but the age is dropping." Suicide is become prevalent in those 11 years of age.

Burnstick addressed

about 150 youths and social workers, guidance counselors and members of the general public gathered for a two-day youth suicide conference at the Plains Indian Cultural Survival School (PICCS) in Calgary April 28-29.

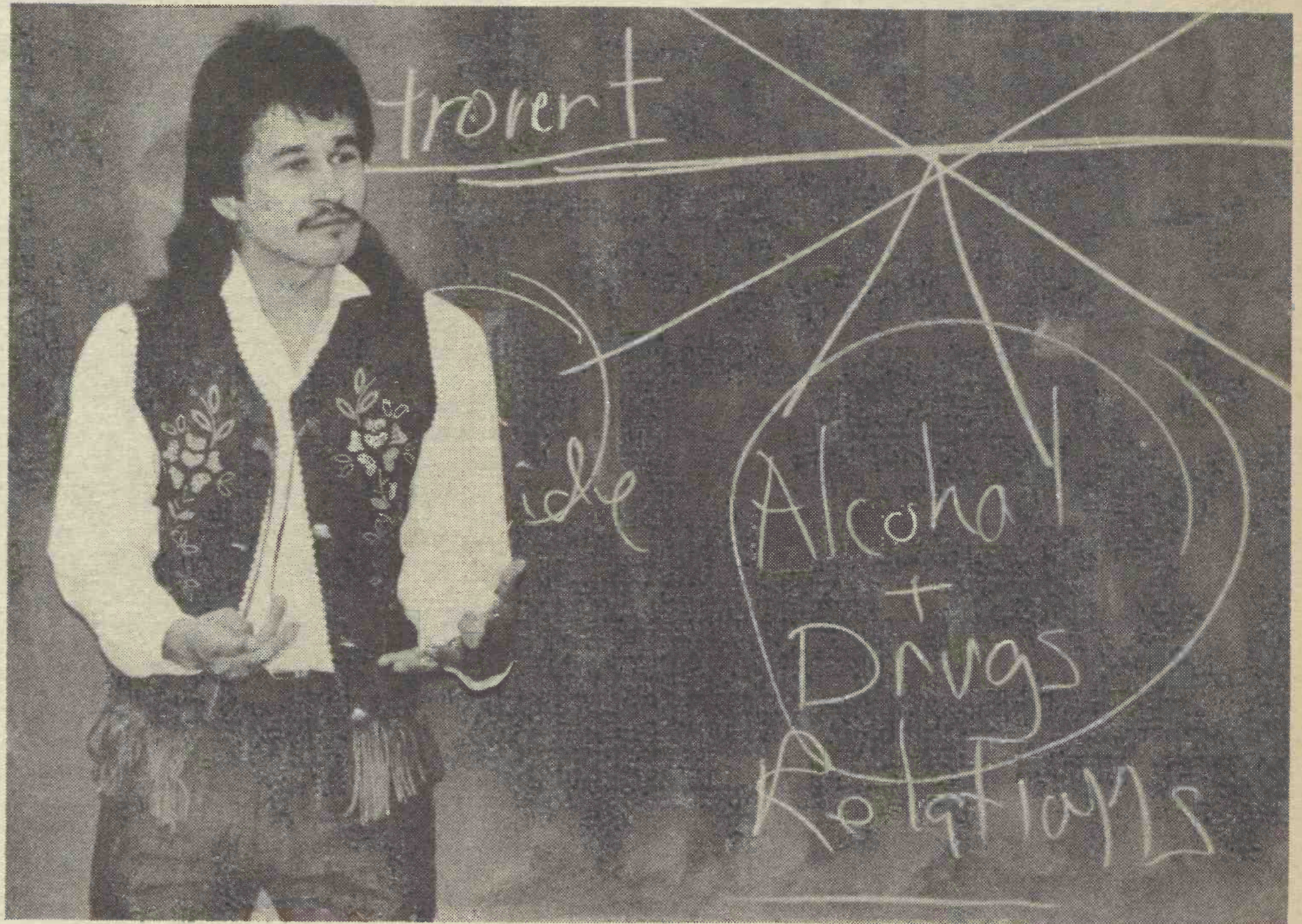
Burnstick, in his casual yet frank discussion, explained the reasons behind the three high incidence ages of suicide. At thirteen, a youth's body goes through physical changes, and unfortunately, Native parents do not talk with their children about these changes.

He also attributed this lack of communication to the high incidence of sexual promiscuity among Native youth.

At 16, high school starts, friends and lifestyles change and pressures increase. And at 19, adulthood starts, school ends and the hunt for a job begins.

To add to these pressures are the problems of alcohol and drug abuse, as well as early sexual expectations and encounters.

Burnstick, who works out of the University of Lethbridge but travels the province extensively, said the Hobbema reserve,



DON BURNSTICK

...tries to unravel why the suicide rate is soaring amongst Native youths

which suffers a high suicide rate, has additional problems.

"The reserve has materialistic wealth from oil and gas royalties, but it also holds strong traditional values not based on acquisition," he explained. "This leaves young people very confused so they go out and form their own sub-cultures based on drugs, alcohol and promiscuity."

Burnstick also said what Natives are taught in the non-Native schools is totally contradictory from their culture. This can lead

to confusion, depression and eventually suicide, he said. "In schools we often see cluster suicides," said Burnstick, explaining that one suicide in a school can lead to a second, third or even fourth.

But Burnstick sees the situation improving and says things will continue to improve as the doors of communication and understanding open.

Drawing from his own experience, Burnstick said the Indian culture does not allow open displays of affection. As the youngest

of 15 children, Burnstick was brought up by mother and older brothers after his father died when he was just nine.

"They tried to be the best models they could be," said Burnstick of his brothers. "They loved me but they just didn't know how to show it."

"The only way we can bring about positive change in the family and in society is if we look within."

Burnstick asked the audience, "How many people do you know between the ages of five

and 15 who approach elders and say 'Talk to me?'"

Burnstick stressed the need to communicate with each other. "How many parents tell their child 'I'm hurting, I miss you, or I love you,'" he asked. "And how many children tell their parents?"

"If we allow that hurt to come out it will come out."

If you would like to bring Don Burnstick and the Spirit of the Rainbow to your community, call them at the University of Lethbridge, 329-2184.

Suicide issues avoided by students, gov't

By Dan Dibbelt

CALGARY The indifference of government agencies to the devastating number of suicides amongst Natives became obvious April 28-29 at the Plains Indian Cultural Survival School (PICCS) Native Suicide and Self-Esteem Conference.

"The powers that be, the great mighty elected officials who can do something about this problem, not one as far as I can tell showed up," said an angry Jerry Arshinoff, PICCS principal.

"All received invitations, most of whom didn't bother to respond, none of whom showed up," he said. "And in the department of Indian Affairs, all of whom were invited, most didn't bother to respond, and again none showed up."

The conference, which took more than a year to plan, featured numerous speakers, a 45-minute play on suicide and open discussion periods.

And while the audience was filled with young people, social workers and members of the general public, students were visibly absent, however,

this did not surprise Arshinoff.

"It (suicide) is just too close to home," said Arshinoff. "Few students who have ever been to PICCS are not affected by suicide. I can only think of two."

And interviews with a few students found wandering in the halls confirmed Arshinoff's theory. While none wanted to be named, the general feeling was one of avoiding the issue. And according to most of the speakers at the conference, this is a large part of the problem.

"We have to develop some very specific ways to talk about suicide when it occurs," said Alberta suicidologist Dr. Ron Dyck. "How do we help the kids understand?"

While Dyck said the number of suicides among Natives was alarming, he also said the Native culture has an excellent resource to help solve the problem.

"You've got elders," said Dyck. "I believe in the wisdom of the elders. I believe in storytelling. They (the children) want to know their history, they want to know where they come

from."

"The Native community have a valuable traditional culture," agreed Don Burnstick, an Alexander band Indian who initiated the Spirit of the Rainbow Youth Development Program in Lethbridge.

"Our culture is our solid foundation, our history and our future. Learn all about your culture," advised Burnstick.

The conference presented a wealth of information in dealing with and recognizing signs of a suicidal person. But the main focus was one of prevention and coping and the general consensus among the speakers was the need for greater communication.

Mahara Allbrett, a Native consultant, told the listeners that low self-esteem was one of the main factors in suicide. She said suicide could be reduced if education systems would put a greater focus on Native cultures.

"If you're left not knowing who you are, you are going to feel lost and helpless," she said.

"Many of the kids see no future," said Pat Cardinal, a youth worker from the

Morley Stoney Medicine Lodge, who was attending the conference. "Who do the kids turn to? The parents don't care. They're too busy playing bingo."

Cardinal also stressed the importance of Native culture and the importance of elders in the community. "People have to start talking to each other. If they don't it's going to get a lot worse before it gets better."

"We have to get people together," said Arshinoff. "The problem of suicide has to be discussed. Otherwise it's a case of going repeatedly to the cemetery."

Almost as often as he's been faced with suicide, Arshinoff has turned to government agencies for some form of help or advice. But Arshinoff says the help he has received amounts to "that's just too bloody bad."

In closing the conference, Arshinoff angrily surrendered hope of getting government help on the Native suicide issue.

"I don't think the Indians alone got themselves into this mess," he said. "But it is going to be up to them to get themselves out."

Once...he wrote a poem.
And called it "Chops."
Because that was the name of
his dog, and that's what it was
all about.
And the teacher gave him
and "A"
And a gold star.
And his mother hung it on the
kitchen door, and read it to
all his aunts...
Once...he wrote another
poem
And he called it "Question
Marked Innocence."
Because that was the name of
his grief and that's what it
was all about.
And the professor gave him
an "A"
And a strange and steady look.
And his mother never hung it
on the kitchen door, because
he never let her see it...
Once, at 3 a.m. ... he tried
another poem...
And he called it absolutely
nothing, because that's what it
was all about.
And he gave himself an "A"
And a slash on each damp wrist,
And hung it on the bathroom
door because he couldn't reach
the kitchen.

Written by a 15-year-old boy two years before he committed suicide. Taken from *Suicide in Youth and What You Can Do About It* by A. Russell Lee, M.D. and Charlotte Ross.

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YOUR WORDS

WINDSPEAKER GALLERY

Our children should stay in Native homes

Dear Editor:

Tansi? What argument could possibly justify the giving of a Native child to a non-Native family? I admire people who are not afraid to voice an opinion and stand by it. The weak-kneed comment that happiness is a criteria by which we should

“Once their shield of blissful happiness and ignorance was lowered some realities had to be faced.”

measure success in adoptive child care is not only lame but dangerous to the point of being asinine.

I know of adults and children who were raised in non-Native homes. To them happiness only existed in their ignorance. But once their shield of blissful happiness and ignorance was lowered, some realities had to be faced. You were not white but the “Dirty Indian.” A rude awakening exists for those who believe happiness to be a panacea for any social problem. The price of this happiness can be staggering in terms of loneliness, suicide, alcoholism, loss of identity, culture, etc.

The negative impact on a child living in a non-Native family is not felt til many years down the road and when it does, give me an argument. Surprise, well, geez we could not have anticipated this occurring...after all the child was happy at the time.

Sometimes hard choices have to be made. The choice being Native foster care rather than non-Native.

**Dennis Maurice
Saskatoon**



ARTIST PUTS HERSELF IN PORTRAITS

The artist of this beautiful watercolor and ink portrait enjoys creating women with her paint brush. Maxine Noel, who signs her artworks with the alias Ioyan Mani, says females are her favorite subject. Those who know her often comment on the similarity between her profile

and the women in her paintings.

Many of the Manitoba Sioux artist's pieces are profiles of women sitting or kneeling sideways.

Noel's artwork is currently on display at Edmonton's Bearclaw Gallery.

Mother's Day Message

*Mother's Day is here once again
But this year we won't be with mother
You see, God really loved her too
Now she lives in His kingdom forever.*

*Please, Jesus, tell Mom we miss her so,
And that we all send her our love.*

*Thank her for all she has done for us
And we know she's still watching us
from above.*

*We know Mom will get this message
Sent by special delivery directly with
you*

*Special memories and pictures of her
This Mother's Day, will have to do.*

*God bless you Mom, we will never
forget you
You are remembered in our prayers
each night
Though not having you here is hard
to bear
We had to let you know through
Jesus that we care.*

By Bernice Smith

IN OUR OPINION

Keep rattling cages

Over the last five years five Blood tribe members have been found brutally murdered in the Lethbridge area. Over the past 15 years more than 20 members have died suspiciously.

The murders finally prompted Chief Roy Fox to demand of Premier Getty a public inquiry into the most recent death of Bernard Tallman Jr. He died of two bullet wounds in the head. The co-ordinator of the Blood band called this latest murder, and the previous four over the past five years, to be “execution style.”

It's interesting to note that after Chief Fox rattled a few cages the RCMP promptly charged two men as the murderers. Is this another case of the squeaky wheel getting the grease?

Native people are not known for being aggressive when they want something, but they're learning fast that it gets results. Too long, we have accepted what the authorities tell us and then let it go at that.

Last year the RCMP told a Blood mother that her son had drowned, yet the autopsy reported there was not enough fluid in his lungs to indicate he had died of drowning. Are the law-enforcers giving responsible service to the southern band?

The message is clear here: The Blood tribe, and all Native people, must keep rattling cages until they gain satisfaction from government, law makers and authorities on all levels.

YOUR WORDS

Reconstructing a life

Dear Editor:

Most people get to a point in their lives when they have to make a decision. The decision could be prosperity or poverty, life or death. For an alcoholic like me it was to choose if I wanted to live or to die. The way I was going would have led me to my death, eventually. When I drank, I had no control of myself. The more I drank, the more I seemed to want. One drink wasn't enough, I had to try and drink the town dry.

Once I started drinking I didn't know when to stop. I had to drink every day. I drank for weeks and sometimes for months at a time. I didn't stop until I was in the hospital. The three or four years of drinking was mixed with drugs. Drugs and alcohol is a deadly combination. When I get to a point when I can't stand myself anymore, I take as many pills as I can and hope that I've taken enough to kill myself.

After trying to kill myself and waking up in the hospital, I feel guilty for what I tried to do. The last time I tried to commit suicide

"...I realized that I could do it, that I could live a sober life. But I had to be willing to let go of the past. I had to learn a different way of life."

was because I'd failed for a bid at a sober life. I thought that I had no reason to keep on living. I'd tried to quit four times before, but after I'd leave the treatment centre I'd be back on alcohol and drugs before too long. I figured I was a hopeless case, that I was better off dead. But I decided to give life another chance. The way I was headed, I surely would have been dead before the year was over.

When I went into the Bonnyville Indian Metis Rehab Centre I still had doubts that I'd ever lead a sober life.

My attitude when I went into the rehab centre was that I was a hopeless case. Once I got in there and listened to the lectures I realized that I could do it, that I could live a sober life. But I had to be willing to let go of the past. I had to learn a different way of life. I had to be honest with myself and learn to trust other people.

Today I'm happy to be alive and grateful to AA for my sobriety. I'm not perfect and I never will be. But with the help of AA and the man upstairs I'll stay sober. All I have to do is take it one day at a time. If only one person changes his, her way of life after reading this I'll be happy.

**A friend,
Patches Goodswimmer
Frog Lake**

Foster Child

(For all the Gil's, Jane's and Terry's)

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following poem is Joan Cardinal-Shubert's expression of her feelings regarding the recent controversial story of repatriation. While the news articles about Whitney Whitecap, the five-year-old Native child who was abruptly taken from white foster parents and placed with relatives on a reserve, were making headlines, numerous opinions about the pros and cons of repatriation were voiced. Cardinal-Shubert dedicates this poem to Gil Cardinal, Jane Ash Poitras and Terry Lusty friends who were raised by non-Natives and who searched for their identities upon reaching adulthood.

You are so cute...
What a Papoose...
One Teardrop
Just like
The Paintings.

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The Social Worker.

But...Who are you...

A brown-skinned
Grade One
Who never looks CLEAN
To the teacher.

It doesn't matter
that you print well
That you sing
With your spirit...

You are a misfit.

As you grow
You are like a
Stunted tree
You bend down
Turning in
Closer to your roots.

Is this protective stand
You approach adulthood...

One day you ask yourself
Who am I?

J. Cardinal-Shubert



To write to Robbi, our youth columnist, address your letters to Robbi LaFrance, c/o The Editor, Windspeaker, 15001 - 112 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta, T5M 2V6.

ASK ROBBIE
By Robbi LaFrance

Join Forces to fight issues

Hi once again! This week I would like to address adults who may read our youth column. In the past we read from two youths who live in two different areas, yet both of these youth have the same concerns about adults not helping our youth enough.

Can you imagine if these two feel the same way, what about the youth around Alberta — across Canada for that matter? I cannot help but think of how our youth are feeling toward their parents, elders or relatives. Are the feelings negative or positive? I guess it depends on the issue. From what I understand and see, our youth are facing issues that deal directly with them. Issues that can affect their lives and the lives of others and they want to make decisions that may deal with their own future.

Yet, as always we come across stumbling blocks that may prevent someone from achieving their goal. Our youth are making a stand, they want to be heard and they need to be heard.

I know some adults who are helping young people to achieve their goals. I also know there are a lot of adults who want to help and encourage their youth. But the main problem is communication between the youth and the adults. Both sides need to hear from each other, to help the cycle of growing and achieving and to understand one another.

I believe there are some people who don't agree with what I write and we need that. We need to hear from people, both young and old. So to all you adults who want to help young people or are helping young people, let us hear from you so that we can build and grow together. Let us put our forces together and fight the issues that drive us apart.

Before I end off I would like to salute all the mothers — both young and old. Hope you had a very happy Mother's Day! Til the wind blows again.

**Friends always,
Robbi**

Handwritten text in a Native language, likely Cree or Ojibwe, covering the right side of the page. The text is arranged in several columns and appears to be a poem or a letter related to the 'Foster Child' section.

GRASSROOTS

Students demonstrate gifts of speech

KEHEWIN - The Community Education Centre here hosted its first annual All-Native Speech Contest April 20.

From 10 in the morning till 3 in the afternoon the rafters of the beautiful new Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church echoed with the measured tones of poetry recitations in Cree and English and the speeches of tomorrow's potential leaders.

Elementary and junior high school students from Kehewin, Legoff, Saddle Lake and Elizabeth Settlement participated enthusiastically. The competition was stiff and the judges were called upon to use all their skills.

The excellent adjudicating panel consisted of: Hervina Angus of Alberta Social

Services; Mariel Binette, a former teacher from Moose Lake; Tom Erasmus of the Dr. Swift school, Lac La Biche; Willie Littlechild of Hobbema; Ed Nicholson, assistant superintendent of the Bonnyville School Division; Janet Olsen, editor of the Bonnyville Nouvelle, and Miriam Youngchief, director of the Bonnyville Canadian Native Friendship Centre.

Legoff school, under the able guidance of principal J. Redillas took the overall trophy with 27 points, beating out their nearest competitor Kehewin, which scored 19. Elizabeth Settlement and Saddle Lake, neither of which fielded full slates of contestants, scored 10 and 5 points respectively.

The contest was greatly

enjoyed by all involved. Next year's match will be hosted by Legoff.

Winners in the poetry recitation category at each grade level were as follows:

Grade 3: 1. Arthur Cardinal, Saddle Lake; 2. Cindy Gadwa, Kehewin; 3. Miranda Mustus, Legoff.

Grade 2: 1. Jonathan Blackman, Legoff; 2. Sheryl Gadwa, Kehewin; 3. Tasha Redcrow, Saddle Lake.

Grade 3: 1. Kelly Scanie, Legoff; 2. Dody Badger, Elizabeth Settlement; 3. Melanie Gadwa, Kehewin.

Grade 4: 1. Joey Youngchief, Kehewin; 2. Crystal Collins, Saddle Lake; 3. Melissa Janvier, Legoff.

Grade 5: 1. Marcia Jacob, Legoff; 2. Giselle Youngchief, Kehewin; 3. Allison Blackman, Elizabeth.

Grade 6: 1. Shawn Badger,

Kehewin; 2. Debbie Janvier, Legoff; 3. Fabian Flamond, Elizabeth.

Grade 7: 1. Patricia Janvier, Legoff; 2. John Paquette, Elizabeth; 3. Dayton Gadwa, Kehewin.

Grade 8: 1. James Blackman, Legoff; 2. Tracy Wells, Elizabeth; 3. Shannon John, Kehewin.

Grade 9: 1. Tanya Badger, Kehewin; 2. Elizabeth Minoose, Legoff; 3. Carrie Halfe, Saddle Lake.

Winners of the Junior High Prepared Speech Category were:

Grade 7: 1. Kim Machatis, Legoff; 2. Amanda Moosepayo, Kehewin.

Grade 8: 1. Janet Janvier, Legoff; 2. Amanda Large, Saddle Lake; 3. Wayne McKay, Kehewin.

Grade 9: 1. Elizabeth Minoose, Legoff; 2. Willie



Kehewin Cree Speech winners — Michelline John, Vincent John, Carmela McAdam, Marcella Dion, Sheila Soloway, Elaine McAdam, Shawn Badger, Keith Kowchuck, Christine Soloway, Trina Mountain and Dean Moosepayo.

John, Kehewin; 3. Janet Wahsatenaw, Saddle Lake. Cree Speech winners were:

Grade 1: Michelline John, Kehewin.

Grade 2: Vincent John, Kehewin

Grade 3: Carmella McAdam, Kehewin

Grade 4: Marcella Dion, Kehewin

Grade 5: Elaine McAdam, Kehewin; Sheila Soloway, Elizabeth

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DROPPIN IN

By Mark
McCallum

Talent shines

Three cheers for the Onway elementary and junior high school staff and Alexis reserve parents.

The two groups have united to form a committee that is promoting the Indian culture to all students at the school, regardless of ethnic background.

This happy union of parents and teachers is the latest in a series of projects to break down racial stereotypes of Native people. On May 26, the committee plans to unveil six pieces of artwork created by a Native artist from the Alexis reserve, Eugene Alexis. The unveiling ceremony will be held at the school.

"We want to prove that Native people are talented and have something to offer the world," says Alexis' mom, Evelyn Paul.

The committee member adds, "We don't want our kids growing up thinking Native people are a bunch of drunks because that's just not true."

The five member committee has been attempting to build up the esteem and pride of Native students since it received \$10,000 from the Native Education Project in 1987.

The committee has used Native storytellers, powwow dancers and craftspeople to convey their message to the students. "Whatever we've done has been well-received," explains Paul. "Most of the students seem to be interested in learning more about the Indian ways."

The next big event the committee is planning will be a picnic. Traditional meals of bannock and moose meat will be served at the picnic, which will be held on June 9 at the Alexis reserve near the banks of Lac Ste. Anne. **LAC LA BICHE:** If your interests lie in songwriting, the organizers of the second annual Goodtimes Jamboree are certain to have something for you. They will be hosting a songwriting workshop at the event, to be held on Victoria Day long weekend May 20-22.

"It's an opportunity to mix with people in the

(songwriting) business," explains organizer (and Native Perspective DJ) Ray Fox. "But, it's not just for songwriters; it's for anybody that has interest in music."

"I think often there are people that sit at home and write songs and perform tunes and don't know what to do with them...the workshop will give them a chance to see what other people in the music industry do with potential hits."

Fox adds participants of the workshop will "sit down and write a couple of songs together."

There are a host of guests lined up for the jamboree, which will also include dances on Friday and Saturday night. On the last day of the three-day event awards presentations will be made. Call Ray at 623-333 for details.

ENOCH: You can be sure they will be kicking up their heels at the Enoch Recreation Centre on May 6 and 7 for an oldtime dance.

The reason the dance is certain to be a big success is because Canadian fiddling champion extraordinaire Reg Bouvette has agreed to provide the entertainment for the event, to be sponsored by a group from the Alexander reserve.

Organizer Wyatt Arcand explains the dance is being held at Enoch because it's closer and more convenient for Edmonton residents. He adds they are hoping to attract a large crowd to raise money for a talent show, which has already been dubbed the "Native Grand Ole' Opry" by organizers.

EDMONTON: Gospel singer Harry Rusk is only one of the very talented performers who has confirmed he will be at the Native Pastoral Centre's first ever Gospel Music Festival.

"It's free and everyone is invited," says organizer Marlyn Durocher, adding free lunch and coffee will be served.

The festival will be taking place at the McLeod Centre in Edmonton on May 27 and 28.

Also in Edmonton, the Canadian Native Friendship Centre will be holding its annual general assembly, May 28.

An election will be held to select a new board of directors and financial statements and staff reports will be submitted for public inquiry.

And, the Metis Regional Council Zone 4 has moved to a new location which they hope will help improve the image of the council.

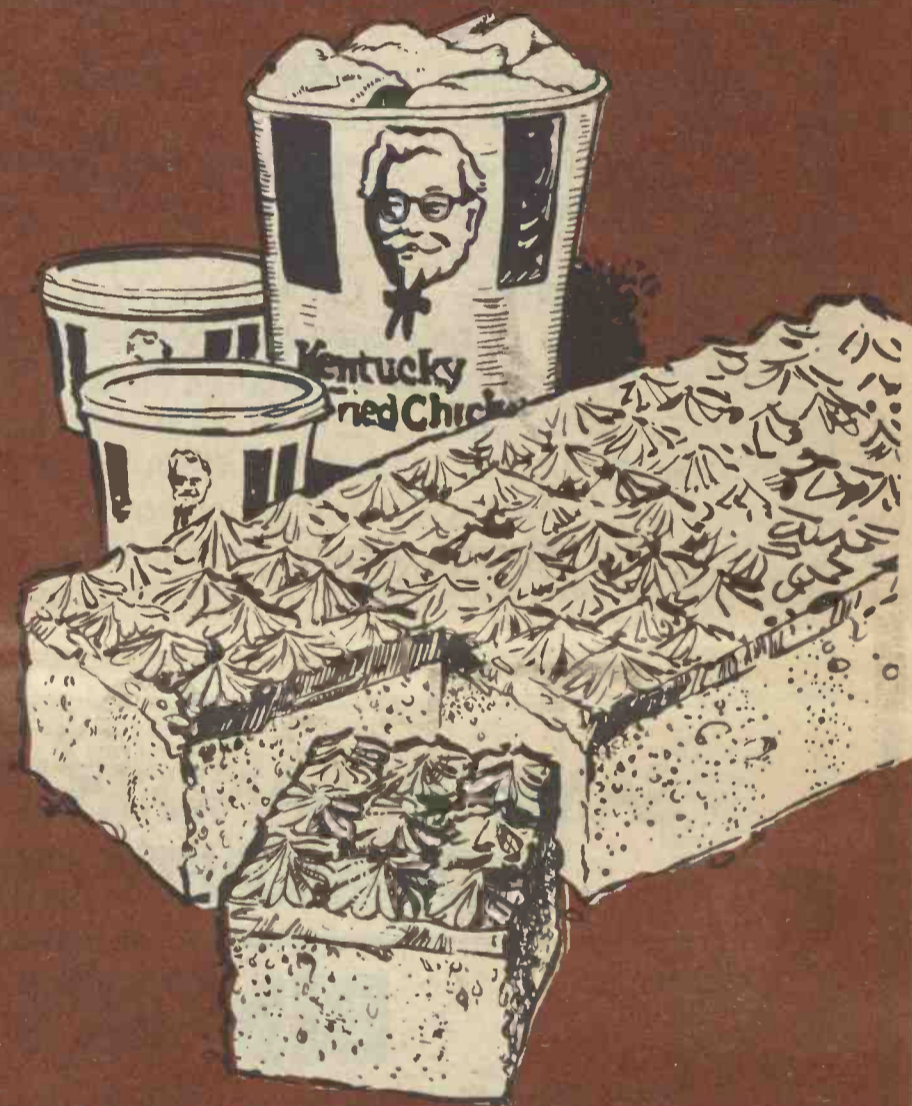
Council executive assistant Brenda Blyan explains their old offices were "hidden away in the back (of the Indian Association of Alberta building)." To avoid confusion and make the council more visible in the community, Blyan says the decision to move was made recently.

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GRASSROOTS

Cultural Rendezvous Culturel slated for July 1-3**Reunion planned at Lac La Biche Mission**

COURTESY LAC LA BICHE MISSION HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY



The historically rich Lac La Biche Mission Convent was built at the turn of the century.

The Lac La Biche Mission Historical Preservation Society has interesting plans underway for a reunion to honor students who attended the Lac La Biche Mission Convent.

The reunion, which will be known as Cultural Rendezvous Culturel will be held July 1-3 at the Lac La Biche Mission. The society has lists of students who boarded at the convent which date back to 1915. Everyone is welcome to attend this event.

The Lac La Biche Mission was designated a Provincial Historic Resource on Sept. 1, 1987 by the Honourable Dennis L. Anderson, then

minister of Culture and Multiculturalism.

Research has disclosed a large cross once stood on the site. A replica of this cross will be raised on the morning of Friday, July 1. This cross will be blessed by Bishop Raymond Roy who will visit the nearby Grotto and historic cemetery. The official Canada Day welcome will take place early in the afternoon of July 1.

A flag raising ceremony is planned. There will be an appropriate salute from the cannons of the local black powder musket and cannon brigade.

An on-site fish fry is planned for late afternoon on July 1 which will also see various sporting activities such as a slowpitch ball tournament, log sawing contests, tug of wars and races.

The Kikino Northern Light Dancers, a well known, colorful and very popular Metis dance troupe which delighted crowds at Expo '86 will perform. There will also be traditional French Canadian performers. A fireworks display is planned to cap the evening.

On Saturday, July 2 the

sporting events will continue. Bus tours from the site around the lake and to Owl River Resort, Churchill Island Provincial Park, the historic Lac La Biche Inn and local Archives and Alberta Vocational Centre will be available. Personnel from Provincial Archives of Alberta will have a display on-site along with the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation. Slide shows and dramatic productions will be performed on site. A sail-by will occur in the afternoon in Mission Bay.

An early evening outdoor mass will be celebrated on July 2. This will be followed by a dinner and dance in honor of the former students at the Plamondon Hall in the nearby village of Plamondon.

The regular church service will be held at 9:45 on Sunday morning and lunch will be served. The various sporting events will wind down on Sunday afternoon with an official closing ceremony. Activities will draw to an end with a sing song in French-Cree-English.

The society looks forward to seeing you. Bring your sash and your fiddle!

Oblate mission set up in 1855

After eight years of visits from itinerant Oblate missionaries, Father Albert Lacombe's 1852 visit confirmed the need for a permanent mission among the Indians, Metis and predominately French-Canadian fur traders and trappers residing in the Lac La Biche area. The following year Father Rene Remas arrived, built a log cabin

near the Hudson's Bay Company post in Lac La Biche, and started the Mission named Notre Dame des Victoires.

On instructions from Bishop Alexandre Tache, the Oblates moved the Mission to its present location in 1855. This began the development of Notre Dame des Victoires as a depot for Oblate missions

in the Peace, Athabasca and Mackenzie River districts. Soon, the schools and convent, run by the Sisters of Charity (the Grey Nuns), along with the warehouses, boat construction facilities, extensive farming operations, multi-lingual press, flour mill and sawmill, all reflected the Mission's importance and self-sufficiency.

From 1870 to 1889, the Mission also enjoyed prominence as the residence of Henri Faraud, Vicar Apostolic of Athabasca-Mackenzie. With the departure of Bishop Faraud in 1889 and the emergence of alternate transportation routes in the 1880s and 1890s, the importance of the Mission rapidly declined.

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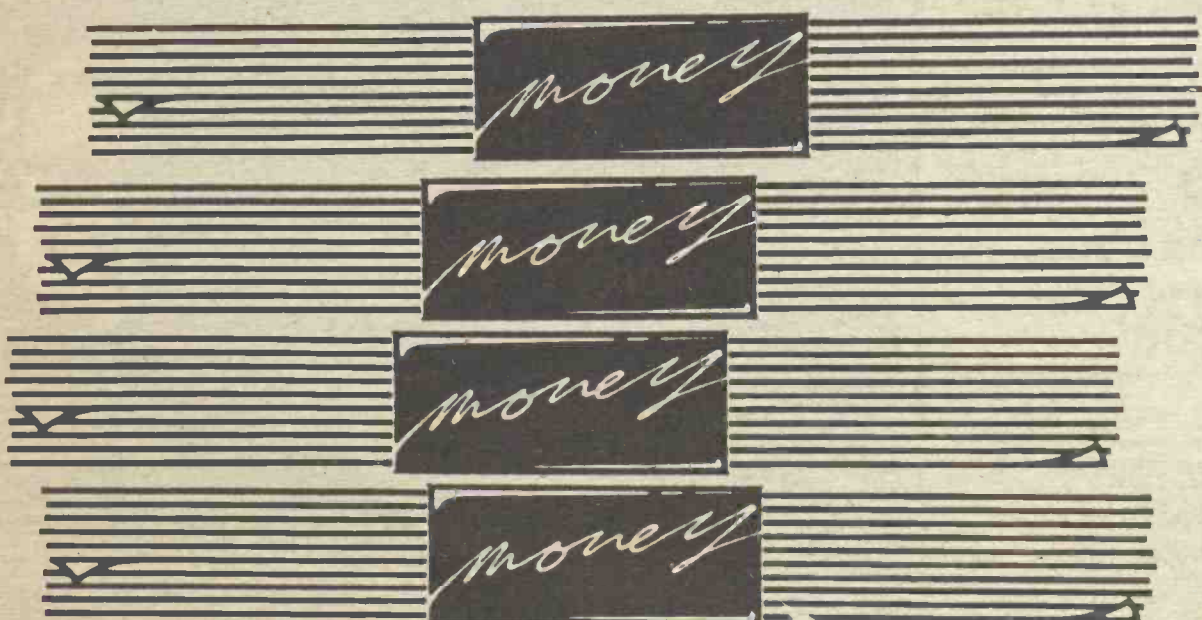
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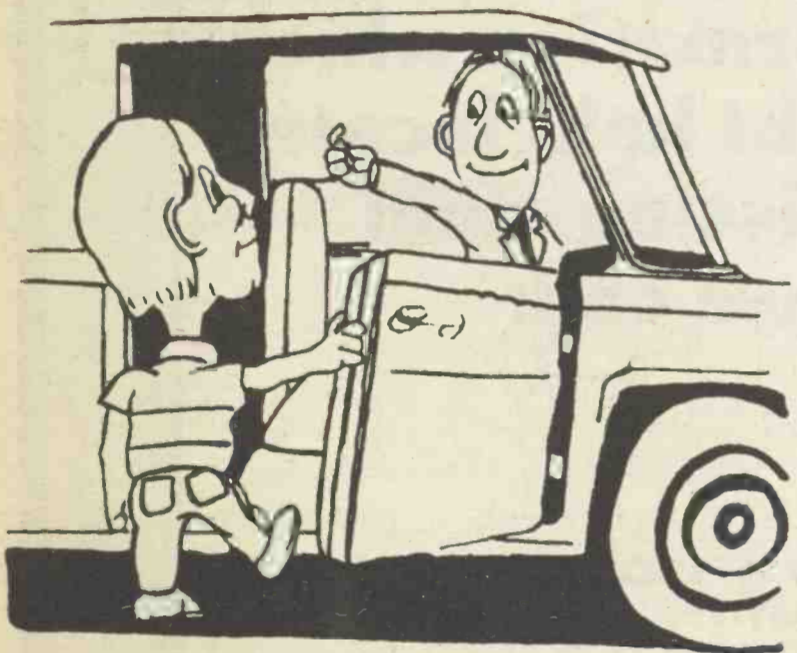
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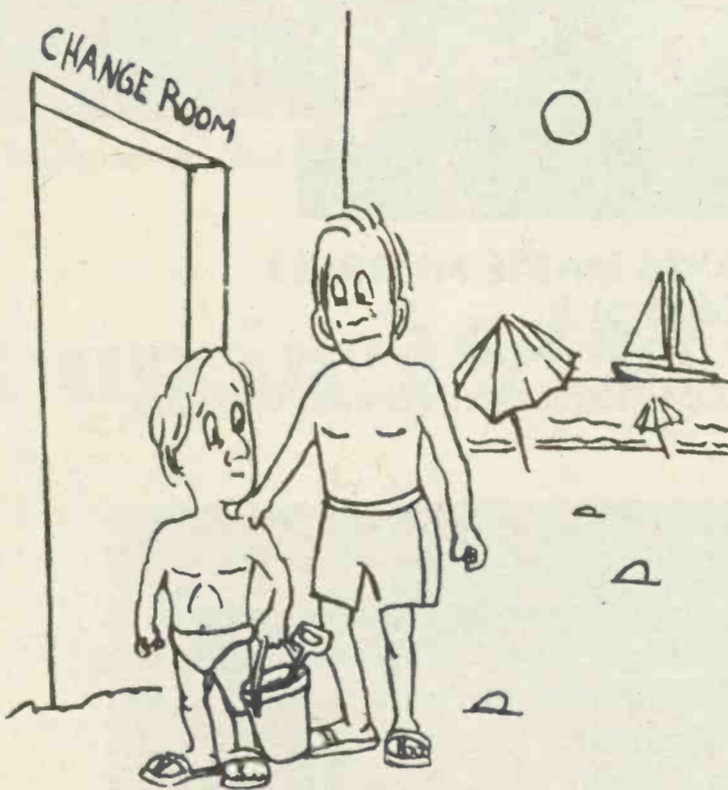
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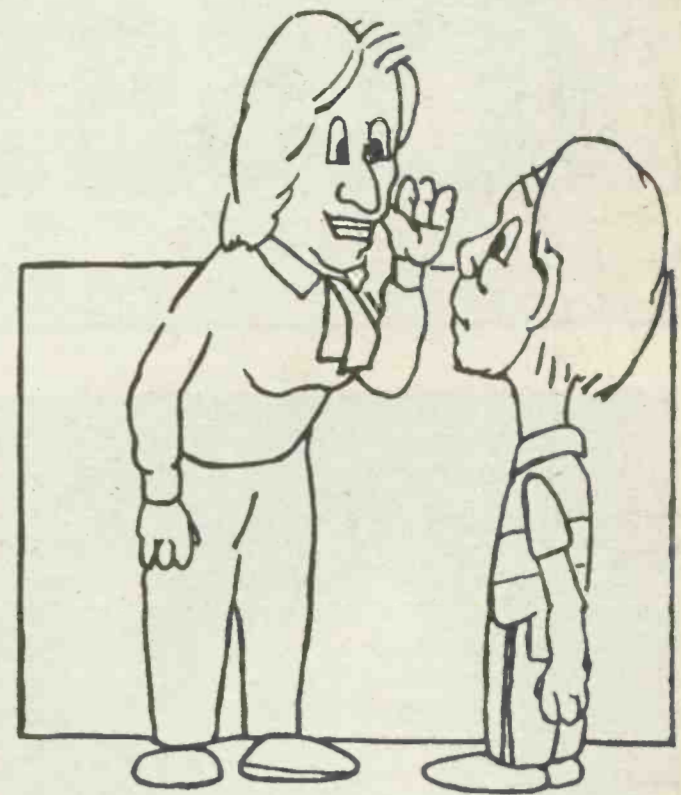
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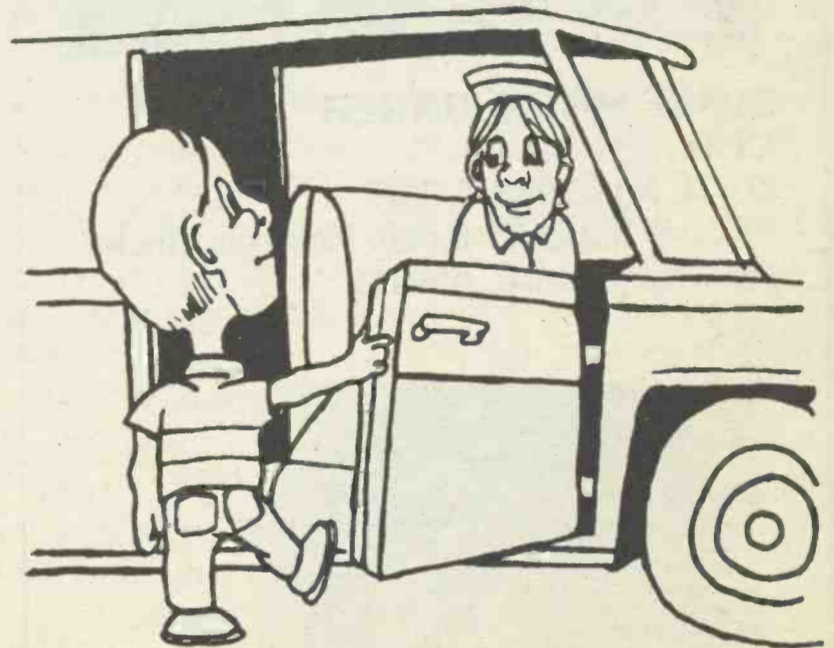
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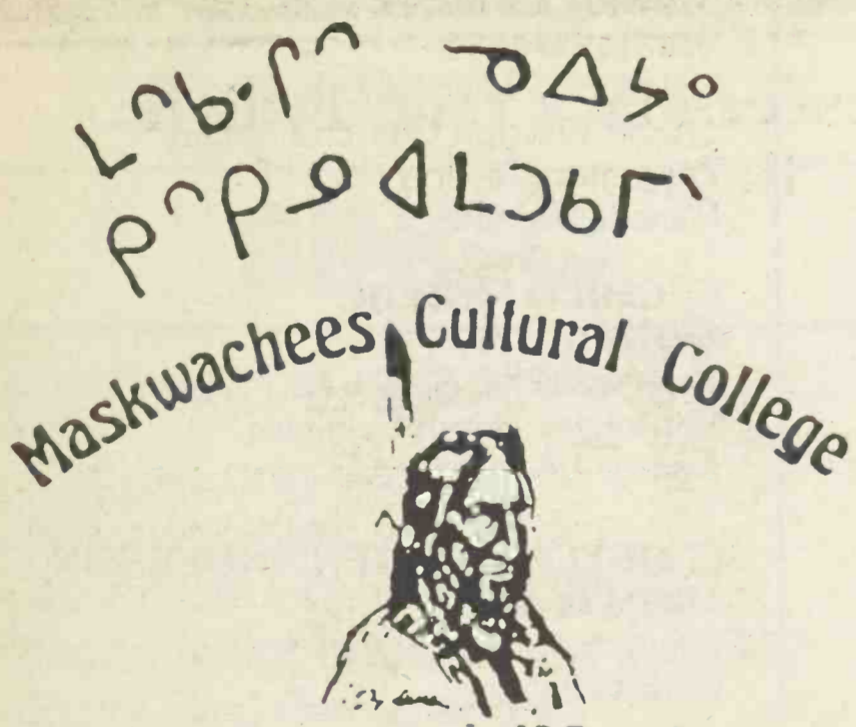
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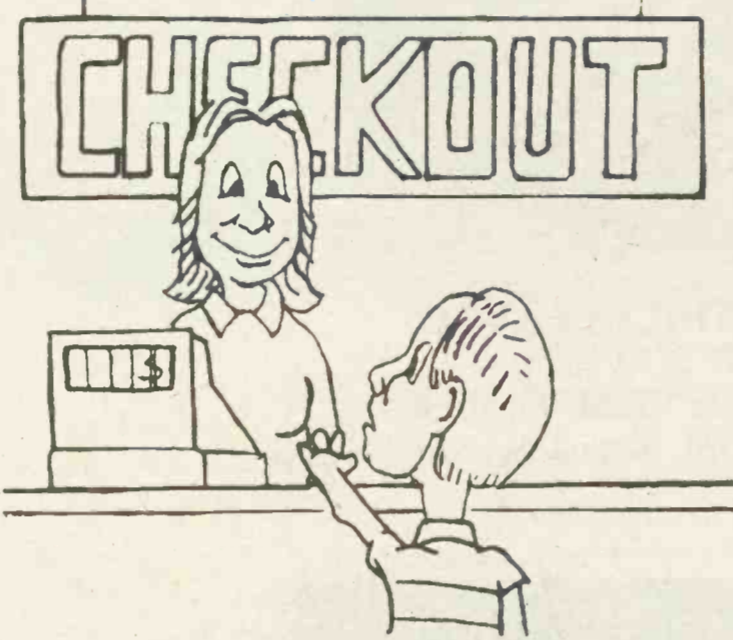
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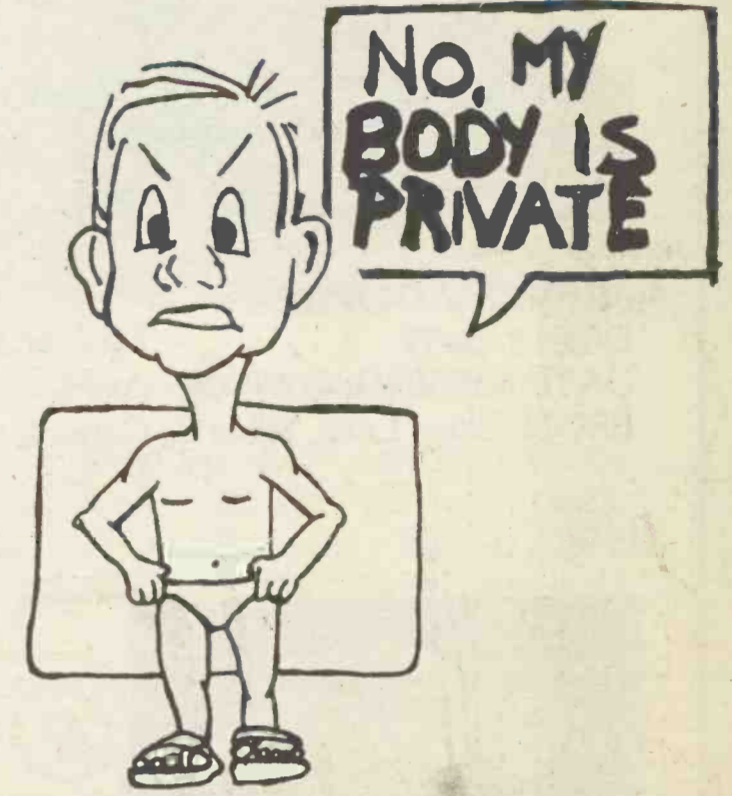
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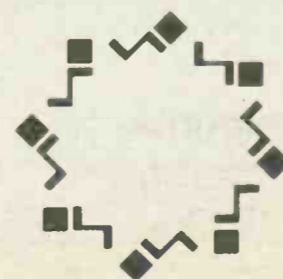


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OUR PEOPLE

Chief's Bonnet craft store answer to couple's prayer

By Terry Lusty

A husband and wife duo of Native ancestry who were barely able to make ends meet and had no relatives to turn to recently opened The Chief's Bonnet craft store in Wetaskiwin.

Barbara and Moses R. Stewart moved to Wetaskiwin last October after leaving Whitehorse where they worked as missionaries with the Full Gospel Deliverance church. All through the winter they could barely get by on their meagre income.

Both Stewarts produce Native crafts and that, basically, is how they survived. Usually, they'd hitchhike back and forth to Hobbema because their own vehicle had broken down.

They also hitched rides every Thursday to St. Paul, a round trip of about 570 km, for religious observances. In an effort to help the Stewarts, the people at

St. Paul scraped together \$600 and bought the couple a car.

Although the car eased their transportation problems, life was still no bed of roses for the Stewarts. There was rent to pay, upkeep on the car, and food and clothing had to be bought. "We were just existing," said Barbara, adding that she didn't want to go on welfare even though their income was insufficient to sustain them.

It wasn't long, however, until their prayers were answered. One day they were walking along 50th Street, just around the corner from the main street in town, when they came upon a closed-out second hand store for rent. "The Lord told me to rent it," said Barbara.

She did rent it and even got a bonus. The first month's rent was free because the place was so "filthy."

Things have since turned

TERRY LUSTY, Windspeaker



MOSES and BARBARA STEWART

...barely made ends meet before opening a Wetaskiwin store

around for the Stewarts. Their car needs a new battery but they're far better off than before. The craft shop, though small, is bright and cheery, provides enough space for living quarters and brings in enough money for them to maintain their independence.

Most of the crafts they sell are on a consignment basis which means they do not need "up-front" money to purchase their goods.

Their take is quite nominal, only 10 per cent (compared to the 40-60 per cent most stores charge) but they're not out to make huge profits. At the same time, said Barbara, they are helping those in need by marketing their wares and that makes them feel real good.

Certain items, of course, bring a 100 per cent return, such as the crafts the Stewarts make themselves. Both express their faith in

the human race and say they are so thankful for all the good people have done for them in their trying times.

Moses, the son of Nisga-Tsimshian parents from northern British Columbia whom he describes as "bush-mountain people" carves wood paddles, food bowls, ladles and so on. His specialty, however, is miniature chief's bonnets made into earrings and other decorative items. He

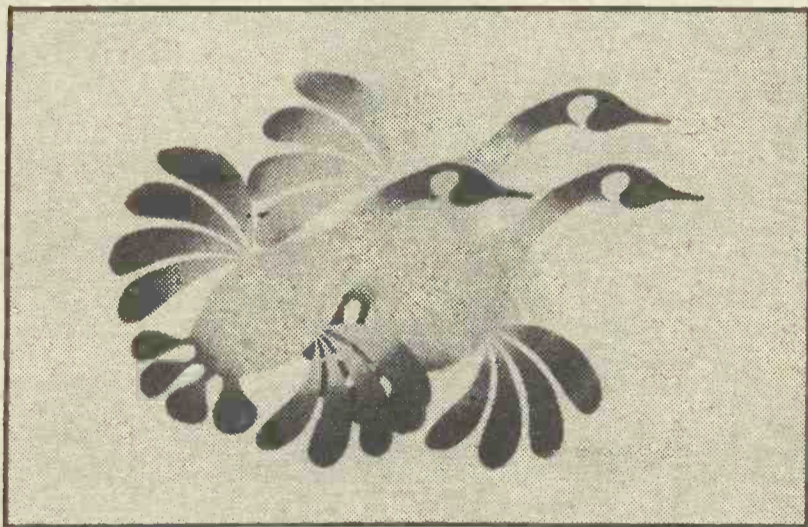
also fashions earrings from porcupine quills.

Barbara, of Cherokee-Scots ancestry, beads as well as contributes to the growing supply of crafts they sell.

Char-Mur Beads, until it closed last year, was the only Native craft shop in town until The Chief's Bonnet came along. The Stewarts have a smile and a warm welcome for all visitors whether they are buyers or browsers.

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SPORTS & LEISURE

Oklahoma teams win first place honors at basketball meet in Albuquerque

By John Fletcher

After 14 years (1973-1988) the national basketball championship in Indian Country returned to its original site, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

It was the first activity the NIAA sponsored and this tournament has travelled the big circle; the objective being to give Indian people a chance to host this tournament. It has been held in places like Reno; Bismarck, Billings, Rapid City, Oklahoma City, Phoenix, Tlequeh and Wind River, Wyoming over the years.

This year in Albuquerque over 700 athletes suited up in five different gyms. The officials and fans saw Indian basketball players present a style of play that was exciting and entertaining. They came out each day to support their team or player.

The placings of the men and ladies with all-star and the most valuable players are:

Men's (28 teams): 1. Oklahoma Indians, Okla.; 2. Laurance, Kansas; 3. N. Dakota Warriors; 4. Chico Coyotes, Cal.; 5. Oregon Travelers, Ore.; 6. Faith, S.D.; 7. Great Lake Warriors, Minn.; 8. Crow-hawks, Mont.

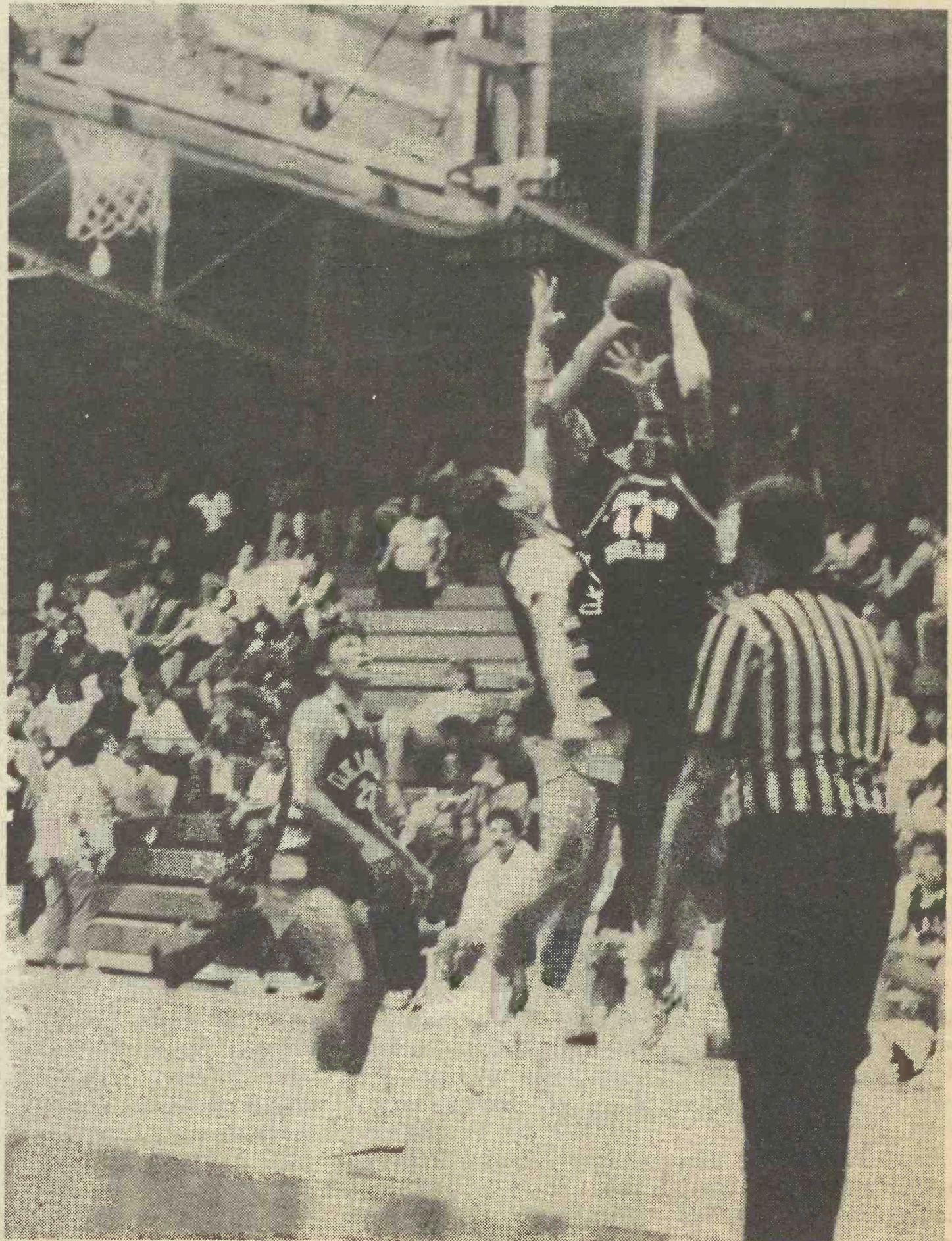
All-stars: Lindy Waters, Okla.; Chuck Tyzienconnie, Okla.; Ken Pemberton, Kans.; Steve Kaney, Kans.; Bob Bedeau, Great Lakes; Monty Larson, N.D.; Brooker Jones, Ore.; George Beatty, Okla.; Steve Hall, N.D.; Tex Hall, N.D. High Scorer: Steve Daney, Kans., MVP Lindy Waters, OKla.

Ladies (25 teams): 1. Oklahoma Reds, Okla.; 2. Inter-Tribal, Ore.; 3. Tuba City, Ore.; 4. Oklahoma City, Okla.; 5. Dakota Stars, S.D.; 6. White Swan, Wis.

All-stars: Debbie Rios, Inter-Tribal; Jennifer Jim, Inter-Tribal; Sandra Thrope, Oklahoma Reds; Mary Wesley, Reds; Jackie Begay, Tuba City; Angie Garza, Yakima; Stephanie Wetselline, Oklahoma Gals; Melissa Star, South; Patti Wagner, Tuba City; Kay Sandlin, Dakota Stars and MVP Mary Wesley, Oklahoma Reds.

Team Canada, coached by Rick Running Rabbit of Alberta, won three games before losing out to Great Lakes by one point. This team broke a record for most wins by a Canadian team; they placed 9th.

This tournament was one of the best organized tournaments because of the committees in all departments. Tournament director Pete Homer Jr. and Satch Miller, president of NIAA, must be given a pat on the back for a well run tournament. Next year's site will be Rapid City, South Dakota.



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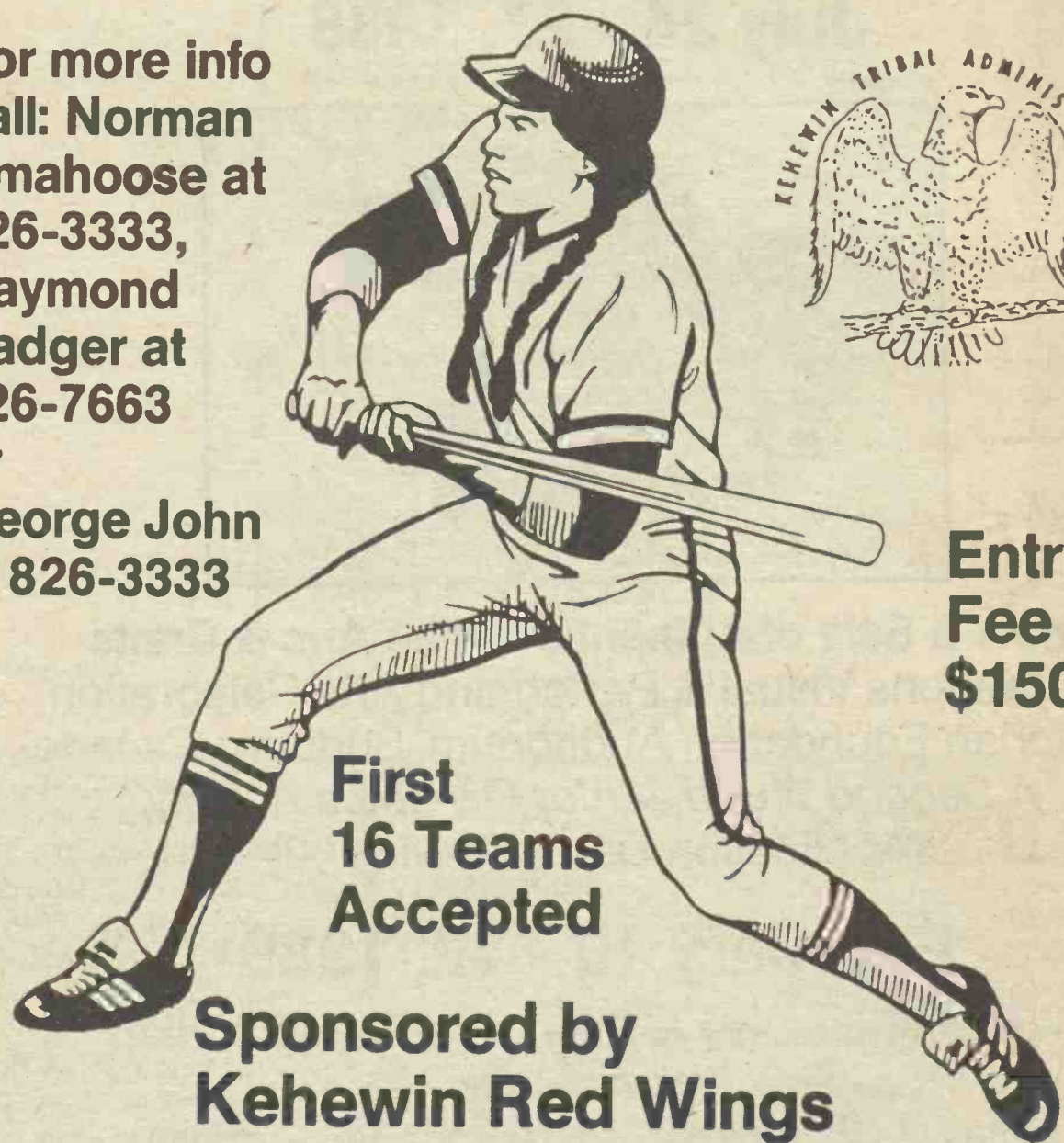
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SPORTS & LEISURE

SPORTS
ROUNDUP

By Kim McLain

**To those who know sports —
you're a part of Windspeaker**

I think it's safe to say that hockey and volleyball season is over and now I'd like to thank all those people on the other end of the phoneline. Their time and info was much appreciated. They are a vital link between their communities and the readers of Windspeaker.

When I started this column my number 1 goal was to make Windspeaker the Alberta Native sports connection and with the help of these callers I think we've come a long way.

As far as I'm concerned, these people are a part of the Windspeaker team: Faust's Mike Auger for giving us great volleyball pics, Ivan Singer at Blood rec, Grande Prairie's hockey coach Oliver Badger, Morley's Jess Beaver for his time and humor, all the players on the Edmonton Strikers and Spirits for their reports from tournaments all across western Canada, especially Robert George, Mary Anne Crow Healy for her reports from the south, Lyle Donald for his reports from Enoch, Robert Morin for teaching me about the world of sports, Reg for a report from the inside of the Edmonton institute, John Fletcher for his reports from NIAA basketball events, Goodfish's Rene Houle, all of the Hobbema Hawks, Saddle Lake's Ken Kakeesim, Kainai's Ed Knife, High Prairie's Harry Laboucane, Randy and Calvin Metchewais, Metro and Joe down at the Oteenow rec club, Fort Chip's George Poitras, Blackfoot's Malcolm Sitting Eagle, Saskatchewan's Milton Tootoosis and so many, many, many more. Thanks.

BOYER RIVER: I think they celebrate different holidays way up there than we do down here — like Farmer's Day.

"You've never heard of Farmer's Day?" laughs Clarence Fornier. "It's in the calendar and everybody in these communities takes a holiday."

Well, wise guy, I looked up Farmer's Day in my calendar and found no such holiday in June, only Flag Day, Father's Day, Saint-John Baptist Day and National Weiner Week (but that last one doesn't really count, it's a week, not a day).

So, Clarence, who was the first guy up there to convince his boss that a certain day in June was a holiday?

Actually, everyone up there is convinced there's a Farmer's Day. They all meet for baseball, games and a super big picnic. "It's even bigger than our Treaty Day celebration," says Clarence.

Another big event up there kind of surprised me, but apparently the youth of Boyer River are into rodeo.

They practice all year round for the big rodeo at Rocky Lane. And Clarence, along with buddies like Richard Kipling and Kenton Randle, travel around to some of the bigger rodeo events.

Sounds like a farm and ranch community.

"Yeah, we're gonna be," says Clarence, explaining the band owns a farm that's running like big business and are setting up a band ranch, too.

Thanks for the info Clarence, and I believe you about Farmer's Day. Now all I have to do is convince my boss that it's a real holiday.



BERT CROWFOOT, Windspeaker

DENE THA: It's kind of tough for rec man Lorny Metchooyeah, 28, to get baseball and hockey teams going — he keeps losing players to the seasons.

He explains that in the winter he loses players to the trapline, in the summer he loses them to firefighting.

"So we concentrate on large social gatherings," says Lorny. For example, there's the Treaty Days during the second or third week of June, the general assembly the last week of June to Canada Day and the Habay Days in the first week of August.

Right now Dene Tha and surrounding area are going through a tea dance craze.

"The tea dance," says Lorny, "is like round dancing, but different paces for different songs — it's more like cardio-vascular aerobics."

Second to tea dancing, the next hottest pastime is handgames. Lorny says if the weather's good the adults and elders will play nearly every day.

One last thing, Lorny and Gordon Pastion are the contact people for the famous Dene Tha Drummers, talk to them for bookings. You can contact Lorny at 321-3842 or Gordon at 321-3940 until June.

FOX LAKE: Look way up...waaaay up, and you'll find Fox Lake (population 900) about 200 km straight east of High Level. And if you think you'd like to drive there, forget it, unless you're a pilot.

"There's no road into here, we're really isolated,"

says Albert Laboucane, 30, born and raised in Fox Lake. "Even if you crossed the Peace River with a boat you'd still have to go by foot for about 25 miles."

So what do you do for fun, Albert?

"Oh, we have bingos or something in the school gym, dances," says Albert. "But our dances are the whiteman kind, rock and roll."

There's hockey, too. The team enters a league at High Level every year.

But now the river ice has thawed and Fox Lake is isolated for another season.

So they challenge one another to slowpitch games, sometimes John D'or.

The big sports event of the year is the Treaty Day celebration.

"We really try to involve the elders here," says Albert. The band puts on events like tea and bannock making with the elders in mind. Plus there's log throwing, high jump, foot races and of course, slowpitch. Here's a few family names from the Fox Lake band list: Laboucans, Ribbonlakes, Loonskins, Noskeys, Peechemows, Wapooses, Nanoochs, Seeseequons, Bleeses, Tallcrees, Meneens and Alooks.

EDMONTON: Spring is here. The lawn sprinklers are twirling, the NHL is winding down, baseball diamonds are jammed and Gordon Russell is barbequeing steaks.

My mouth is watering just writing about Russell's infamous steak lunches at the friendship centre every Thursday.

But this year there's a few new twists. First the bad news. Because Walter, the beef man, has upped his prices, Gordon has to charge \$7 per meal (still a good deal). But the good news is that they're offering door prizes now — most recently a lucky person won two tickets to an Oilers-Detroit hockey game while another lucky draw featured a hockey stick autographed by the Great One himself (No, not my boss), Gretzky, as a prize.

Another sure sign of spring is the Early Bird golf tourney, hosted by the CNFC at the Sherwood Park Golf Course. Green fees and buffet will be included in the \$80 entry fee for the May 14-15 event. The tourney is sanctioned by WIN-Golf.

For more info about the steak dinners or the golf tourney contact Gordon or Eunice at 482-6051.

HOCKEY TRIUMPHS: Everybody laughed when I picked three New Jersey Devils for the Infamous Windspeaker Hockey Draft. Well, they're not laughing now. Yours truly is out front with three Devils paving the way to 79 points. So long Bert (77), Terry and Lyle (76), Dianne (76) and Perry (73).

Actually, I'm hoping for a miracle since the Devils are now up against Ray Bourque, Kenny "The Rat" Linseman and those pesky Bruins.

Let's keep our fingers crossed until the next week. Go Devils go!



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SPORTS & LEISURE

Courageous long distance runners out to beat the best of 'em

By George Poitras

The Osakochi'wew Running Team of Fort Chipewyan ran in the Lilac Bloomsday Run — the world's largest timed race on Sunday, May 1.

The team of mostly Native runners of this small isolated community in Northeastern Alberta began its training in December in preparation for what Fiona Savage, a team member, cites as "the highlight, after all of the training."

The 12th Annual Lilac Bloomsday Run, a 12 km (7.46 miles) run, took place in Spokane, Washington. The Osakochi'wew Team departed Fort Chipewyan on April 27. From Lethbridge in southern Alberta, the team rented a vehicle to travel on to the state of Washington.



COURTESY GEORGE POITRAS, Windspeaker

FORT CHIP'S OSAKOCHIHI'WEW RUNNING TEAM ...began training in December to ice the competition this summer

The seven member team made the trip an educational one as they stopped in such places of interest as the Head-Smashed-in-Buffalo-Jump Interpretive Centre in southern Alberta. Another

interpretive centre of importance was the Frank Slide. The University of Idaho and the Washington State University were also stopping points for the team before they arrived in Spokane on Saturday, April 30.

Five of the seven member team have had previous experience running in races before, according to Ross Munro, a teacher of Athabasca Delta Community School, and team member. But no one had entered one of this size, he went on to say. What do you expect of 60,000 runners, right? Munro explains the race is so large, "that you have to be careful that you don't lose your running shoes at the starting line."

The race was expected to be completed by all the runners of the team, says Munro. They have trained for some months now, and the team is capable of completing the 7.46 miles.

Last year, the 17-member running team completed

the 180 mile Jasper to Banff relay run with a respectable 81st place showing, considering that 120 teams started the race. The team was cheered on by Billy Mills, the Sioux Indian who won the 10,000 metre race in the 1964 Olympics.

This year's sponsors include an organization of which Billy Mills is involved, Running Strong for American Indian Youth, says Munro. This organization does not only sponsor running teams, but also organizations which promote healthy activities. Other sponsors include: Syncrude Canada Ltd., the Alberta government and local organizations. Other funds were raised locally by the team through fund-raising, said Munro.

The team's name Osakochi'wew is a Cree word meaning "the one who always wins the victor." May this name hold true for the courageous running team from Fort Chip.

(Windspeaker will provide the results of the Lilac Bloomsday Run in next week's issue.)

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SPORTS & LEISURE



WABASCA RUNNER ALLEN BEAVER
... 'you hit a wall after 20 miles'

Beaver must improve pace to compete in Boston run

By Kim McLain

It's midnight as the Edmonton-bound Greyhound bus winds its way through the Rocky Mountains. Travelling alone, Wabasca's Allan Beaver has a lot to think about.

He's returning from a 26-mile marathon in Vancouver, his first.

The 23-year-old Cree man has had a lot of press lately, ever since he announced that he's set a goal to run in America's oldest run, the Boston Marathon.

"Setting a goal in advance is the most important thing to do when you're bringing yourself to a peak," said Beaver. Now he can focus on the race three or four months in advance. Beaver says he thinks about the goal when he's training. It's the challenge that drives him.

But getting to the Boston Marathon isn't going to be easy. For one thing, the qualifying standard is under two hours, 50 minutes. In the Vancouver marathon, Beaver clocked in at three hours, 18 minutes — 26 minutes over.

"You hit a wall after 20 miles," said Beaver. "It feels awful...you can barely make it to 26 miles."

Beaver will have to cut off a minute per mile if he's to qualify for the Boston race.

"I'll have to train hard for that," he said. He'll have until this fall when he'll try and qualify for the Boston run in Lethbridge.

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Send all applications by May 13, 1988 to:

Mrs. Velma Red Crow
Board Secretary
Blood Tribe Board of Education
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T0L 1Y0

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ACTIVITY PAGE

Hey, kids!

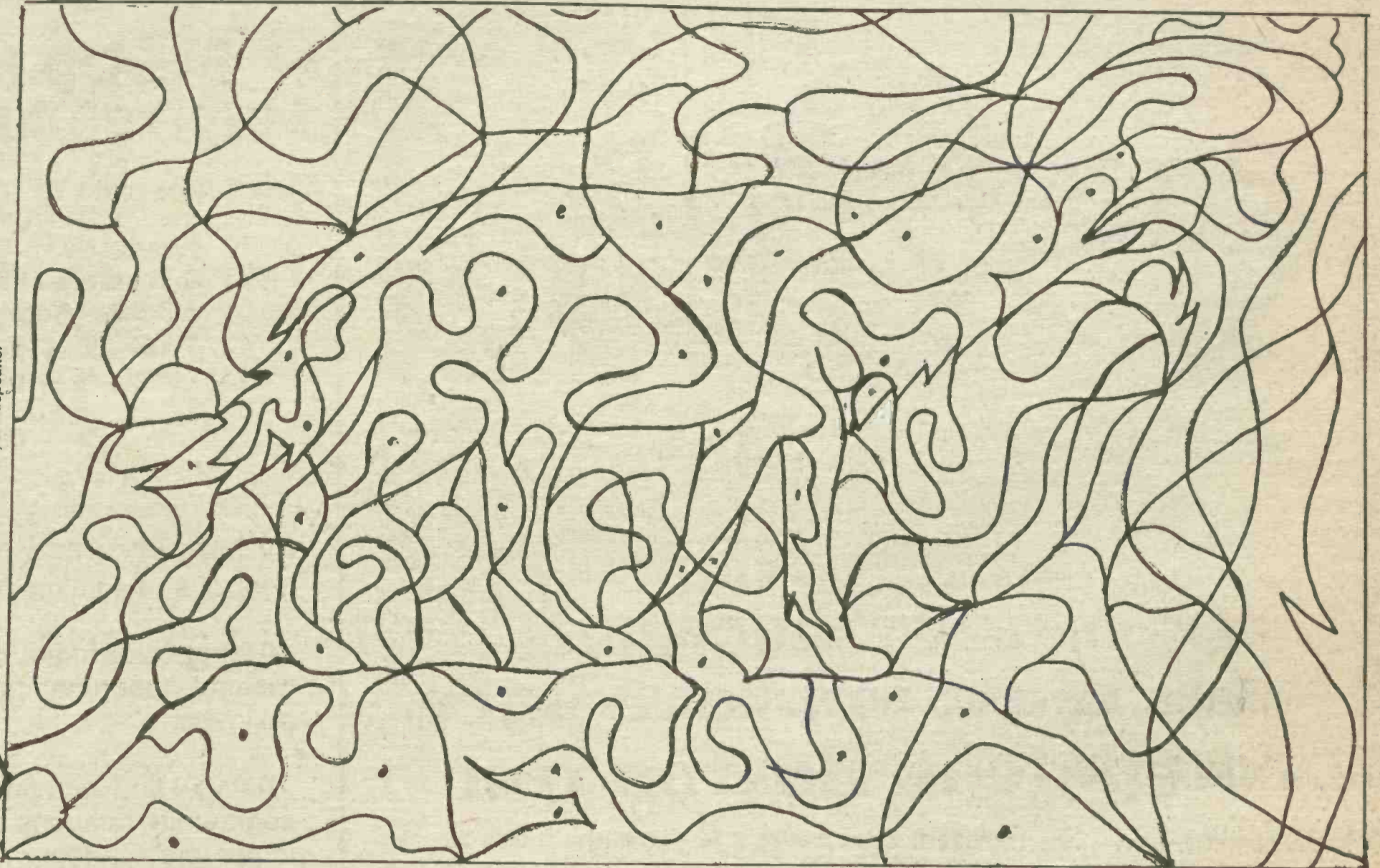
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P0V 1V0
Age: 10

Jessica Wesley
Kaschewan, Ontario
P0L 1S0
Age: 9

Jeff Champagne
Box 345
Pickle Lake, Ontario
P0V 1S0
Age: 12

Jocelyn Tracy Fiddler
Sandy Lake, Ontario
P0V 1V0
Age: 6

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Age: 14

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P0X 1L0
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Age: 12

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Fort Hope, Ontario
P0T 1L0
Age: 10

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P0V 3B0
Age: 7

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MAIL TO: **The Editor, Windspeaker, 15001 - 112 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta, T5M 2V6.**

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

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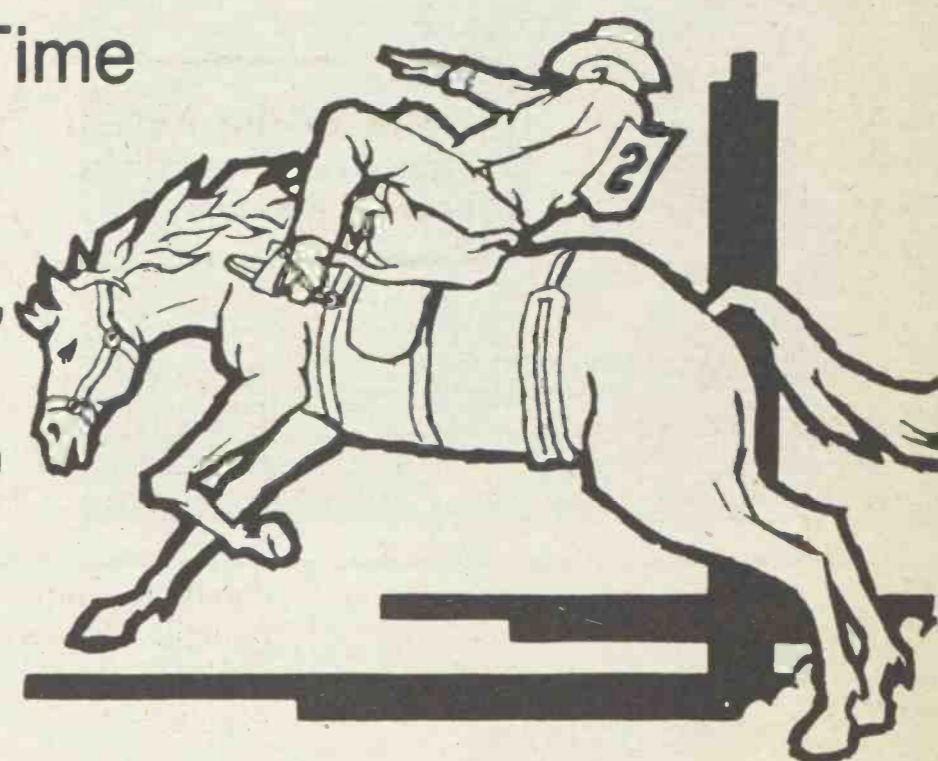
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Associate Director of Education
Saskatoon Catholic Board of Education
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Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
S7K 1X3

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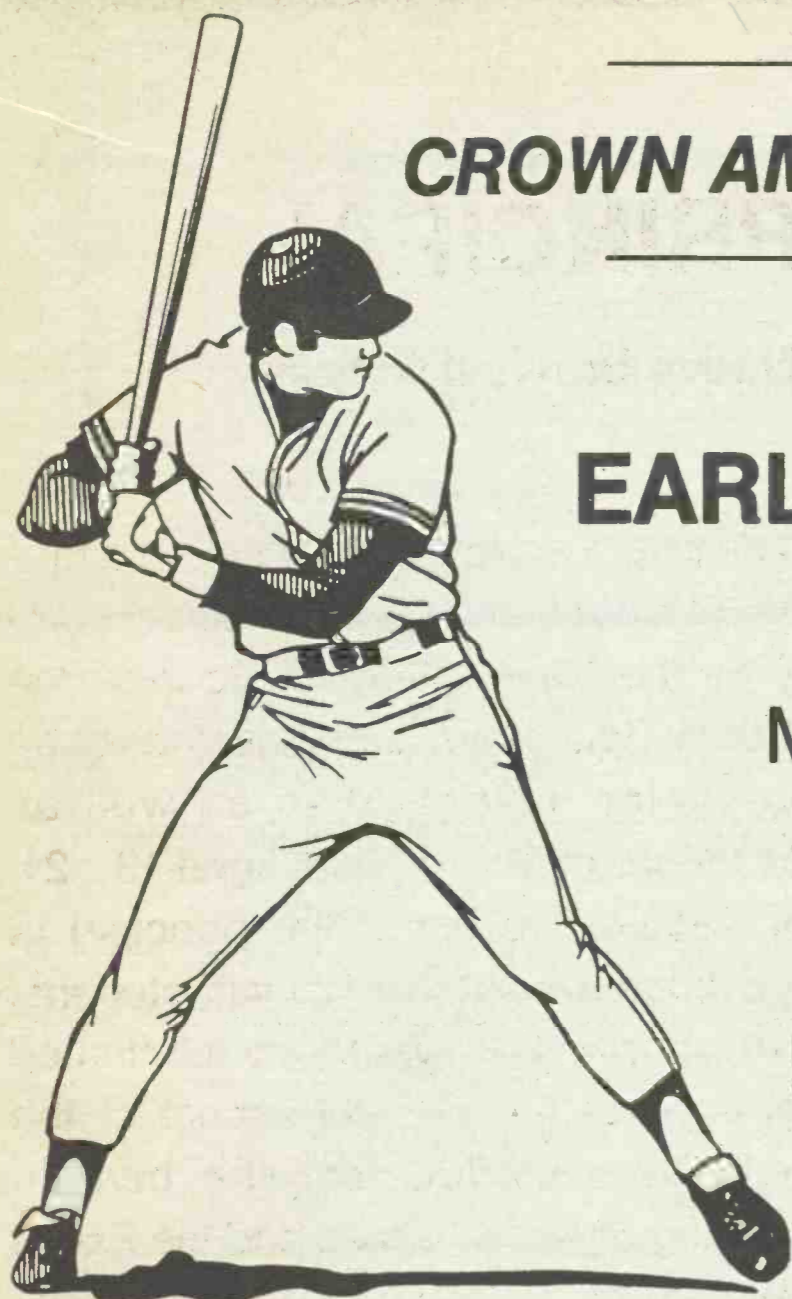
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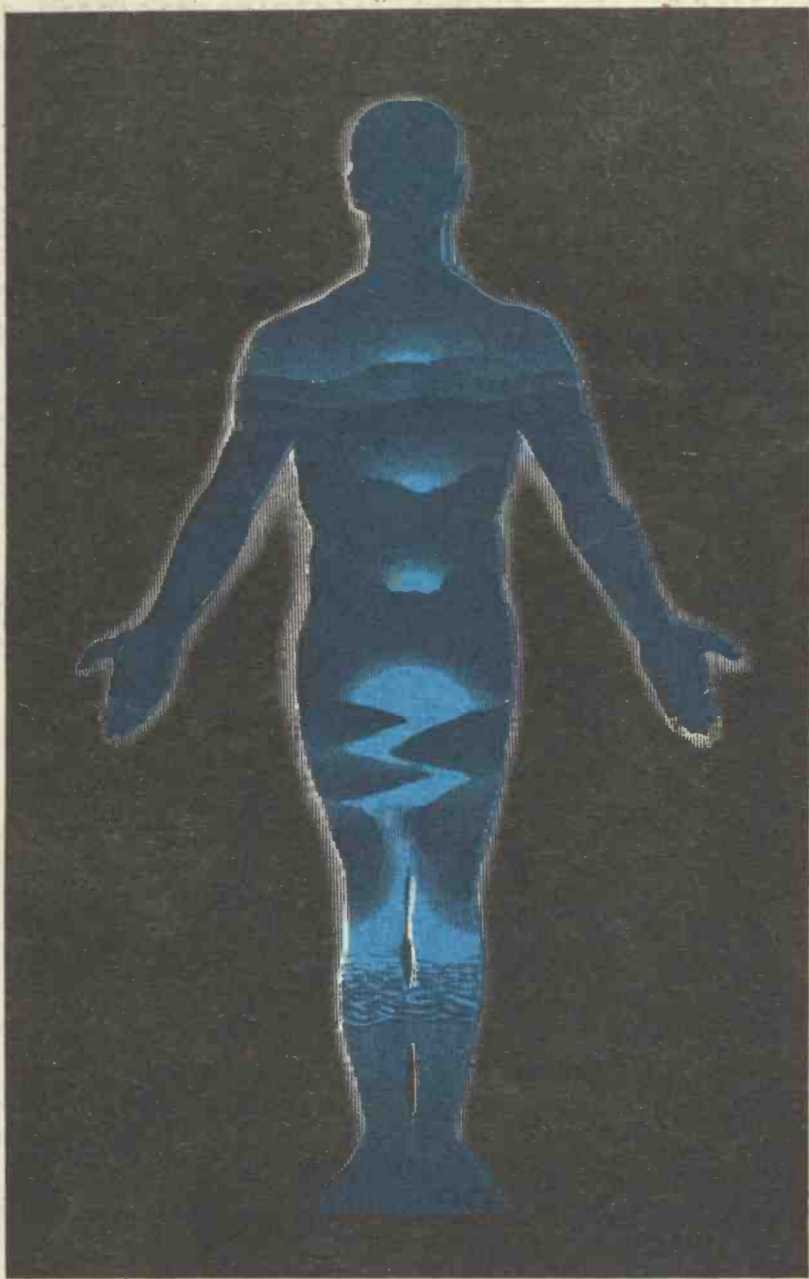
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1st \$600, 2nd \$400.

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University Credit - Sunrise Project	
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Bank Teller	September 6, 1988
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HEALTH & HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION	
Community Recreation Leadership	September 6, 1988
Nursing Assistant	September 6, 1988
Family Support Worker	September 6, 1988, April 17, 1989
Social Services Worker	September 6, 1988
Nursing Refresher	Continuous
Personal Management	TBA
TRADES & TECHNOLOGIES DIVISION	
Pre-employment Motor Mechanic Trade	September 26, 1988, January 3, 1989
Pre-employment Carpenter Trade	September 26, 1988, January 3, 1989
Pre-employment Cabinetmaker Trade	September 26, 1988, January 3, 1989
Pre-employment Cook Trade	September 26, 1988, January 3, 1989
Pre-employment Welder Trade	September 26, 1988, January 3, 1989
Advanced Welding ("B" Pressure, TIG, MIG)	TBA
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Traditional Arts	September 6, 1988
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